

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Mayor Joyner congratulated the following students from Gainsborough Elementary School whose pictures were chosen from those submissions received from local area school students (grades one to eight) and were declared the winners of the greeting card contest:

Gainsborough Elementary School:

- Hanna Moffat, grade 4
- Lauren Moore, grade 4
- Keira Smith, grade 4

Mayor Joyner presented each of the above noted grade 4 students with a certificate of recognition, a Township pin, a copy of the Mayor's 2017 Christmas Card depicting each of the winners pictures as well as a laminated poster of each of the student's greeting card submission, and thanked the Principal, Mr. Scott Anderson.

#### **PROPOSED INCREASE IN COMPOSITION OF REGIONAL COUNCIL BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER FOR WEST LINCOLN - Request for Consent Resolution**

Mayor Joyner advised that to add an additional Regional Councillor from West Lincoln, a public meeting was held on December 7th, 2017. Subsequently, on that same evening, Regional Council considered a report and by-law, which were approved by a vote of 17 to 10 (3 Regional Councillors were absent and Chair does not vote); however, he noted that the by-law was not valid until triple majority status is achieved, being as follows:

- (1) Majority of Regional Council votes in favour of the by-law;
- (2) Majority of Area Municipalities pass a resolution consenting to the by-law (i.e. at least seven), and
- (3) Total number of electors in Area Municipalities that passed resolutions consenting to the by-law, form a majority of electors in Niagara Region.

Mayor Joyner advised that the triple majority must be determined and achieved by December 31, 2017 in order for the by-law to come into force and effect for the 2018 Municipal Election.

#### **REQUESTS FOR NEW SMITHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL (Formerly South Lincoln High)**

The Acting CAO/Clerk advised that the correspondence from College Street Public School Principal and Parent Council Chair was received last week and staff felt it was important for Council to be aware of the requests prior to the 2018 budget deliberations. It was noted some of the requests are Regional related and will be forwarded to the Region accordingly. The requests included: (1) Installation of new sidewalks along the north side of Colver Street from Wade Road to Canborough Street for use by September 2018, (2) the establishment of a school zone along both Canborough Street and Colver Street with reduce speed and lighting; (3) the relocation of the pedestrian lights at College Street & St. Catharines Street to Canborough Street & Colver Street or the installation of new Crossing Lights at the intersection of Canborough Street and Colver Street.

#### **SEASON'S GREETING & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Mayor Joyner and all Members of Council individually wished all Members of Council, staff and residents of West Lincoln the very best during the holiday season and a Happy New Year.