

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 9.

- **Lanark County Recognized for Pollinator Habitat Efforts** Kathleen Law, Outreach Program Manager with Pollinator Partnership, was on hand to present two Lanark County Public Works staff with the 2019 Pollinator Roadside Managers Award for Counties on behalf of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC). Public Works Business Manager Janet Tysick and Vegetation Management Intern Michelle Vala were recognized for their efforts to incorporate ring pollinator habitat into the Integrated Pest Management Plan in Lanark County. The award was established by the NAPPC Forage, Nutrition and Roadsides Task Force to recognize transportation agencies leading in the field of pollinator-friendly roadside practices. "By implementing pollinator-friendly roadside practices, roadside managers can play a significant role in boosting pollinator habitat nationwide, including habitat for the imperiled monarch butterfly," wrote Laurie Davies Adams, Pollinator Partnership president and CEO in her congratulatory letter. Ms. Law said she was pleased to be able to recognize the efforts of roadside managers. "I am honoured to be here to present to Lanark County as the very first recipient of the Roadside Managers Award in Canada." Councillors offered their congratulations to Ms. Tysick and Ms. Vala for their work to improve pollinator habitat on county roadsides in Lanark County. Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve) congratulated staff on the honour, which he said is much deserved. "It's amazing how you can take a negative like wild parsnip and turn it into a positive. You took that negative and turned into a positive for the environment and became leaders in the country." Ms. Tysick acknowledged council for supporting the project. "Without your trust in and support of staff, we would not have been able to complete this important work," she said. The Pollinator Partnership is an international organization aiming to promote the health of pollinators, critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research. On Oct. 19, Lanark County Public Works is hosting a public information session on invasive plants (including wild parsnip and phragmites), site restoration and monarch butterfly recovery efforts, as well as a public workshop on milkweed seed collection and pollinator patch seeding. Registration details and information are available at <http://lanarkcounty.ca/Page1887.aspx>. For more information, contact Janet Tysick, Public Works Business Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3110.

Presentation photo available at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/54fzs6agj0kdbg9/Pollinator%20Award.jpg?dl=0>

Photo caption: *From left, Kathleen Law, Outreach Program Manager with Pollinator Partnership; Lanark County Warden Richard Kidd (Beckwith Reeve), Public Works Business Manager Janet Tysick and Vegetation Management Intern Michelle Vala.*

- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, Oct. 23 (following County Council); Economic Development, Oct. 23 (following Public Works). **County Council, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Nov. 13 (following County Council); Services, Nov. 13 (following Community Services). 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!