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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **PRESENTATION TO RECIPIENTS OF GREETING CARD CONTEST WINNERS**

Mayor Joyner congratulated the following students from John Calvin School and Covenant Christian School whose pictures were chosen from the many submissions from students (grades one to eight) and were declared the winners of the greeting card contest:

**Covenant Christian School:**

Lincoln VanderWier  
Caitlin VanderMolen  
Alyssa VanderWier

**John Calvin School:**

Emily Schulenberg  
Isle Ravensbergen  
Dylan Bos

#### **PRESENTATION - FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT + YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION**

The Fire Chief (Dennis Fisher) presented the following pins in recognition of years of service on the West Lincoln Fire Department and presented Bob Denison a gift in honour of his recent retirement from the Department following 26 years of service:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Years of Service:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Years of Service:</b>
John Cookson	10 yrs	Rick Tansley	10 yrs
Kevin McIntyre	15 yrs	Tim Hofsink	20 yrs
Bob Denison	25 yrs	Eric Weaver	25 yrs
Jim Hiscott	45 yrs		

#### **GRAND OPENING OF TWO NEW BUSINESSES IN WEST LINCOLN:**

Mayor Douglas Joyner advised of the grand opening of two new businesses in the Township of West Lincoln, being Bong Nails and Spa and the Family Dollar and Discount Store; welcomed them to the community and wished them well.

#### **UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING STANPAC**

Mayor Joyner advised that an announcement will be made relating to Stanpac at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and noted there was a tour at their facility at 10:00 a.m. before the announcement.

#### **WORKPLACE HARASSMENT PROGRAM PROCEDURE POLICY**

Council approved the Workplace Harassment Program Procedure Policy – Bill 132 Update for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.

#### **GARDEN SUITE POLICY**

Council approved a new policy for Garden Suites which increased the time period for permission to have a garden (granny) suite from 10 to 20 years. This is to ensure that garden suites are implemented appropriately and in accordance with the Township's Official Plan Policies and Site Plan Control By-law.

#### **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

The Township of West Lincoln became a member of the Multi-Municipal Working Group (membership cost of approximately \$500.00 to \$700.00/year). The Public will now be able to view each wind turbine project and where complaints can be lodged, including contact information for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

**CANCELLATION & RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY 9, 2017 PLANNING COMMITTEE MTG**

The January 9, 2017 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee Meeting was cancelled and has been re-scheduled to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in order to deal specifically with the Streamside Development issue.

**ROTATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Council approved the rotation of committee chairs as follows:

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| (a) | Planning/Building/Environmental Committee | Chair – Joann Chechalk<br>Vice Chair – Cheryl Ganann |
| (b) | Administration/Finance/Fire Committee     | Chair – Terry Bell<br>Vice Chair – Mike Rehner       |
| (c) | Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee   | Chair – Jason Trombetta<br>Vice Chair – Dave Bylsma  |

**EXTENSION OF TERM ON BOARD OF NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.**

Council nominated Councillor Joann Chechalk for appointment to the Board of Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. for an additional one year term from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018.

**DRAFT NEW ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

Council authorized staff to hold a public meeting at the February 2017, Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting to consider the final “Draft” Zoning By-law, along with two minor changes to the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan.

**WARD BOUNDARY BY-LAW**

After approving Option 1 on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as contained in the 2016 Ward Boundary Review Report from Dr. Williams, the by-law to implement Option 1 was submitted to Council and approved on December 12, 2016. The purpose of this by-law (#2016-123) is to re-divide the existing wards in the Township of West Lincoln to address growth and provide for more equitable and balanced voter representation. A notice will appear in the local newspaper and on the Township website, providing information regarding the by-law and how it can be appealed.

**2017 OPERATION AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED ON DECEMBER 5, 2016**

Council approved a 2017 operating budget totaling \$8,184,700 on December 5, 2016. This budget requires a tax levy of \$5,896,000 which results in a tax increase of 3.5% or \$38.00 to an average residential property in West Lincoln. Included in this 2017 operating budget is the first year allocation of \$283,500 towards the new MURS (Multi-Use Recreational Site) project.

Within the operating budget are three service level changes which are as follows:

- An expanded Canada Day Event to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- The hiring of an additional crossing guard to ensure student safety
- The hiring of a part-time recreational assistant to expand the Township's daytime recreational programming

The operating budget also includes transfers to reserves totaling \$1,290,000 which will be used to finance future capital needs. Council approved a Reserve and Reserve Fund policy earlier in 2016 which established consistent principles, standards and guidelines for the maintenance, management and accounting of Reserves and Reserve Funds. 2017 West Lincoln taxes will be approximately \$1,125 for an average residential home. Council also approved a Capital Budget of \$15,082,800 which includes some of the following significant items:

- \$12.2 million - estimated 2017 expenditure on MURS
- \$400,000 for new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Firefighters
- \$350,500 for Sidewalk and Streetscaping on a portion of Station Street
- \$291,000 on Surface Treatment of Roads
- \$788,200 for Boyle Road Bridge repairs