

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, June 7.

- **Acknowledging Legacy Cottage Contributions:** Lanark County Warden Bill Dobson (Montague Reeve) acknowledged artist Franc VanOort and graphic designer Annie Dalton, both of Tay Valley Township, for their contributions to the county's Legacy Cottage Program. As part of its Canada 150 celebrations, the county is honouring families who have been cottaging here for 50 years or more by presenting them with a Legacy Cottage Plaque, which was designed by Ms. Dalton and includes an etching by Mr. VanOort. The plaques indicate the number of years the cottage has been in the family and are personalized with the cottage or family name. Mr. VanOort received his own plaque and a certificate to recognize his donation of art for the program, and Ms. Dalton will receive a gift to thank her for completing the design at no cost. More than 200 applications for plaques were received. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.

Presentation photos available at

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1p1fp5z2ex5qp88/AADzD_A5dkyy992VtHth0K3-a?dl=0

Caption: From left, Warden Bill Dobson (Montague Reeve), artist Franc VanOort and Kay Rogers of the Legacy Cottage Program. Annie Dalton was unavailable for the photo.

- **OVRT Designated as Multi-Use:** Council passed a motion recommending the Lanark County portion of the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail be designated as multi-use, which includes all methods of self-propelled transportation, as well as horseback riding, snowmobiles, ATVs and side-by-sides. The motion includes a provision that the county would consider bypass alternatives presented by local municipalities that are prepared to support and fund them. This follows several presentations and reports at the economic development committee meeting in May and provides direction on the future use of the OVRT in order to plan the trail building and partnering with Renfrew County and Papineau-Cameron Township. The 296-kilometre corridor stretches from Montague Township to Mattawa. Lanark County hosted four public open houses in the winter, with many comments received about motorized versus non-motorized use of the trail. The partnering municipalities have also declared their sections to be multi-use. Branch trails or bypasses could be designed to encourage specific use (e.g. motorized) and would consequently enable some sections of the main trail to become non-motorized while still offering a continuous motorized trail. The trail corridor passes through four municipalities within the county (Montague, Beckwith, Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills). For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.
- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, June 21, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, June 21 (following County Council); Public Works, June 21 (following Economic Development). **No meetings in July. County Council, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Aug. 9 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Aug. 9 (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!