

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Aug. 28.

- **Funds Presented to Local Hospitals:** On behalf of Lanark County Council, Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve) presented cheques to three local hospitals to be used for capital equipment or major building renovations or to be placed into capital reserves for future capital projects. A total of \$350,000 was approved, with \$150,000 for the Perth and Smiths Falls sites, and \$100,000 each for Carleton Place and Almonte. In January, representatives from the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital made a presentation to the corporate services committee outlining the fact hospitals do not receive funding for capital equipment, and the need to maintain a state-of-the-art facility is outpacing the foundation's ability to fundraise. Having updated diagnostic and surgical equipment increases the hospitals' ability to attract high-level staff. "The importance of having well-funded, well-equipped local hospitals is important to all taxpayers," said Mr. Kidd. "Attracting top medical talent and providing a wide range of medical services locally is important to the county's economy and quality of life." Future funding from the county will be subject to the annual budget approval process. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

**Presentation photos available at**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j4cdcmd1dn3a3wh/AACm9z4S2zfaSh6O1YL92KHoa?dl=0>

- **Provincial Cuts Affect Long-Term Care Funding:** Council received a report that was presented earlier this month at the community services committee of the whole meeting, which updated the Lanark Lodge maintenance review. Interim Lanark Lodge Director Jennie Bingley outlined the status of the mechanical and engineering systems at the long-term care home and a presented a prioritized plan for required maintenance, repairs and upgrades. Ms. Bingley explained a thorough mechanical and engineering systems analysis was undertaken as part of the Redevelopment Feasibility Study that was completed in March, which confirmed many systems are well past their expected useful life. "It is important that preventive action be taken to ensure Lanark Lodge remains functional as we will remain in this building until at least 2025," she said. The plan for maintenance, repairs and upgrades takes Long-Term Care Act regulation into consideration. Items prioritized for 2020 include the fire alarm system, the air handling units and condensers, and plumbing work related to backflow prevention. Ms. Bingley said immediate repairs and upgrades relating to the electrical distribution switchboard can be completed within the 2019 capital budget for less than \$30,000. The remaining upgrades can be deferred to the 2020 budget deliberations, which begin this fall. The plan will be updated on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact Jennie Bingley, Interim Director of Long-Term Care, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 7101.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Sept. 4 (following County Council); Services, Sept.4 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, Sept. 25 (following County Council); Economic Development, Sept. 25 (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!