

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, May 23.

- **Warden Proclaims 2018 Bike Month:** Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor) has designated the month of June as Bike Month, as well as May 28 as Bike to Work Day, joining towns and counties across Ontario in events and activities to celebrate cycling. “Cycling offers a unique perspective from which we can discover Lanark County’s scenic beauty, history and culture as we travel on our rural roads and through our historic towns, villages and urban communities,” he said, noting citizens and visitors of all ages engage in cycling for transportation, recreation, fitness and sport. “Lanark County is a leader in trail development and encourages the development of bicycle routes and roadways used for recreation and transportation, and using a bicycle for transportation helps to reduce pollution and congestion and improve health.” For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.

- **Manager Receives Academic Excellence Award:** Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor) recognized Ontario Works Manager Tammy Kealey-Donaldson for receiving the highest cumulative grade this past year upon graduating from the Executive Diploma in Municipal Management, making her the recipient of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario’s Academic Excellence Award. She will receive the award on June 11 at the 2018 AMCTO conference. “Tammy is well respected amongst staff, as well as our community partners,” he said. Employed by the county since October 1992, she represents Lanark County Social Services on a number of local and provincial committees and working groups, including the Lanark County Situation Table, Harm Reduction Committee, Municipal Drug Strategy, Lanark County Planning Council, the Employment and Income Working Group, Supportive Approaches to Innovative Learning Lead, and more. “Tammy has played an instrumental role in the development of the addictions program for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program participants, which is delivered in partnership with Rideau Valley Community Health. On behalf of council, we sincerely congratulate you on this significant achievement.” For more information, contact Nancy Green, Director of Social Services, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2101.

- **Manager Receives Lifetime Achievement Award:** Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor) congratulated Children’s Services Manager Mary Lou White on being selected as one of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. “Mary Lou has been recognized for the many contributions she has made to human services over the course of her 37-year career with Lanark County Social Services,” he said. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of many local and provincial initiatives and priorities, and has participated in various working groups, such as the Children’s Services Network, Early Years Working Group and the Working Group on Child Care Funding in Rural and Remote Communities. The OMSSA website states “her level of knowledge in the overall human services field has allowed her to influence policy on a broad basis,” and it highlights her reputation as a collaborator and mentor who has made key stakeholders feel engaged and informed. Locally, she has been involved with internal corporate and external community committees, such as Corporate Values, Staff Support and Wellness, Lanark Planning Council, Best Start Planning, Youth Centre Coalition, Childcare Providers Network and more. She has had a key role in Emergency Management and has been passionate about introducing “Not Myself Today,” which recognizes mental health in the workplace and increases awareness and response. She will receive the award at the 2018

Symposium on May 28. For more information, contact Nancy Green, Director of Social Services, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2101.

- **Council Supports EORN Project:** Following a presentation by Lisa Severson and Mike Rutter of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) earlier this month, council passed a motion to support in principle EORN's Mobile Broadband/Cell Project for between \$574,000 and \$802,000 for consideration during 2019 budget deliberations. Building on a previous project that saw broadband services greatly expanded across eastern Ontario, this next phase is a public/private partnership that aims to grow the region's economy and create jobs, improve public safety and health-care delivery, support the provincial push towards 5G and the new digital economy and provide an additional option to connect to the Internet. It plans to do this by extending mobile broadband services to eastern Ontario through improved existing cellular networks and closing coverage and capacity gaps. The project aims to reduce the coverage gap to less than 1 per cent and to increase data capacity. Partners in the project include the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, the provincial and federal governments, and mobile carriers. The province is contributing \$71 million to the project, and EORN is awaiting confirmation of a commitment from the federal government. Depending on the amounts contributed by other municipal partners, Lanark County's contribution would be between \$574,000 and \$802,000. In order to meet Internet bandwidth and speed targets set by the CRTC, EORN has been authorized to do a technical and financial analysis on a county-by-county basis. Lanark's portion would be \$40,000, which was approved by council for 2018. Requests for proposals, as well as awards and construction, are expected to take place over the next two years. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, June 13, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, June 13 (following County Council); Corporate Services, June 13 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, June 27, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, June 27 (following County Council); Economic Development, June 27 (following Public Works). All meetings are in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!