

County Council Report
August 25, 2020
Submitted by: Mayor Lowry

Procedural By-Law Amendment to permit the continuation of electronic meeting participation, despite no declaration of a Provincial or municipal emergency for the period of two (2) months, or until such time that a subsequent amendment is brought forward.

Committee of the Whole: Community Services

- 1) Update: Lanark County Social Services – A Road to Renewal Report:
Phase 1, LCSS implemented an immediate response to the COVID-19 emergency
Phase 2, Focuses on moving ahead not on reclaiming what was lost, *Current Stage
Phase 3, Creating our new reality, September 8th, 2020 until Date Unknown
- 2) Update: Lanark Lodge. Residents remain cohorted which is driving up costs of staffing along with the need for supervising family visits. Admissions will slowly resume next week, 1 per week, while retaining 4-6 beds for isolation. Staff continue to be swabbed every 2 weeks. Funding announcements from the Province have indicated that the Lanark Lodge funding envelop will not increase for 2021.
- 3) Motion of Support and Recognition for Public Health and Dr. Paula Stewart
- 4) Update: Lanark Transportation: AGM occurred, \$30K surplus. Fares are decreasing so revenues are down significantly as are costs due to less staffing requirements.

Committee of the Whole: Corporate Services

- 1) Fire Communications System upgrade a radio link, expenditure of \$51,230 plus HST, referred to Lanark County Fire Chiefs to provide comment
- 2) 'Working at Home Policy' approved. Policy will be reviewed in six months and report provided.
- 3) Staff to bring forward options to resume in-person meetings to next Council agenda. Electronic meeting extension also to be discussed.
- 4) Council Code of Conduct & Integrity Commissioner - process review to be undertaken