

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Feb. 8.

- **Councillors to Seek FCM Board Position:** Council passed a motion to submit the name of councillor Richard Kidd (Beckwith) as a candidate for a vacancy on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors. Since 1901, FCM has been the national voice for municipal government, with representation from Canada's largest cities to small rural municipalities, as well as 20 provincial and territorial municipal associations. Policies on key issues are established at an annual conference. There is currently a vacancy for an Ontario representative on the board of directors for the remainder of the 2016-2017 term. Eligible candidates must be an elected official of an FCM member municipality from Ontario, which Lanark County is, and must be endorsed by a resolution from the member municipality. The board is comprised of 75 elected municipal officials and affiliate members representing each province and territory in Canada. Ontario is allotted 16 members. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Support for Rideau Corridor Awards Program:** Council passed a motion approving a contribution of \$1,000 in support of the Rideau Corridor Awards Program, which is to be led by county staff and is part of the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy. The program celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Rideau Canal's inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage site list and is also in honour of Canada's 150th birthday. A report by Mary Kirkham, planning administrator, at the economic development committee meeting last month indicated the goal is "to recognize, honour and promote good design, environmental stewardship and economic development through public and youth engagement that serves to protect, enhance, promote and celebrate the heritage character and sustainability of the Rideau Canal corridor." Award categories include environmental stewardship, design, heritage conservation and promotion, community building, economic development and youth. The competition is open to all individuals, children and youth up to age 18, schools, businesses, community groups and organizations within the 13 municipalities along the Rideau Canal corridor. A call for nominations will be advertised with a deadline in May/June and an awards ceremony in September. Watch for more information about project eligibility and submission requirements through Parks Canada (<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/on/rideau/plan/sacr-rcls.aspx>) and on websites of member organizations, including Ottawa, Kingston, the three counties and local municipalities along the Rideau Canal, conservation authorities and the National Capital Commission. For more information, contact Mary Kirkham, Planning Administrator, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1520.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Feb. 22 (following County Council); Public Works, Feb. 22 (following Economic Development). **County Council, Wednesday, March 8, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, March 8 (following County Council); Corporate Services, March 8 (following Community Services). All meetings are in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. **Open House/Public Information Session for Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail (former CP Line),** Feb. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Almonte Old Town Hall. **Public Meeting for Lanark County SCOP OPA#5 ANSI Designation,** Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers. For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!