
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE APRIL 23rd, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING HELD REGARDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD APPEAL TO TOWNSHIP'S COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 2011-96

A public meeting was held on April 9, 2018 in relation to Zoning By-law 2011-96, with respect to the Ontario Municipal Board Appeal to the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law (2017-70) by Phelps Homes as it relates to a lot on Wade Road. A revised report (PD-022(R)-18) entitled "Wade Road Removal of Holding, Residential 'R1B' zoning, and OMB Appeal, Part Lot 8 Plan M-97, OMB File: PL170875 Related Township File: B10/2017WL" was received for information and indicated that a recommendation report will be presented at a future Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting, once all issues and concerns have been addressed.

NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM, MAPPING AND GUIDELINES RELEASED BY PROVINCE

An information report (#PD-035-18) was presented regarding "Natural Heritage System, Mapping and Guidelines which were released by Province to Implement the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe". This report can be reviewed on our web site commencing on Page 15 of the Planning/Building/Environmental Committee agenda, at the following link:

<https://westlincoln.ca/wp-content/documents/councilpkgs/Agendas/2018/04-09-18%20Planning-Building-Environmental%20Comm.%20%20Agenda.pdf>

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXISTING SURPLUS FARM RESIDENCE CONSENT POLICIES

A proposed amendment to existing surplus farm residence Consent Policies (Official Plan Amendment No. TBD) will be circulated to all agencies, and the public by way of a public open house (being held 3:00 - 4:30 pm and 6:30 - 8:00 pm on May 17, 2018), and will be provided for comment by Committee and Council (during a public meeting to be held on June 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm).

COUNCIL SUPPORTS NIAGARA SUBMISSION TO SMART CITIES CHALLENGE PROGRAM

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the joint application for the Smart Cities Challenge to Infrastructure Canada. Regional staff and 10 of the lower tier municipalities worked on a submission relating to the topic of empowerment and inclusion. The group, following on research and review of available data, prepared their application based on "A Sense of Belonging" within the Smart Cities Challenge, which aligns with the "Empowerment and Inclusion" category. The group is hopeful for a positive outcome.

COUNCIL SENDS LETTER TO HEALTH CANADA OUTLINING CONCERNS REGARDING LICENSING OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR DESIGNATED PERSON(S) TO PRODUCE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

A letter was sent to Health Canada, under the signature of the Mayor, outlining concerns relating to licensing of individuals and/or designated person(s) to produce medical marijuana. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Health, local MP & MPP, Attorney General, Niagara area municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA). To view the letter and outlined concerns, please visit our website commencing on Page 401 of the Planning/Building/Environmental

Committee agenda, at the following link: <https://westlincoln.ca/wp-content/documents/councilpkgs/Agendas/2018/04-23-18%20Council%20Agenda.pdf>

NEW ELECTION SIGN BY-LAW # 2018-36

Council approved and adopted a by-law to regulate the placing, erecting and displaying of Election Signs within the boundaries of the Township of West Lincoln for Federal, Provincial, Regional and Municipal Elections in order to better manage election signs on private and public properties, which included enforcement procedures. A copy of the by-law is available on our web site on page 144 at the following link: <https://westlincoln.ca/wp-content/documents/councilpkgs/Agendas/2018/04-23-18%20Council%20Agenda.pdf>

NEW LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON BRIDGE 34 – NORTH CHIPPAWA ROAD

The Township's Consolidated Traffic By-Law 89-2000 was amended to provide for a reduced load limit on Bridge 34 (North Chippawa Road) which took effective April 23, 2018.

TENDERS AWARDED FOR ROAD RESTORATION WORKS, SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND DUST CONTROL

Council accepted and approved the following tender submissions:

1. Norjohn Contracting and Paving Limited for the road restoration works, in the amount of \$622,236.25 (plus HST).
2. Gauboc Construction Limited for the sidewalk replacement works, in the amount of \$69,525.00 (plus HST) for a total project budget including contingencies of \$84,525.00 (plus HST).
3. Da-Lee Dust Control in the amount of \$375.36 in 2018, \$383.52 in 2019 and \$391.68 in 2020 per flake tonne (plus HST), to a maximum of \$120,000.00 (including HST) per year, for the application of liquid dust suppressant to gravel roads for the three year term of 2018, 2019 and 2020;

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND EARTH DAY INITIATIVES

Councillor Chechalk complimented the various volunteer groups that were out over the weekend cleaning up the Township in honour of Earth Day. Councillor Ganann advised that the New Kiwanis Club collected approximately thirteen bags of garbage and Mayor Joyner noted that members of MYAC Committee collected approximately eight bags of garbage.