

## **COUNTY OF LANARK**

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS A BY-LAW FOR THE BETTER HOMES LANARK PROGRAM**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the County of Lanark and the following municipalities within the County of Lanark intend to pass a by-law under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 586/06: Local Improvement Charges – Priority Lien Status, to implement the Better Homes Lanark (BHL) program.

- Town of Perth
- Municipality of Mississippi Mills
- Township of Beckwith
- Township of Drummond North Elmsley
- Township of Lanark Highlands
- Township of Montague
- Township of Tay Valley
- Town of Carleton Place

#### **Purpose of the By-law**

The proposed by-law will enable the residents of the County of Lanark within the participating local municipalities to participate in the Better Homes Lanark program, which assists homeowners in financing energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades, such as:

- Insulation improvements,
- Installation of high-efficiency heating or cooling systems,
- Solar panel installations, and
- Other eligible home retrofits.

Financing for these upgrades will be provided through Local Improvement Charges (LICs) applied to property tax bills, ensuring repayment over time.

#### **Eligibility**

The program is voluntary and available to all residential property owners in the participating local municipalities who meet the eligibility criteria. Participation requires an agreement between the property owner and the local municipality, who agree to the LICs being charged against their property.

#### **Details of the Local Improvement Charges**

1. Financing will be repaid through an additional charge on participating properties' tax bills.
2. The charge will include the principal amount and applicable interest.
3. Repayment terms will be determined by the agreement between the property owner and the program administrator.

**Adoption Dates:**

The Better Homes Lanark Bylaw will be duly adopted at their respective municipalities on the following dates:

Lanark County	February 26 <sup>th</sup>
Drummond North Elmsley	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Perth	March 4 <sup>th</sup> (Staff Report at Committee of the Whole)
Montague Township	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Beckwith Township	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Mississippi Mills	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lanark Highlands	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Tay Valley	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Carleton Place	March 11 <sup>th</sup>

**Additional Information**

For more information about the proposed By-law or the Better Homes Lanark program, please contact:

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Dated this 29th day of January, 2025, at Tay Valley Township Ontario.