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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **RESIGNATION OF CAO CHRIS CARTER**

Council accepted the resignation from CAO Chris Carter with regret. Clerk Carolyn Langley will be Acting CAO until a replacement is found.

#### **TOWNSHIP DECIDES AGAINST FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A JUDICIAL REVIEW RELATING TO THE DECISION TO CLOSE SOUTH LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

The Township Solicitor was directed to refrain from filing an application for a judicial review with the Superior Court of Justice with respect to the District School Board of Niagara's decision to close South Lincoln High School. Council voted to put forward a motion to rescind the original motion regarding this matter due to legal advice received from the Township Solicitor. A public information session will be scheduled to allow the opportunity for the public to learn of the reasons why Council made this decision. The Township Solicitor, Mr. Tom Richardson, will be in attendance at the public information session. The date for the Public Information Session has been set for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **PROVISION OF SUBSIDIES BY REGION OF NIAGARA FOR QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS AT TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN CAMP PROGRAMS**

Council authorized an Agreement with the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the provision of subsidies for qualified participants at Township of West Lincoln camp programs. For more information, please contact Township of West Lincoln Recreation Services.

#### **REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

West Lincoln Council consented to the passage of Regional By-law No. 2017-21, which is a by-law that will provide the Niagara Region with the non-exclusive authority to establish, operate and maintain an inter-municipal passenger transportation system for the Niagara Region. This approval is subject to approval by other Niagara Region Municipalities in accordance with Municipal Act requirements. Notification will be provided by the Niagara Region if the required approvals are received and the by-law is adopted.

#### **WELLANDPORT LIBRARY AND HALL RENOVATION PROJECT**

Council confirmed the funding sources for the Wellandport Library and Hall renovation project and Project Manager Hank Huitema of Kalos Engineering Inc. was authorized to assemble, sole source and hire a team of consultants to complete the design and construction review. Following completion of the design and construction review will be the tender process. Stay tuned!

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR - CHERYL GANANN**

Councillor Cheryl Ganann was appointed Acting Mayor for the period from June 1, 2017 to and including November 30, 2017.

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2016 REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE RESERVE**

Council received an information report from the Treasurer regarding the Development Charge Reserve - Annual Statement for 2016. The report (RFD-T-10-17) and related attachments are posted on the Township website and are available at the following link

[www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca).

**2017 TAX RATE BY-LAW**

The 2017 Tax Rate By-law was presented and approved by Council which adopts the estimates and sets the rates of taxation for the year 2017.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF HIRING COMMITTEE FOR THE POSITION OF CAO**

The Hiring Committee for the position of CAO has been established and will be comprised of Mayor Douglas Joyner, the Chair of the Administration/Finance/Fire Committee (Councillor Bell) and the Clerk/Acting CAO (Carolyn Langley), as well as a representative from the Niagara Region Human Resources Department.