

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO INCREASE COMPOSITION OF REGIONAL COUNCIL - ADDITIONAL MEMBER FOR WEST LINCOLN**

Mayor Joyner advised Members of Council of the upcoming public meeting to be held on December 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Niagara Region to consider a By-law for the increase in composition of Regional Council by adding a Regional Councillor for the Township of West Lincoln. A decision would be sent to the local area municipalities on December 8, 2017 for consideration to pass a resolution consenting to the By-law. This process has to be completed by December 31, 2017 in order for an additional member for West Lincoln to be included on the 2018 ballot.

#### **FIRE SERVICE PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Joyner and Fire Chief Dennis Fisher presented Lieutenant Eric Weaver with a certificate and token of appreciation in recognition of his retirement and dedication to the fire service for 27.5 years with Station 1 and presented Firefighter Lloyd Crooks with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his retirement and for his 11 years of service with Station 2. The following firefighters were also recognized: Lieutenant Ed Braden and Firefighter Dale Killins of Station 2 were presented with the 20 year Federal Exemplary Medal and a certificate of appreciation; Lieutenant John Cole and Firefighter Chris Nokes were presented with their 15 Year Pin; Firefighter Adam Vandenberg from Station 2 was presented with his 10 Year Pin (Lieutenant Wayne Bos was not able to attend); Firefighters Colten Brockwell and Derrick Gallant were presented with their 5 Year Pin (Firefighter Dan Wikkerink was unable to attend). Congratulations to all!

#### **CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE - PARADE**

Mayor Joyner thanked all of the residents that attended this year's Christmas in the Village Santa Claus Parade, as well as Members of Staff and Council who participated and most importantly he thanked the volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and dedication over the last year for putting on a fabulous parade.

#### **GRAND OPENING OF NEW PHARMACY/WALK-IN CLINIC**

Mayor Joyner attended the Grand Opening of the new Pharmacy on November 25, 2017 along with Councillor Ganann and Councillor Bell. The Mayor noted that this would be West Lincoln's first walk-in clinic and he wished the owners great success.

#### ***BILL 148: FAIR WORKPLACES, BETTER JOBS ACT, 2017***

The Fire Chief provided an update with respect to the financial impact of Bill 148 regarding the minimum 3 hour on-call provision. Through consultation, the Fire Chief advised that the minimum 3 hour on-call provision would not apply to the Township's Volunteer Firefighters. The Acting CAO/Clerk advised that there may be other areas of the Township that will be financially impacted by Bill 148 and that staff would be undertaking a review of the legislation and the potential impacts and will report back at a later date.

#### **COMPUTER AIDED FIRE DISPATCH AGREEMENT**

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign a By-law to renew the agreement with the City of St. Catharines for Computer Aided Dispatch Services for another five years.

**2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - OCTOBER 22, 2018**

In 2016, revisions were made to the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) which will significantly change the conduct of Municipal Elections in Ontario. Some of the major changes for the 2018 Municipal Election are: election of a Regional Chair at large, shortened Nomination period (May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>), new nomination requirements, and the Third Party Advertising Framework. Staff will continue to keep the public informed with respect to the upcoming 2018 Municipal Election including changes to the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) that may impact persons considering submission of a nomination. For additional information, please see the Municipal Election trending button at [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca).

**LIVESTOCK VALUATION**

Council approved a motion to be circulated requesting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs immediately commence sending out inspectors to adjudicate all incidence of livestock loss OR rely on Municipally appointed Livestock Evaluators for the accurate accounting of livestock loss and use their reports to support the payment.

**CANADA DAY 2018 EVENT**

Council pre-approved the budget for the 2018 Canada Day Event in the amount of \$30,000 in order for staff to secure entertainment and event services. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.