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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **FROM THE FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING:**

#### **PRESENTATION AND RETIREMENT OF TOWN CRIER JIM GREEN**

Mayor Douglas Joyner presented a certificate of appreciation and gift to Town Crier Jim Green to thank him for his participation in the Inaugural ceremony and for his 31 years of dedicated service (1984-2015) in representing the Township as our Town Crier. Jim Green announced his retirement on this date.

#### **PETITION SUBMITTED REQUESTING A SPEED REDUCTION ON SILVER STREET (REG. RD. 65) AT ABINGDON**

Melissa Jefferson submitted a petition requesting a speed reduction on Silver Street (Regional Road 65) from 80 kilometers to 60 kilometers and a solid double line indicating a no passing zone in the boundaries of Abingdon. Council supported the petition and directed that it be forwarded to the Region of Niagara for consideration as it is a Regional Road.

#### **2014 ROAD NEEDS STUDY AND EXECUTION PLAN:**

Council adopted the following recommendation relating to the 2014 Road Needs Study and Execution Plan:

The 2014 Road Needs Study and Execution Plan, dated February 17, 2015 was received and was referred to staff to use as a tool and guideline during the preparation of all future budgets.

#### **RETIREMENT OF CHIEF LIBRARIAN CATHARINE VAUGHAN**

Mayor Joyner read an email from the Chair of the West Lincoln Public Library which advised of the retirement of Mrs. Catharine Vaughan, CEO of the West Lincoln Public Library, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A celebration of her retirement will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the library.

#### **FAMILY DAY FESTIVITIES**

Mayor Joyner advised that the Family Day festivities were a great success and thanked all those who participated.

#### **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH CREEK TRAIL**

Township Staff, be authorized to apply for funding from the WaterSmart funding for the amount of \$50,000.00 for the construction of the North Creek Trail and that the \$50,000 be allocated and approved for inclusion in the 2015 budget for construction of the North Creek Trail. This recommendation was approved by Township Council.

#### **NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION DUE TO PAN AM AND PARAPAN AM GAMES**

A request from the Ministry of Transportation for an exemption to Noise By-law 2013-50 was provided as follows:

Truck deliveries, to business and industry in the Township between June 26 and August 15, 2015 are exempted from the provisions of the Noise By-law (By-law 2013-50) due to the Pan Am Games and the Parapan Am Games, with the exception of any proponent operating in accordance with an existing Road Use Agreement.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP GRANT ALLOCATIONS APPROVED**

The Corporate Sponsorships and the Cemetery and Hall Boards grants for 2015 were approved as recommended in Report RFD-T-01-15.

**WLGWAG AND MAWT SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

The request from West Lincoln Glanbrook Wind Action Group Inc (WLGWAG) and Mothers against Wind Turbines Inc. (MAWT Inc.) for additional funding to be added to the 2015 Budget was referred for consideration during the 2015 Budget deliberations.

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The following reports were received for information:

1. The Township of West Lincoln 2014 DWQMS Management Review Summary
2. Township of West Lincoln 2014 Water Quality Annual Summary Report
3. Township of West Lincoln 2014 Water Quality Report
4. 2014 MOE Annual Inspection Report

**RESCHEDULED ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Administration Committee meetings to review the draft 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets, originally scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30pm with an additional date scheduled for further deliberation, if required, for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, were cancelled and rescheduled to March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., if needed; and,

The March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Council Meeting (which includes pertinent Public Works Committee items) was cancelled and rescheduled to Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; and,

A Budget Open House was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.