



**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Council Chambers

Lanark Highlands Municipal Office - 75 George Street, Lanark, Ontario

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Committee of the Whole – 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by Council.

Chair, Peter McLaren, Reeve

Pages

1. ROLL CALL
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. PLAYING OF O CANADA
4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Suggested Motion by Councillor Vereyken:

"THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented."

6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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Suggested Motion by Councillor Closs:

"THAT the Council meeting minutes of April 22nd, 2025, be approved as presented."

7. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS
8. COMMUNICATIONS
9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Committee of the Whole - 22 April 2025

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Suggested Motion by Deputy Reeve King:

"THAT, the eighth (8th) Report of the Committee of the Whole for April 22nd, 2025, be adopted as presented."

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-Law No. 2025-1966: 2025 Tax Rates

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Suggested Motion by Councillor Kelso:

"THAT, By-Law No. 2025-1966, being a By-Law to adopt the Tax Rates for 2025, be read a first, second and third time short, passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk."

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 County of Lanark Updates

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Reeve McLaren and Deputy Reeve King

A copy of the County's Agendas and Minutes can be found on the County website at the following link: <http://www.county.lanark.on.ca>

Suggested Motion by Councillor Kelso:

"THAT, the County of Lanark Update(s) be received as information."

12. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

May 27th, 2025

- Committee of the Whole
- Council

June 5th, 2025

- Public Meeting (Highland Line Pit Application)

June 10th, 2025

- Committee of the Whole
- Council

13. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions and comments must relate to an item on the current agenda.

14. IN CAMERA

14.1 Closed Session: Disposition of Property in Hopetown

Suggested Motion by Councillor Closs:

"THAT, Council move into Closed Session at ____ p.m. to address matters as permitted under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, specifically:

(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality;

AND THAT, Suzanne Charbonneau-Dent, CAO, and Nicole Guthrie, Clerk, remain in the room."

15. CONFIRM COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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Suggested Motion by Councillor Summers:

"THAT, By-Law No. 2025-1967, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on May 13th, 2025, be read a first, second and third time short, passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk."

16. ADJOURNMENT

Suggested Motion by Councillor Roberts:

"THAT, the meeting adjourn at _____p.m."



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2025

Council Chambers

Lanark Highlands Municipal Office - 75 George Street, Lanark, Ontario

Members Present: Chair, Reeve Peter McLaren
Deputy Reeve Bill King
Councillor Ron Closs
Councillor Jeannie Kelso
Councillor Steve Roberts
Councillor Marina Summers
Councillor Allison Vereyken

Staff Present: Suzanne Charbonneau-Dent, CAO
Rhonda Whitmarsh, Treasurer
Nicole Guthrie, Clerk
Chelsea Rath, Manager of Facilities/Community Affairs

1. ROLL CALL

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

3. PLAYING OF O CANADA

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Summers declared interest on agenda item 14.1 (Potential, deemed indirect pecuniary interest in the employment matter since her partner is employed by the Township of Lanark Highlands). Councillor Summers did not participate in the Closed Session discussion (item 14.1).

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #C-2025- 70

Moved by Councillor Closs

Seconded by Councillor Kelso

THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolution #C-2025- 71

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Deputy Reeve King

THAT, the Council meeting minutes dated April 8th, 2025 and the Special Council meeting minutes dated April 14th, 2025, be approved as presented.

ADOPTED

7. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Committee of the Whole - 8 April 2025

Councillor Summers pulled item 'B5', Motion #COW-2025-088, and requested that it be voted on separately.

Resolution #C-2025- 72

Moved by Deputy Reeve King

Seconded by Councillor Vereyken

THAT, the seventh (7th) Report of the Committee of the Whole for April 8th, 2025, was adopted as presented, with the exception of item B5 (Motion #COW-2025-088).

ADOPTED

Councillor Summers abstained from voting on Motion #COW-2025-088.

Moved by Deputy Reeve King

Seconded by Councillor Vereyken

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands approve the memorandum of settlement and the agreed to items as presented at the in-camera session of 25 March 2025, for the Collective Agreement term of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026;

AND THAT, Council directs the Bargaining Committee to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 435 for the same term.

ADOPTED

10. BY-LAWS

Resolution #C-2025- 73

Moved by Councillor Vereyken

Seconded by Councillor Kelso

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands has read the following By-Laws a first, second and third time short, passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk:

- By-Law No. 2025-1961 Being a By-Law Amend Zoning By-Law No. 2003-451 (Cowle – File #ZA-2025-01);
- By-Law No. 2025-1962 Being a By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges for Services Provided by the Township of Lanark Highlands; and
- By-Law No. 2025-1964 Being a By-Law to Adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget.

ADOPTED

Councillor Summers declared a conflict and abstained from voting on By-Law No. 2025-1963.

Moved by Councillor Vereyken

Seconded by Councillor Kelso

THAT, By-Law No. 2025-1963 Being an By-Law to Adopt a Collective Agreement Between OPSEU, Local 435 and the Township of Lanark Highlands, be read a first, second and third time short, passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.

ADOPTED

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 County of Lanark Updates

Reeve McLaren shared that much of the County meeting focused on the changes to the licensing with Great Plains software and the budgetary impact on the County and those municipalities that use the software.

Resolution #C-2025- 74

Moved by Councillor Closs

Seconded by Councillor Vereyken

THAT, the County of Lanark Update(s) be received as information.

ADOPTED

12. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

May 13th, 2025

- Committee of the Whole
- Council

May 27th, 2025

- Committee of the Whole
- Council

13. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

14. CLOSED SESSION

14.1 Closed Session: Discussion about Employment Matters

Resolution #C-2025- 75

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Closs

THAT, Council move into Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. to address matters as permitted under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, specifically:

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

AND THAT, Suzanne Charbonneau-Dent, CAO, and Nicole Guthrie, Clerk, remain in the room.

ADOPTED

Council returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

Rise and Report: No pecuniary interest was declared during the closed session. That staff proceed as directed.

15. CONFIRM COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Resolution #C-2025- 76

Moved by Councillor Summers

Seconded by Councillor Kelso

THAT, By-Law No. 2025-1965, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on April 22, 2025, be read a first, second and third time short, passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.

ADOPTED

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #C-2025- 77

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Reeve King

THAT, the meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

ADOPTED

Peter McLaren, Reeve

Nicole Guthrie, Clerk



**EIGHTH REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
From the Meeting of April 22nd, 2025**

To the Members of Lanark Highlands Township Council,

We, the Members of your Committee of the Whole, beg leave to report Section “A” as information and Section “B” as follows:

A 1 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1 Motion #COW-2025-096

“**THAT** the presentation from the Lanark Highlands Waste Committee dated April 22nd, 2025 be received as information.”

A 2 COMMUNICATIONS

2 Motion #COW-2025-097

“**THAT** the communications dated April 22nd, 2025 be received as information.”

A 3 AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT - DRUMMOND NORTH ELMSLEY TAY VALLEY

B 3 Motion #COW-2025-98

“**THAT** staff be directed to provide notice to the Fire Chief of Drummond North Elmsley Tay Valley of Lanark Highland’s intent to have a new Fire Protection Agreement in place prior to 1 January 2026.”

A 4 ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING UPGRADES – OFFICE RENOVATIONS

B 4 Motion #COW-2025-099

“**THAT** notwithstanding the Township’s Procurement Policy, Council authorize staff to contract McAdoo Construction for the office renovation project at the Municipal Office in the amount of \$29,146.56, excluding HST;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report the quote adjustments to Council on 13 May 2025 for the revised door specifications.”

A 5 WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

B 5 Motion #COW-2025-100

“THAT Council approve in principle the 2025 Waste Management Charges as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the Staff report on the 2025 Waste Management Charges be forwarded to the Waste Committee for comment prior to passing the by-law to approve the charges.”

A 6 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

B 6 Motion #COW-2025-101

“THAT Council receives the 2024 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report as information;

AND THAT Council directs staff to post the report to the Township’s website.”

A 7 CRITICAL ILLNESS AND OPTIONAL LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

B 7 Motion #COW-2025-102

“THAT Council directs staff to proceed with the provision of Optional Life Insurance and Optional Critical Illness Coverage to Township employees covered by the group benefits program through Sun Life.”

A 8 Q1 2025 DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

8 Motion #COW-2025-103

“THAT Council receives the Q1 2025 Departmental Updates report as information.”

A 9 TENDER FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND APPLICATION OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE

B 9 Motion #COW-2025-104

“THAT the Tender for the Supply, Delivery and Application of Calcium Chloride (Contract #PW-2025-01) be awarded to Da-Lee Services Inc. dba Da-Lee Dust Control for the 2025 year.

A 10 DECLARATION OF SURPLUS MATERIALS

B 10 Motion #COW-2025-105

“THAT Council declares the fleet identified in Report RDS-2025-03 as surplus to the needs of the Township;

AND THAT the Manager of Public Works be authorized to dispose of the items identified by way of public auction;

AND FURTHER THAT all funds received from the sale of surplus fleet be added to the Public Works Capital Reserve.”

A 11 COUNCIL / COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT UPDATES

11 Motion #COW-2025-106

“THAT, the Council Committee Appointment Updates (verbal) be received as information.”

A 12 CAO UPDATE

12 Motion #COW-2025-107

“THAT, the CAO Update (verbal) be received as information.”

All of which is respectfully submitted, Deputy Reeve Bill King

Direction by the Reeve:

Council may remove items in Section "B" to be voted on separately prior to introducing a motion to accept the report in its entirety.

Moved By

Seconded By

Adopted this 13th day of May 2025

Bill King, Deputy Reeve

Nicole Guthrie, Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS**

BY-LAW NO. 2025-1966

BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE TAX RATES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 312 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (S.O. 2001, c.25) provides that the Council of a local municipality shall after the adoption of estimates for the year, pass a by-law to levy a separate tax rate on the assessment in each property class;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 312 (6) of the said Act require tax rates to be established in the same proportion to tax ratios;

AND WHEREAS the tax ratios are set by the County of Lanark for the Township of Lanark Highlands by By-law are:

Residential/Farm Property Class (RT, RF, RH, RG, RP)	1.000000
New Multi-Residential (NT)	1.100000
Farmland Awaiting Development-Phase I	0.250000
Farmland Awaiting Development-Phase II	0.250000
Multi-Residential Property Class (MT, MF)	1.973331
Commercial Property Class (CT, CF, CG, C7, CU, CX, CZ, ST, SU, XT, XU)	1.842928
Industrial Property Class (IT, IU, IX, IH, JT, JU, IF, LT, LU)	2.531635
Landfill (LT, HF)	1.232450
Pipeline (PT)	2.007246
Farmland (FT)	0.250000
Managed Forest (TT)	0.250000
Aggregate Extraction (VT)	2.060008

AND WHEREAS the assessed value of all rate-able real property according to the revised assessment roll for the Township of Lanark Highlands amounts to \$959,634,354;

AND WHEREAS the municipal budget levy requirement for the Township of Lanark Highlands amounts to \$5,205,142 and the municipal policing levy amounts to \$1,118,226 (see attached Schedule "A") for 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands enacts as follows:

1. That the following tax rates be established and applied to the taxable assessments of the Township of Lanark Highlands for 2025 as follows and attached as Schedule "B":

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS
BY-LAW NO. 2025-1966**

Property Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Municipal Policing Tax Rate	County Tax Rate (as set out by County By-law)
Residential	.00555711	.00119384	.00410455
Multi-Residential	.01096602	.00235584	.00809964
Commercial	.01024135	.00220016	.00756439
Industrial	.01406857	.00302237	.01039122
Farmland	.00138928	.00029846	.00102614
Managed Forest	.00138928	.00029846	.00102614
Aggregate Extraction	.01144765	.00245931	.00845541
Landfill	.00684886	.00147135	.00505865

2. The assessments made in the year 2025, based on current values from January 1, 2016 under the provisions of the *Assessment Act*, Chapter A.31, R.S.O. 1990 as amended, shall be the assessment on which the final tax rates shall be fixed and levied.
3. The net amount of taxes levied by this By-law shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments. The installment due dates for all taxes are Thursday, August 28, 2025 and Thursday, October 30, 2025.
4. If taxes are not paid on the due dates, a penalty of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of the unpaid taxes shall be levied on the first day of the calendar month following the due date and a further penalty of one and one-quarter percent (1.25% on the first day of each calendar month thereafter for as long as the default continues, but not after December 31, 2025.
5. If taxes levied pursuant to this By-law remain unpaid as of January 1, 2026, interest at the rate of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of the unpaid taxes shall be charged on January 1, 2026 and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter for as long as the default continues.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 13th day of May 2025.

Peter McLaren, Reeve

Nicole Guthrie, Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS
BY-LAW NO. 2025-1966**

SCHEDULE 'A'

Description	Dollars
Municipal Operations & Capital (Total Expenditures)	
Council	\$ 174,575
Corporate Services/IT	\$ 1,551,024
Fire Department	\$ 901,062
Police	\$ 1,131,016
Conservation Authority	\$ 45,411
Building Department	\$ 133,805
Emergency Measures	\$ 4,500
Animal Control/By-law/Livestock	\$ 25,650
Public Works	\$ 2,891,663
Recycling and Waste	\$ 1,038,759
Library	\$ 262,982
Cemeteries	\$ 13,925
Museums	\$ 17,500
Planning	\$ 165,315
Community Affairs/Recreation/Econ. Dev.	\$ 887,808
Transfer to Reserves	\$ 750,897
Capital	\$ 4,680,705
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,676,597
Funding for Municipal Operations & Capital	
Municipal Tax Levy/PIL	\$ 5,205,142
Policing Levy	\$ 1,118,226
Supps/Lanark Village	\$ 118,708
Long Term Financing	\$ 3,480,035
Federal/Provincial/County Grants	\$ 2,433,998
User Fees & Other Revenue	\$ 1,666,808
Reserves & Reserve Funds	\$ 653,680
Total Funding	\$ 14,676,597

The Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands

Schedule 'B' to By-Law 2025-1966

Tax Class	Qualifier	2016 CVA	Tax Ratio	2016 Weighted Assessment	2025 Municipal Tax Rate	Levy	2025 Policing Tax Rate	Levy	2025 Education Tax Rate	Levy	2025 County Tax Rate	Levy	Total Rate
Residential	RT/RG/RH/RP	889,449,514.00	#####	889,449,514.00	0.00555711	4,942,768.79	0.00119384	1,061,860.41	0.00153000	1,360,857.76	0.00410455	3,650,790.00	0.01238550
Multi Residential	MT	3,175,000.00	#####	6,265,325.93	0.01096602	34,817.11	0.00235584	7,479.80	0.00153000	4,857.75	0.00809964	25,716.36	0.02295150
Commercial	CT	6,371,365.00	#####	11,741,966.96	0.01024135	65,251.40	0.00220016	14,018.03	0.00880000	56,068.01	0.00756439	48,195.49	0.02880590
Commercial PIL	CF/CG/CP/CZ	2,819,200.00	#####	5,195,582.62	0.01024135	28,872.42	0.00220016	6,202.69	0.00880000	24,808.96	0.00756439	21,325.53	0.02880590
Commercial Vacant Land	CU	28,300.00	#####	52,154.86	0.01024135	289.83	0.00220016	62.26	0.00880000	249.04	0.00756439	214.07	0.02880590
Commercial Small Scale	C7	7,300.00	#####	13,453.37	0.01024135	74.76	0.00220016	16.06	0.00880000	64.24	0.00756439	55.22	0.02880590
Landfill	HF	389,100.00	#####	479,546.30	0.00684886	2,664.89	0.00147135	572.50	0.00880000	3,424.08	0.00505865	1,968.32	0.02217886
Industrial	IT/IH	1,154,900.00	#####	2,923,785.26	0.01406857	16,247.80	0.00302237	3,490.53	0.00880000	10,163.12	0.01039122	12,000.82	0.03628216
Industrial Excess Land	IU	22,000.00	#####	55,695.97	0.01406857	309.51	0.00302237	66.49	0.00880000	193.60	0.01039122	228.61	0.03628216
Aggregate Extraction	VT	3,553,600.00	#####	7,320,418.84	0.01144765	40,680.37	0.00245931	8,739.41	0.00511000	18,158.90	0.00845541	30,047.14	0.02747237
Farmland	FT	34,598,975.00	#####	8,649,743.75	0.00138928	48,067.58	0.00029846	10,326.41	0.00038250	13,234.11	0.00102614	35,503.39	0.00309638
Managed Forest	TT	18,065,100.00	#####	4,516,275.00	0.00138928	25,097.44	0.00029846	5,391.71	0.00038250	6,909.90	0.00102614	18,537.32	0.00309638
		<u>959,634,354.00</u>		<u>936,663,462.86</u>		<u>5,205,141.90</u>		<u>1,118,226.31</u>		<u>1,498,989.46</u>		<u>3,844,582.28</u>	

MEDIA RELEASE

***For immediate release
April 23, 2025***

Here are the highlights from the Lanark County Council meeting held April 23, 2025.

Proceeding with Retrofit in Smiths Falls: Lanark County Council has directed staff to proceed with a deep energy/accessibility retrofit at 24 Bourke St. in Smiths Falls after hearing options from a pre-feasibility study.

At the community services committee meeting earlier this month, Housing Services Manager Kaitlyn Murray explained the project is part of council's participation in the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCF), which includes an agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for almost \$5 million to support repair and renewal of Lanark County Housing Corporation (LCHC) units over three years. Last year, council awarded a contract to iSolara for solar panel installations and to Climate Works for the installation of cold climate heat pumps.

The 2025 budget includes a \$1.9-million allocation for the 24 Bourke St. retrofit. Murray explained a request for proposals was issued in October for a solar array installation, which required the successful proponent to produce a pre-feasibility assessment. This was awarded to J.L. Richards in November. The pre-feasibility report was submitted in March, with three options:

1. Meeting the minimum CMHC requirements, including air source heat pumps for individual units and common areas and an electric water tank, which would see no return on investment.
2. Build on the minimum requirement in option one and increase energy-saving measures, renewable energy sources and grant availability with energy-efficient lighting, low-flow fixtures and rooftop solar panels.
3. Achieve highest energy savings by replacing the air source heat pump and hot water tank options with a ground source heat pump and domestic hot water tank along with the additional measures in option two.

Council opted for option three, which was the recommendation. "Option three has an estimated municipal investment payback period of 11 years due to the reduction in utility costs by approximately \$59,000 per year, as well as low maintenance expenses," Murray said, noting there is also a sizeable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The county contribution for this project will be \$661,500, and the county has committed \$1.3 million to date to ongoing NCHF projects. Approved projects in 2025/2026 include projects at three properties, including an elevator retrofit. Murray added the county may qualify for additional grants for this fiscal year. For more information, contact Kaitlyn Murray, Housing Services Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2401.

MEDIA RELEASE

Paramedic Services Week Proclaimed: Lanark County Council has proclaimed May 18 to 25 as Paramedic Services Week in Lanark County. Warden Toby Randell (Carleton Place Mayor) said the goal of the week is to raise community awareness and appreciation of the services provided by paramedics. "The skills and quality care rendered by the paramedics is an integral part of the health care system, and we encourage all citizens to learn more about the role of paramedics in the health system."

In a report to the corporate services committee, Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS) Chief Travis Mellema said most of the paramedics that comprise the LCPS are residents of the county. "They are the neighbours, friends and family of those who rely on the professional, efficient response that is called upon, time and time again, in times of medical need," he said. "Proclaiming Paramedic Services Week demonstrates the appreciation members of Lanark County Council, on behalf of the residents of Lanark County, have for the paramedics."

Mellema noted the lifesaving skills delivered by paramedics, who are usually the first responder in a time of need, directly affect a patient's steps to recover. "Paramedics take great pride in the ability to provide health care services to the public." For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.

Council Receives Update on Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing: Lanark County Council received an update on ways municipalities can support affordable housing, including progress on actions to date.

At the community services committee of the whole meeting earlier this month, Director of Social Services Emily Hollington outlined the goals of the "Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing Report," which was approved in May 2023. It aims to encourage a broad range of housing options to meet needs of residents, increase the supply of market-rate and affordable rental housing, and support economic growth and community well-being with an adequate supply of housing that is affordable to households with moderate incomes. A total of 44 actions were created, ranging from policy and regulations, funding, partnership, and awareness and advocacy. The plan was led by social services in partnership with the planning department and addresses actions in the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, which is due for its five-year review.

In terms of policy and regulations, several county official plan updates were identified for review and consideration in an amendment expected in the summer/fall of 2025 that is tied to outcomes from the growth management study. There will be a related public consultation process.



MEDIA RELEASE

For funding actions, activities have taken place for financing incentives and initiatives, development charges, a grant-in-lieu of property tax program, and partnerships with local municipalities on affordable housing development opportunities.

Partnership actions have taken place with various local groups, private developers and all levels of government, as well as supportive housing, such as the Bridge House. In addition, a rental database is available on the county website and is updated weekly.

Awareness and advocacy actions have included social media campaigns, educational articles and website improvements, as well as through a rural homelessness conference, a series of education sessions and presentations, an annual housing report card and advocacy including proclamations for National Housing Day and World Homelessness Day and creating a Governance Relations Working Group.

Hollington said 25 actions are to be addressed through the official plan update, 11 are complete or ongoing, and eight are yet to be explored. For more information, contact Emily Hollington, Director of Social Services, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2101.

Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, May 7, 5 p.m.; Community Services, May 7 (following County Council); Corporate Services, May 7 (following Community Services). **County Council, Wednesday, May 21, 5 p.m.;** Public Works, May 21 (following County Council); Economic Development, May 21 (following Public Works). Watch for details about public access to meetings on agendas and through online notifications. For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Instagram!

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS

BY-LAW NO. 2025-1967

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025

WHEREAS, Section 5 of *the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended*, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS, Section 9 of *the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended*, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the Municipal Act or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS, Section 5(3), provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands at its meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands enacts as follows:

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1.1 **THAT** the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands at its meeting held on **13 May 2025** in respect of each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands at its meetings is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
- 1.2 **THAT** the Reeve and Proper Signing Official of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands referred to in the preceding section hereof.

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1.3 **THAT** the Reeve and/or Deputy Reeve and Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands.

2. ULTRA VIRES

Should any sections of this by-law, be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be ultra vires, the remaining sections shall nevertheless remain valid and binding.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

ENACTED AND PASSED this 13th day of May, 2025.

Peter McLaren, Reeve

Nicole Guthrie, Clerk