

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Feb. 21.

- **Case Mix Index Funding Determined for Lanark Lodge:** Council has authorized Lanark Lodge Director Deborah Pidgeon to create three temporary nursing positions. Lanark Lodge has been successful in securing additional funding in the nursing and personal care envelope for the period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 secondary to an increase in their Case Mix Index (CMI), which is a measure of resident care needs or acuity. Ms. Pidgeon presented the results, as indicated by the South East Local Health Integration Network, to the community services committee earlier this month. The nursing and personal care envelope for Lanark Lodge will be receiving a CMI increase of \$266,016 for 2018/19. Ms. Pidgeon indicated the CMI is measured annually and that in 2017 the home had a funding reduction of \$94,000 in its budget. Due to the increasing care needs of residents in the home, three temporary shifts are being added this year for personal support and nursing. They are being assigned to high-needs areas and will be re-evaluated in the next funding cycle. The anticipated cost for this is \$183,612, and remaining funds will be used to offset the funding shortfall in the nursing and personal care envelope. For more information, contact Deborah Pidgeon, Director of Lanark Lodge, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 7101.
- **Integrity Commissioner Appointed:** Council approved the appointment of Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP, with Tony Fleming as lead, as integrity commissioner for Lanark County. This follows a report to council last May on Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, resulting in a recommendation to undertake a request for proposal process for the services of an integrity commissioner for the county and all local municipalities, except Carleton Place, which had already appointed one. Clerk Leslie Drynan explained in a report to the corporate services committee earlier this month that the integrity commissioner is an independent and impartial position that reports directly to council and whose duties and powers are set out in the Municipal Act. Responsibilities include investigating complaints and alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct for councillors; reviewing the code for councillors and making recommendations on an annual basis; serving as an advisor to individual councillors related to ethical behaviour and acting as a proactive educator for council, staff and the public; providing activity reports to council; and providing individual investigative reports as required. Several local municipalities took part in the RFP, which closed on Jan. 15. Seven submissions were reviewed and scored. The successful proponent can assist with a review/refresh of various relevant policies and procedures prior to the 2018 municipal election. "Proceeding with the appointment of an integrity commissioner supports open and transparent government and ensures the policies and mechanisms are in place to support a healthy work environment for council, staff and members of the public," Ms. Drynan said. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, March 14, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, March 14 (following County Council); Corporate Services, March 14 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, March 28, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, March 28 (following County Council); Economic Development, March 28 (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!