**Planner’s Report**

**November 2017**

Best Start October 12

* Completed 10 Year Historical Scan
* The key messages were:
  + As a small group, we are still mighty!
  + Our historical scan revealed that we have (and will continue) “Creating our Lanark Community of Cooperation”
  + Our relationships are our strength, and will continue regardless of funding

Stewardship

* Met October 11
* Donna Davidson has volunteered to fill the at-large position on Stewardship
* Letters to support Youth Centres and to Community Hubs Implementation branch
* Funding template will be drafted
* Letter sent to school boards re community hubs policies

Municipal Drug Strategy

* Joint local committees will meet on Nov 30
* MDS Networking Day was held Oct 20
  + Known Health Effects of Cannabis – Bonnie Schnittker, LGLDHU,
  + Intersections (early intervention program)–Rachel Burns, RNJ
  + Smiths Falls Police Service (diversion program) - CTS Tompkins
  + Lanark County OPP - CTS Streng
  + Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Opioid Strategy – Jennifer Adams, LGLDHU

Transit Advisory

* Met October 12. The transit advisory committee has met 5 times and is preparing their recommendations based on the following action items:
* Publicize the existing transit options; media campaign (print and social);
* Use County website to share information on transit options, advertise 211;
* Look into Uber style solution similar to Innisfil (population 36,000 are 140 square kms), realizing that Lanark County is 68,000 pop (including Smiths Falls) and 3,000 square kms;
* Need to enhance horizontal communication between transit providers inside Lanark County; are there areas where they can share resources? Dispatching? Pool of drivers? etc.
* Look for funding to hire a ridership development to get ridership up on current options
* Obtain list of transportation providers in Lanark County from consultants to assist with ridership development;
* Lanark Transportation Association is willing to do a trial on a fixed route and are open to ideas on the where and when of the route; Tay Valley has told LTA they are not interested without higher frequency than proposal;
* Establish a permanent transit committee to continue the conversation and share thoughts and ideas going forward;
* Lanark County ‘Vital Signs Survey’ found Transportation the number one challenge for families.

Facilitation Training

If any of our member organizations would like to do some strategic planning, action planning, goal setting etc, please let me know. I would like to get some practice, and am willing to work for free … for a limited time☺

Upcoming Meetings to Note:

* Community Issues, Nov 8
* Inuit Culture to Context, Nov 14
* Stewardship, Nov 15
* Facilitation Training Nov. 22 – 24 (Human Development)
* Community Engagement Forum Nov 29
* Co-Chairs and Planners Dec 4
* Small Business Advisory Training “Using Word Press” Dec 6