

COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE MARCH 27TH, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

ANNUAL WEST LINCOLN EASTER EGG HUNT

Mayor Joyner reminded everyone of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt being held at the Leisureplex property on April 14th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

STATION STREET SIDEWALK AND STREETScape PROJECT

The tender for the Station Street and Streetscape project was awarded to All The Best Paving Ltd. in the amount of \$341,041.25 plus hst. The project is a continuation of streetscape improvements from West Street northward to the railway tracks and will include new sidewalks, interlock brick boulevards and decorative street lights.

WEST LINCOLN AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Council appointed Councillor Cheryl Ganann to the West Lincoln Age Friendly Committee and authorized the Clerk to begin the recruitment process for committee members. The objective of the Committee will be to provide input and suggestions to Township Council and staff on matters and initiatives aimed at making the Township of West Lincoln a more age-friendly community.

PRESENTATION TO TOWNSHIP RETIREES – DAVE WAITE & GREG MACDOUGALL

Mayor Joyner presented Dave Waite and Greg MacDougall each with a gift and certificate in recognition of their retirement of 37 years and 29 years respectively, for their dedicated service in the Public Works Department of the Township of West Lincoln.

INCREASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS FOR SENIORS

Council supports the need for more affordable housing units for seniors. In that regard, Staff was directed to work with the sub-committee of Branch 393 of the Royal Canadian Legion to provide a list of potential sites for the proposed construction of a senior citizens complex in the urban area of Smithville.

APPROVAL OF XPLORNET COMMUNICATION TOWER

Council had confirmed that they have no objections to the proposed communication tower at 5982 Elcho Road. It is hoped that this new tower will provide improved internet access in some rural areas if approved by Industry Canada.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE MULTI-MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUP

Councillor Chechalk and Councillor Bylsma were appointed to the Multi-Municipal Working Group which is related to Industrial Wind Turbines and the Township's Wind Turbine Public Advisory. The appointments are for the remainder of this term of Council.

BUILDING PERMIT AND PROPERTY STANDARDS TRACKING SOFTWARE

Council approved the purchase of Building Inspection/Permit Tracking and Property Standards Tracking software which will provide for efficiencies in the Building and Planning Departments.

ELIMINATION OF FEE FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING STANDARDS

In order to encourage good use of design standards, the Municipal Engineering Standards will now be available to proponents and applicants in digital form only at no charge as it is available on the Township website.

NEW COMBINED TAX AND WATER CERTIFICATE FEE

Council adopted the recommendation of staff to create a Combined Tax and Water Certificate fee of \$45 effective May 1, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN MAIN OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Council approved a budget amendment related to partial funding for the main administration office renovations, which will be undertaken in late April and early May.

APPOINTMENT OF WEED INSPECTORS & DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENT

Council appointed Steve McGean, Tray Benish and Jason Culp as Weed Inspectors and Jason Culp as Drainage Superintendent.

WEST LINCOLN SKATING CLUB – NIGHT AT THE MOVIES EVENT

Councillor Bell advised that he had recently attended the West Lincoln Skating Club event called “Night at the Movies” and stated that they put on a great event and thanked the organization, volunteers and children for a wonderful show.

STATE OF THE NIAGARA REGION ADDRESS

Mayor Joyner thanked the CAO and those Members of Council who recently attended the State of the Region address on Friday, March 24, 2017 and noted that a lot of good things are happening in the Niagara Region and that growth is inevitable.