
Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, May 26.

- **Accolades for Director** – Past wardens expressed their appreciation to outgoing Director of Administrative Services/Clerk Cynthia Moyle as she attended her last county council meeting before taking the Chief Administrative Officer’s post at Beckwith Township next month. Perth Mayor Dennis Cordick praised her efficiency, competency and pleasantness, while Lanark Highlands Mayor Larry McDermott noted she was someone who could always be counted on for information. “Cynthia has been here for 19 years...and probably in those 19 years there have been more changes in this county than in the last 100 years,” noted Beckwith Reeve Richard Kidd. Montague Reeve Gary Doyle said Ms. Moyle “filled the void for everything that came along....She’s committed to whatever she does, and the county is going to miss her very much.” Warden Susan Freeman presented Ms. Moyle with an official county pin. Warden Feeman praised Cynthia’s dedication and commitment to the County and presented her with two gifts from County Council members, a pair of gold maple leaf earrings and a dress wrist watch. As a result of Ms. Moyle’s departure, County CAO Peter Wagland has been sworn in as deputy-clerk and deputy-treasurer to meet statutory requirements. Council appointed a selection committee to recommend a successful candidate for the position of clerk, both on an interim and permanent basis. It will analyse the roles and responsibilities of the clerk and recommend other tasks for the position, as well as evaluate the organization structure for corporate services based on the potential changing role. For more information, contact Peter Wagland, County CAO, at (613) 267-4200, ext. 103.
- **Funding for Projects** – Council has allocated \$196,000 from the National Child Benefit Supplement Reinvestment fund, a joint federal, provincial and territorial government program designed to support low-income families with children. The supplement is deducted from Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program participants and reinvested into the community. Funding proposals are received each year. The committee recommended funding for recreational programs; a dental/denture program for Ontario Works participants; to replenish a special emergency fund; to support the Learning, Earning and Parenting program; for an education bursary and for childcare administration costs. In addition, the county’s Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee recommended \$2,300 be granted to the Lanark Highlands Youth Centre for transportation costs and \$10,000 to help the Lanark County Community Justice Program until their core funding is received. The enhancement fund began in 1999 and provided municipalities with additional money when they exceeded sustainable placement targets under the Ontario Works program. The sub-committee allocates the funds to unmet human services to assist social services recipients. The fund expires at the end of this year. For more information, contact Gerry Haughian, Director of Social Services, at (613) 267-4200, ext. 237.
- **County Road 9 Work** – Council approved a motion to rehabilitate the Tatlock Road from Halls Mills Bridge to the hamlet of Tatlock due to rapid deterioration of the road surface. Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. has been awarded the contract for \$282,000 plus taxes. Because this work was not originally planned for this year, \$76,000 will be transferred from the surface treatment program budget and additional costs will come from general reserves. Work is expected to begin in June. Information signs have been installed on the Tatlock Road. One lane will remain open during construction. For more information, contact Steve Allan, Director of Public Works, at (613) 267-1353, ext. 104.
- **Student Wages Addressed** – The county has taken a step to help retain students for summer employment. In the last few summers, turnover has been an issue as students were offered higher-paying jobs elsewhere. This resulted in lost production time and increased recruitment costs. A cost/benefit analysis shows students are a cost-effective way to increase people resources and meet goals in a short timeframe. To provide incentive for students to return for subsequent summers, the wage rates have been increased. First-year students will receive \$8.50 per hour. That increases to \$9.50 for students returning for a second year, \$10.50 for a third year and \$11 for a fourth year. The annual non-union employee cost of living allowance will be applied to the rates to ensure they remain competitive. For more information, contact Lisa Crosbie-Larmon, Human Resources Manager, at (613) 267-4200, ext. 143.
- **Upcoming Meetings** – County Council, Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., Council Chambers. Community Services, June 8, 5 p.m.; Corporate Services, June 8 (following Community Services). Community Development, June 15, 5 p.m.; Public Works, June 15 (following Community Development). Warden’s Golf Tournament, June 10, 12:30 p.m. For more information and meeting locations, call (613) 267-4200, ext. 119.