
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE APRIL 25th, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Council approved a recommendation for the creation of the following new Committees:

1. Public Advisory Committee (PAC) for Industrial Wind Turbine Issues
2. Sustainable Economic Development Advisory Committee
3. Recreation, Leisure and Library Development Advisory Committee
4. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
5. Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Development of Terms of Reference for a Canada Day 150 Celebrations Committee will be assigned to the West Lincoln Heritage Committee.

Not all committees require public involvement. Recruitment has begun for residents of West Lincoln who would be interested in being appointed to the following Committees:

1. Public Advisory Committee – Industrial Wind Turbine Projects
2. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (12 to 18 years of age)
3. Active Transportation Advisory Committee

TAX RATE BY-LAW FOR 2016

By-law 2016-32 was approved which adopted the estimates for the year and set the rates of taxation for the year 2016.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITH TOWN OF LINCOLN

The Township has entered into an agreement with the Town of Lincoln for Enhanced Automatic Aid for the purpose of providing automatic aid and reciprocal assistance fire protection services.

COUNCIL REMUNERATION BY-LAW REVIEW AND UPDATE

A By-law was adopted to provide for paying remuneration and expense allowances to Members of Council for this term of Council. The new By-law authorized that one-third of the remuneration paid to Members of Council is deemed as expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties as Members of Council and provides for group benefits.

TOWN CRIER

The Township has lost a key figure which has left a void in our community with the passing of Mr. Jim Green. He will be remembered for his humorous and spontaneous disposition and commitment and dedication to the community. The Township feels it is important to carry on his legacy and the traditions that he has established over the last 30 years as Town Crier, and therefore the Township is seeking applications for a Town Crier. An advertisement will be placed in the newsletter and local paper soliciting for submissions.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

George Lane Landscaping has been retained to undertake cemetery maintenance services under a five year contract.

EXISTING ARENA BUILDING REPAIRS

The newly created Recreation, Leisure and Library Development Advisory Committee is to prepare an implementation plan to identify and address all recreation needs, that includes, but is not limited, to all finances, and conceptual plans and renderings to be provided to Council by September 2016. Temporary repairs to the existing arena building have been put on hold and the CAO has been authorized to incur expenditures in excess of \$75,000.00, to an upset limit of \$1,500,000.00, in the event of emergency repairs or other costs deemed necessary to keep the building sufficiently operational until the full rehabilitation or replacement of the building is complete.

WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS RATE STUDY AND FINANCIAL PLAN

Council accepted the Water & Wastewater Systems Rate Study and Financial Plan No. 077-301, which was prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc. and approved the Water & Wastewater Systems Rate Structure and Rates and 10-year financial plan, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act Regulation.

ROAD REHABILITATION TENDER

Council accepted the tender submission by Norjohn Contracting and Paving Limited for the road rehabilitation of specific road segments in West Lincoln.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS' LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Mayor Joyner congratulated CAO Chris Carter for receipt of the Long Service Recognition Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators for his 15 years of service in a management capacity.

BY-ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY FOR WARD 3 COUNCILLOR POSITION

Council has voted to fill the vacancy created as a result of the resignation of Councillor Micallef, by holding a by-election. Further information will be forthcoming.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW

A proposed DRAFT Site Alteration By-law will be presented at the May 9th Planning/ Building/Environmental Committee meeting.

HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES OPEN HOUSE

Councillor Bell advised that the Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) representatives held an Open House on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the Council Chambers. Councillor Bell advised that HHS's Representatives outlined their 20 year plan and noted that they hoped to see a shovel in the ground for the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in approx. 7 to 8 years.

SOUTH WESTERN INTEGRATED FIBRE TECHNOLOGY (SWIFT) INITIATIVE - OPEN HOUSE AT CAISTORVILLE LIBRARY

Councillor Trombetta advised that he had attended the South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Open House at the Caistorville Library on April 21, 2016 which is an initiative to bring high speed internet to the rural areas. Councillor Trombetta advised that they are still waiting for funding.