

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, May 13.

- **Weed Inspector Appointed:** Council has approved a by-law appointing Darren Umpherson as weed inspector. At the April 22 council meeting, Director of Public Works Terry McCann explained the appointment is necessary under the Weed Control Act as the previous weed inspector, Ken Gilpin, has retired. The weed inspector follows up on complaints related to control of noxious weeds. Mr. Umpherson is currently the Perth Patrol Operations Supervisor and holds a pesticides exterminator's licence. He has participated in various activities as part of Lanark County's Vegetation Management Plan and has completed the Weed Control Act certification course. Requests for weed inspector services are streamed through public works department administrative staff, and Mr. McCann indicated having a staff person in the weed inspector role will provide for efficient workflow and eliminate costs related to contract administration and compensation. "Mr. Umpherson is more than capable of assuming the responsibilities of the area weed inspector," Mr. McCann noted. For more information, contact Terry McCann, Director of Public Works, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 3190.
- **Warden Declares Paramedic Services Week:** Warden Brian Campbell (Tay Valley Reeve) declared May 24 to 30, 2020 to be Paramedic Services Week in Lanark County. The goal of the week is to raise community awareness and express appreciation for the services provided by paramedics. The theme this year is Pandemic: Paramedics on the Front Line. "Lanark County recognizes the importance of paramedics," Warden Campbell said. "The skills and quality care rendered by our paramedics are an integral part of the health-care system. This year's theme demonstrates the important role paramedics play on the front lines of health care during a pandemic." He encouraged citizens to learn more about the role of paramedics in the health system. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk/Deputy CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1501.
- **Improvements Planned for Tay Havelock Trail:** Council has supported investing \$100,000 in upgrades to the Tay Havelock Trail in partnership with the Ottawa Valley ATV Club. At the economic development committee meeting last month, CAO Kurt Greaves explained the club has made a \$40,000 donation for the work, with the county's \$60,000 contribution coming from reserves. The county owns and operates 25.2 kilometres of the trail and has completed several projects over the years as funds have become available. Lanark County Trails Committee members have been working to improve trail surfaces, drainage and brushing along the trail. The funds will be used to complete 4.2 km of trail surfacing from Armstrong Line east to Old Brooke Road and a further 2.2 km of brushing and drainage improvements. When this project is completed, about half of the trail will have been upgraded to a stone dust surface. Tay Valley Township has been an active partner with improvements by supplying equipment and labour. Mr. Greaves expressed appreciation for the donation. "This substantial investment from the Ottawa Valley ATV club will help Lanark County move forward with additional upgrades to the Tay Havelock Trail." For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, May 27, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, May 27 (following County Council); Economic Development, May 27 (following Public Works). **County Council, Wednesday, June 10, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, June 10 (following County Council); Corporate Services, June 10 (following Community Services). Virtual meetings to be conducted until further notice; watch for access details on agendas and through online notifications. For more

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