
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE MARCH 26TH, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENTATION TO TOWNSHIP RETIREE – MR. HAL DAWSON

Mayor Joyner presented Mr. Hal Dawson with a gift and certificate in recognition of his retirement following 17 years of dedicated service to the Township of West Lincoln as a Truck Driver.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF EVAN'S RIDE FOR AUTISM

Council approved a request received from the Autism Community to hang a promotional banner on the Murgatroyd Wall to promote and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Evan's Ride for Autism which will include the Township's logo in recognition of their sponsorship over the past 10 years. The 10th Annual Evan's Ride for Autism will take place on Saturday, June 9th, 2018.

NAMING OF LAS ROAD AND HORNAK ROAD

Council passed a by-law to name and assume Las Road and Hornak Road within Spring Creek Estates & Station Meadows North Phase IV.

2018 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Council approved the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget, which included an operating budget of \$7,952,500. The 2018 budget will require a tax levy of \$6,414,500 which equates to an estimated increase of \$54.91 or 4.84% to the West Lincoln portion of taxes for an average home assessed at \$345,042. It is anticipated that the overall property tax bill, which includes requisitions for the Township, the Niagara Region and School Boards will see an increase of approximately 3%.

The 2018 operating budget includes three service level changes, being: 1) increased funding for the Community Improvement Program, 2) hiring of two additional personnel in the Public Works Department as well as (3) the provision to hire a By-law Enforcement Officer. Additionally, the 2018 operating budget includes the second allocation towards the MURS (Multi-Use Recreational Site) project of \$298,000 and approval of Capital and Special Projects totaling \$3,978,800. Major projects include:

- \$940,000 - resurfacing of rural roads
- \$412,500 - replacement of equipment and rolling stock
- \$360,000- repairs to Bridge 23 on Boyle Rd
- \$180,000 - Wade Rd sidewalk replacement
- \$278,600 - new base and truck radios for Fire Services
- \$250,000 – Smithville Square Parkette

2018 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND CEMETERY AND HALL BOARDS GRANTS

Council approved the 2018 Corporate Sponsorships and the Cemetery and Hall Board grants.

WEST LINCOLN COMMUNITY CARE GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening of the West Lincoln Community Care Building located on Industrial Park Road was held on Saturday, March 24th, 2018. Mayor Joyner and Members of Council thanked Stanpac and the Witt family and all the dedicated volunteers for their contributions to West Lincoln Community Care, specifically the provision of the building which provided the opportunity for expansion of their services and retail store.