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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **WELLANDPORT LIBRARY PROJECT – APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS**

Council accepted and approved the drawings for the Improvement of Wellandport Library/Community Centre submitted by Grace Wang of Invizij Architects Inc. Stay tuned for progress reports on the project!

#### **APPOINTMENT OF STAFF REPRESENTATION FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSIT WORKING GROUP**

Council appointed Brent Julian, Director of Public Works & Engineering, (or his designate), to the Niagara Region Inter-Municipal Transit Working Group.

#### **EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT TO PENINSULA WEST POWER INC. BOARD**

Council approved a one year extension of Councillor Mike Reihner's appointment to the Board of Peninsula West Power Inc. from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

#### **NIAGARA REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST FOR SECOND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR**

Regional Council approved the request to initiate the process for a change in the composition of Regional Council to provide for representation for one additional representative from the Township of West Lincoln and that the change in the size of Regional Council be in place for future elections.

#### **COUNCIL APPROVES ROAD AND BRIDGE RESTORATION PLAN**

Council approved road restoration works at a cost of \$5,274,702 and additional funding was allocated for bridge restoration works to Bridge #29 on South Chippawa Road at cost of \$585,000 for the rehabilitation of the bridge deck and railing system to be funded from the wind energy road restoration funding.

Council subsequently approved the reallocation of \$897,000 from Ward 2 in the 2018 Capital Budget for road projects which will be completed using the wind energy road restoration funding. The \$897,000 that was allocated in the 2018 Capital Budget for Ward 2 road projects will be reallocated for road repair/construction projects in Ward 1 with specifics to be addressed at a later date.

#### **LOAD LIMIT REDUCED – NORTH CHIPPAWA ROAD BRIDGE**

North Chippawa Road Bridge (Bridge 34) has been under monthly monitoring for changing bridge conditions since February 2014. As a result of these monthly inspections, the engineers have recommended a further load rating reduction. Council approved the reduction.