

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING MATTERS

Get involved with your input. The Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee will hold a Public Meeting in accordance with the Planning Act at an accessible facility where the matter(s) below will be considered. The meeting will take place:

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018

TIME: 6:30 PM

Council Chambers, Township Office, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville

About the Planning Application(s) (Location map on back):

File Number and Name: 1601-009-17 - Sheh Jor Gao

Application for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment was made by Sheh Jor Gao in June 2017 to rezone the property legally described as Part Lot 4 Part Lot 5 Concession 3, in the former Township of Gainsborough, now in the Township of West Lincoln, known municipally as **1374 Port Davidson Road**. The 20.9 hectare property is located on the west side of Port Davidson Road, north of Vaughan Road.

The rezoning is required to permit the property to be used as a Medical Marihuana Growing Facility. The applicant currently possesses four licenses from Health Canada to grow a total of 976 marihuana plants on the subject property.

The Zoning By-Law Amendment would rezone the property from Agricultural 'A' to Agricultural 'A' with exception to permit Medical Marihuana production. Medical Marihuana Facilities are permitted in the Agricultural area of the Township of West Lincoln provided that they obtain a site specific zoning and complete a site plan.

The requirements for a Medical Marihuana Growing Facility in the Township's Zoning Bylaw include 150 metres separation from all neighbouring lot lines and a 1.8 metre high security fence around the entire facility. The applicants have now proposed a reduced setback of 45 metres to permit the existing accessory structures to be used for the growing and production of Medical Marihuana in addition to the proposed greenhouses as previously discussed.

Two previous Public Meeting were held on July 24, 2017 and November 13, 2017. It became apparent that an additional public meeting was required. All comments received as part of the first two public meetings will be considered in the preparation of the final staff recommendation report.

A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT PLANNING JUSTIFICATION REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE.

The Planner to contact for this application:

Name: Gerrit Boerema, Planner II

Call: 905-957-3346 ext. 5133

How to provide comment

Any person may attend the meeting and/or provide written or verbal representation on the above proposal(s). We ask that any written comments be provided by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018** to the Township Clerk, Carolyn Langley so that they may be incorporated into the staff report, however, written comments may be made any time prior to the meeting **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**. Please be sure to clarify which file your comments apply to.

Important information about making a submission: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of West Lincoln to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Individuals who make written submissions with respect to a Planning Act application should be aware that their submission and any personal information in their correspondence will become part of the public record and made available to the Applicant, Committee and Council.

For more information: Planning documents and background material for any application is available for viewing during regular office hours at: **Planning Department**

318 Canborough Street, Smithville

Call: **905-957-3346**

E-mail: planning@westlincoln.ca

Website: www.westlincoln.ca

Copies of the Staff Report will be available on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 after 4 PM.

If you would like to be notified of Township Council's decision with respect to any planning application, you must make a written request (specifying which file number) to: **Carolyn Langley, Township of West Lincoln, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville, ON LOR 2A0**

Dated: January 11, 2018