

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

- **Trail By-law Modified:** Council has approved modifying schedule B of the by-law that regulates and governs the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) and the Tay-Havelock Trail. The by-law, which was passed in October, outlines permitted and prohibited uses of on the trails, as well as outlining speed limits and operating hours. Schedule B sets out the offences and set fines and was modified in consultation with the OPP Snowmobile ATV Vessel Enforcement Team. Since the trails are not highways, they are not covered by the Highway Traffic Act, but as a recreational trail they are covered by the Off Road Vehicle Act and the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act. Parts of the Highway Traffic Act not covered by the Off Road Vehicle Act are included in the by-law to help ensure mandatory, safe and respectful conduct on the trails, such as seat belt, modified exhaust and speed rules in order to enable enforcement. A new tool under the Municipal Act allows municipalities to issue payment notices without going through the court system. Trail users will be subject to all municipal by-laws and provincial and federal laws and regulations. For a complete list of rules and additional information about the trail, please visit www.ottawavalleytrail.com. For questions or to report issues on the trail, e-mail trails@lanarkcounty.ca. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

- **Outgoing County Councillors Recognized:** Lanark County Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor) presented nine county councillors with plaques, commissioned by Mississippi Mills-area artist Stephen Braithwaite, as a gesture of thanks for their years of service on council. "It has been an honour and a privilege serving with you all," he said. All councillors said a few words about their time serving the county over the past four years, highlighting achievements such as the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail completion, the opening of the new public works building and the ambulance station, as well as various social programs. Many commented on the camaraderie and professionalism exhibited at Lanark County Council, and they commended the hard work and dedication of county staff. The outgoing councillors include Lanark Highlands Mayor Brian Stewart, Mississippi Mills Mayor Shaun McLaughlin, Mississippi Mills Councillor Jane Torrance, Perth Deputy Mayor John Gemmell, Tay Valley Reeve Keith Kerr, Carleton Place Mayor Louis Antonakos, Carleton Place Deputy Mayor Jerry Flynn, Drummond/North Elmsley Reeve Aubrey Churchill and Drummond/North Elmsley Deputy Reeve Gail Code. The inaugural meeting of the new council is set for Tuesday, Dec. 4. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. **Presentation photo is available at** https://www.dropbox.com/s/mly089o8zi0k8f7/DSC_2963-outgoing%20councillors.jpg?dl=0
In photo, from left: Carleton Place Mayor Louis Antonakos, Drummond/North Elmsley Reeve Aubrey Churchill, Carleton Place Deputy Mayor Jerry Flynn, Drummond/North Elmsley Deputy Reeve Gail Code, Mississippi Mills Mayor Shaun McLaughlin, Mississippi Mills Councillor Jane Torrance, and Perth Deputy Mayor John Gemmell. Absent: Tay Valley Reeve Keith Kerr and Lanark Highlands Mayor Brian Stewart.

- **Upcoming Meetings: Inaugural Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. County Council, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Dec. 5 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Dec. 5 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, Dec. 12 (following County Council); Economic Development, Dec. 12 (following Public Works). All meetings are in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. For more information,

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