
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE MARCH 30th, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING:

PRESENTATION TO INAUGURAL PARTICIPANTS

Mayor Douglas Joyner presented a gift to Father Obioma Anyanwu to thank him for his participation in the inaugural ceremony.

PRESENTATION REGARDING NIAGARA POVERTY REDUCTION NETWORK

Ms. Elisabeth Zimmerman from the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN) made a presentation and highlighted the work of NPRN and identified how we can work together to end poverty. A copy of the presentation will be posted with the Council minutes once they are finalized.

PRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE BUDGET:

Ms. Anne Fairfield, Mr. Michael Jankowski and Ms. Linda Rogers submitted their comments regarding a request for funding relating to their opposition to Industrial Wind Turbines and Mr. Dave Willis submitted his comments regarding the budget and proposed new arena complex.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Joyner thanked Catharine Vaughan, former CEO of the West Lincoln Public Library, for her many years of dedicated service to the municipality and noted that a very well attended social gathering/retirement tea was held on Saturday, March 28th, in celebration of her retirement.

Mayor Joyner also noted that Mr. Ken Durham was awarded the Niagara Agriculture Lifetime Achievement Award by the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture, at a gala on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Mayor Joyner made note of the following upcoming events/programs:

1. Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 10am at the West Lincoln Community Center/Arena
2. Public Works and Emergency Services Open House – Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. List of Fitness programs/classes as outlined in the recent West Lincoln flyer.

APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN TREBLE ON JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, NIAGARA REGION COURTS

Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building, was appointed as the Township of West Lincoln's representative on the Joint Board of Management, Niagara Region Courts from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET:

Council approved its 2015 operating and capital budgets. The Township of West Lincoln's tax levy will rise by 6.9% to support a net budget of \$7.4 million. On average, a homeowner with

a 2015 property assessment of \$303,103 will see the West Lincoln portion of their 2015 tax bill increase by approximately \$67.00 (\$5.58 per month).

The 2015 budget maintains prior year service levels. Highlights include a \$1.1 million investment in roads and bridges that will see improvements made to Young Street, Port Davidson Road and Caistor Centre Road. The development of the walking trail system will continue, with funds allocated for the North Creek Trail Project and \$804,000 will be invested to replace aging fire services apparatus and equipment for servicing our roads.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED

Council endorsed the “Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan” and directed staff to implement the “Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan.”

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Meeting Schedules for the months of July and August, 2015 were approved as follows:

- Monday, July 20, 2015
1. Public Meetings under the Planning Act – 6:30 p.m.
 2. Council – 7:00 p.m. (with Planning, Administration and Public Works items included on Agenda)

- Monday, Aug. 24, 2015
1. Public Meetings under the Planning Act–6:30 p.m.
 2. Council–7:00 p.m. (with Planning, Administration and Public Works items included on Agenda)

COUNCILLOR TERRY BELL APPOINTED TO JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY CMTY:

Councillor Terry Bell was appointed as the Council Member representative on the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC).