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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **COFFEE BREAK CAMPAIGN INCLUDING UPDATES REGARDING DEMENTIA & PRESENTATION OF COFFEE BREAK KIT**

Mr. Ted Barnes, Member of the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara, was in attendance and provided an update on the Alzheimer Society's upcoming Coffee Break Campaign, which raised more than \$70,000 last year. Mr. Barnes also provided an update regarding dementia in the Niagara Region. He noted that the Alzheimer Society of Niagara was a recognized leader in the field of dementia care that provides individuals with dementia and their care partners with full support to maximize their quality of life and well-being. Mr. Barnes encouraged the Township to host a Coffee Break event in support of the Alzheimer Society and presented a "Coffee Break" kit to Mayor Joyner.

#### **PRESENTATION – RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM EMPLOYEE, MS. CAROLYN LANGLEY, TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Mayor Joyner presented long term employee, Ms. Carolyn Langley, with a gift and certificate in recognition of her 30 years of dedicated service with the Township of West Lincoln, 15 years of which she served as the Clerk. Mayor Joyner as well as all Members of Council and Senior Staff spoke and wished Ms. Langley all the best in her retirement.

#### **REQUEST FOR 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF GEORGAKAKOS DRIVE & OAKDALE BOULEVARD**

Council authorized staff to obtain a traffic warrant to be undertaken in April 2019 for the intersection of Georgakakos Drive and Oakdale Boulevard and investigate the installation of safety items to increase visibility and ways to slow down traffic, including additional signage, flashing lights, speed bumps and chevrons and report back at a 2019 Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee and/or Council meeting.

#### **DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule for December 2018 was approved:

- (a) Monday, December 3, 2018 - Inaugural Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- (b) Monday, December 17, 2018 - Council Mtg(all Committees) - 7 p.m.  
Public Meetings under the Planning Act (if required) will commence at 6:30 p.m.

#### **CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHEDULE FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS & ARENA**

The following Christmas Break Schedule was approved:

- (a) The Main Administration Office will be closed between December 24th, 2018 to and including January 1st, 2019.
- (b) The Public Works Yard will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to and including January 1, 2019, with the exception of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- (c) The Arena will remain open, subject to program scheduling, from December 24th, 2018 to January 1st, 2019 inclusive, with the exception of December 25th, 2018.

**TOWNSHIP STREET NAMING POLICY – STREET NAME LIST**

Council approved a revised Township Street Naming Policy and list of street names which will replace any existing approved lists. The Heritage Committee was directed to revisit the list of street names on an annual basis.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT - P25 RADIOS**

In anticipation of the Fire Service's analog portable base and truck radios reaching end of life, with the parts and service for these radios becoming increasingly hard to find and fix, Council approved the purchase of a new digital P25 system, which is a state of the art 700 MHz radio communication system that will enhance radio coverage for emergency services within the Niagara Region.

**MURS UPDATE**

The CAO provided an update regarding the Multi-Use Recreation Site (MURS) and noted that the project was making satisfactory progress. The CAO advised that the outdoor play features including the new skate board park, playground, and splash pad were officially open to the public at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The CAO noted that the gazebo and pergola shade structures have been installed near the outdoor play features, along with joining concrete sidewalks. The CAO advised that the library construction was proceeding quite well with an expected opening date shortly after the Thanksgiving weekend. The CAO advised that work was progressing with the remainder of the building including the installation of the coloured glass panels on the front entrance and east wall of the wellness gymnasium, tile flooring in the library and hallway, pouring of the concrete apron around the exterior of the ice slab, construction of the elevator shaft walls. The CAO advised that through the month of September, work will continue on the arena pad with the placement of sub-slab sand cushioning, heating line plumbing and the refrigeration piping, with the arena concrete pad being scheduled to be poured on or around October 16<sup>th</sup>. The CAO stated that the capital campaign was continuing to show progress with approximately \$1.2 million dollars being made in pledges to date and approximately 111 seats and 4 benches being sold.