
COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE JUNE 27th, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

17th ANNUAL POULTRYFEST FESTIVAL

The 17th annual PoultryFest Event was held at the new West Niagara Agricultural Fair location and was a great success with lots of events, including a concert and fireworks in the evening. Council Members commended the Committee, staff and all the volunteers for a job well done. Mayor Joyner and Councillor Bell participated in the dunk tank event which raised funds for the West Lincoln Youth/Girls Soccer Club.

ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 150th ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Joyner advised that the 150th Anniversary for St. Martin's Church was held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 and was well attended by parishioners and present and past Clergy, as well as Bishop Bergie. The picnic event also included a celebration of the newly installed elevator which was a great new accessibility feature for the church.

PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING GO TRAIN SERVICE TO NIAGARA

Mayor Joyner advised of the Province's upcoming announcement relating to Go Train Service to Niagara being held in St. Catharines on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

PROVINCIAL CHANGES TO THE GREEN BELT PLAN AND PLACES TO GROW GROWTH PLAN

The Province is making changes to various growth and greenbelt guidelines and has asked for public comment by the end of September 2016. Over the summer, Township staff and Committee will be preparing a Township response to the proposed changes.

WEST LINCOLN MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND NORTHWEST QUADRANT SECONDARY PLAN

The Township is preparing the northwest quadrant lands in Smithville, for the appropriate types of uses that should be permitted within this area. The Consultants undertaking this project will hold a public meeting on July 18th to seek further public input, with the goal of having a design for development for consideration by Council in the fall of 2016.

PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Director of Planning and Building has been authorized to purchase a vehicle for the Building Department.

MOTION ADOPTED RELATING TO RENEWAL ENERGY CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities, and

WHEREAS, three of the five contracts announced on March 10 did not have municipal support for the project; and,

WHEREAS, there is no differentiation in the Green Energy Act to allow for larger setbacks based on the size of the Turbines being allowed for each installation, and WHEREAS, there has been great disregard for the Township of West Lincoln's Natural Heritage System and the Tree Inventory during the installation of the Transmission system of the current project

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of West Lincoln requests:

- That the Municipal Support Resolution become a mandatory requirement in the IESO process;
- That the rules be amended to require that the resolution related to this support must be considered in an open Council meeting held after the community meeting organized by the proponent;
- That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered; and,

THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Leaders of the Official Oppositions; Ministers of the Ministry of the Environment, Infrastructure and Energy, Rural Affairs and Agriculture and Food, Municipal Affairs; Region of Niagara; Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.; local MP and MPP; the Renewable Energy Approval applicants in West Lincoln and to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario requesting their support.

DONATION OF YELLOW FIRE TRUCK TO WEST NIAGARA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Council approved donation of the old yellow fire/water truck to the West Niagara Agricultural Society.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADE PROJECT

Council approved an amendment to budget to fund overages relating to the Council Chambers audio/visual upgrade project.

CSO FUNDING APPROVAL – STATION STREET SANITARY REHABILITATION

An application for additional funding through Niagara Region's 2016 CSO Reduction Program was approved for 30% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$79,800 for the 2016 Station Street sanitary rehabilitation project, reducing the Township's cost to \$186,200. The works were recommended for rehabilitation as a result of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Flow Monitoring Study completed in 2014.

APPROVAL OF NEW SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW

Council approved a new Site Alteration By-law, with minor amendments to clarify the fee schedule.

RESERVE AND RESERVE FUND POLICY

Council adopted a Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.

TRAVEL AND CORPORATE EXPENSE POLICY

Council adopted a Travel and Corporate Expense Policy for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.

VEHICLE USE AND DRIVER LICENCE REQUIREMENTS POLICY

Council adopted a Vehicle Use and Driver Licence Requirements Policy for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.