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**Township of West Lincoln**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Council Approves 2019 Budget**

**West Lincoln, Ont. – March 26, 2019** - At its March 25th Council meeting, the Township of West Lincoln approved a 2019 operating budget of \$15,139,450. This budget requires a tax levy of \$6,937,670 which equates to an estimated increase of \$67.05 or 5.63% to the West Lincoln portion of taxes for an average home assessed at \$363,877. This works out to an estimated overall tax increase of 4.78% for the average residential taxpayer in West Lincoln when the Niagara Region and School Board taxes are considered.

The 2019 operating budget includes service level changes to provide basic staff funding for the West Lincoln Community Centre and Library, new part-time IT support and the base funding for an anticipated Gypsy Moth Abatement program.

The 2019 operating budget includes the third and final allocation towards the West Lincoln Community Centre project of \$307,000 and approval of Capital and Special Projects totaling \$7,133,400. Some highlights include:

- Accelerating the Roads Needs Study to review the condition of all Township roads;
- Bridge 34 (North Chippawa Rd) & Bridge 16 (Patterson Rd) construction and design funding for Bridge 35 (Westbrook Rd);
- New Station Two Fire Rescue truck;
- 4 Secondary Plans to shape our Township;
- Sidewalk/Streetscaping and new wastewater and water mains along Regional Road 20(West St) in conjunction with the Regional Rd Improvement project; and
- 4.5 km of surface treatment renewal along portions of Sixteen Rd and South Chippawa Rd

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated, “This budget reflects the direction we want to move forward with and begins to address the balance of capital improvements and service delivery our residents expect and I thank the public for their input and the staff and members of Council for their tenacity and hard work”.

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