
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE AUGUST 22nd, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

1. RCMP Musical Ride Event

Mayor Joyner advised that the RCMP Musical Ride event was a great success and the West Niagara Agricultural Society did an excellent job hosting the event which was held at the fairgrounds on August 18, 2016.

2. R2R – Ruck to Remember Event – Royal Canadian Legion

Mayor Joyner advised that he received a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion advising of the upcoming Ruck March on Thursday, August 25th followed by a BarBQ and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Joyner advised that this was a very worthwhile cause and invited all to attend and noted that donations were welcome.

3. 2017 Budget Process and Schedule

The Preliminary Draft 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets and Ten Year Capital Plans will be presented to Council at a Special Council meeting scheduled on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm. A Public Budget Open House will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016 at 7:00 pm; and, a Special Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 6:30 pm to review the draft 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets. An additional date is set for further deliberation, if required, for Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Preliminary Draft 2017 Departmental Operating Budgets are not to exceed a 3% increase over the approved 2016 Departmental Operating Budgets.

4. Streetscape Tender for Downtown Smithville

The CAO (Chris Carter) and Director of Planning & Building (Brian Treble) provided a brief update to Members of Council regarding the Streetscape Project for Downtown Smithville and noted that they hoped to initiate the project within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

5. Audio-video taping of Council and Standing Committee Meetings

The Township's Procedural By-law # 2013-58 was amended to provide for audio/video taping of Council and Standing Committee meetings. The Township will endeavor to post the audio/video recording of the open session portion of Council and Standing Committee meetings on the web-site within two business days. For more information, please go to our web-site at www.westlincoln.ca

6. Tender Approvals

Council approved the following tenders:

- (a) 2016 Guide Rail Tender Authorization
- (b) Bridge # 12 Tender Authorization
- (c) 2016 Motor Grader Tender
- (d) 2017 Tandem Truck Tender
- (e) Sidewalk Tractor and Attachments Tender Authorization

7. Employee Professional Accomplishments

The CAO recognized and congratulated Scott Beamish for completing Part Two – Workplace - Specific Hazard Training, for Joint Health and Safety Committees in the Province of Ontario.

8. West Niagara Fair

Council designated the 2016 West Niagara Fair as a Community Festival, which will be held from September 9th to and including September 11th, 2016, at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre, 7402 Mud Street, Grassie.

9. Council Chamber Renovations

CAO Chris Carter thanked staff for their hard work in getting the Council Chamber renovations completed and noted that it was a very good example of how the municipality was moving forward and giving the public better service. The renovations provide audio/video taping of Council and Standing Committee meetings which will provide better access for our residents.

10. Ontario Energy Board Approval of Transmission Line By-pass

The Director of Planning & Building advised that on August 17th, the Ontario Energy Board had approved the by-pass, re-routing the transmission lines around Smithville.