

Township of West Lincoln decides against Judicial Review

WEST LINCOLN, May 25, 2017 – At the April 24, 2017 Council meeting, a motion was adopted which provided that the Minister of Education and the District School Board of Niagara be advised that the Township of West Lincoln will file 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.

At the May 23rd, 2017 Council meeting, Township Solicitor Tom Richardson provided his legal opinion with respect to filling an application for a Judicial Review. In summary, Mr. Richardson advised that it is not the role of the Court to second guess the financial and political decisions of the elected School Board Officials acting within their legal jurisdictions and the Courts will only intervene where they feel that there has not been adequate public consultation as required by law or where the decision has been taken through a process is perceived to be procedurally unfair.

Accordingly, following careful consideration of the Township Solicitor's opinion, Township Council has reconsidered their decision and will not be filing an application for a Judicial Review.

There will be a Public Information Session held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Township of West Lincoln. The Township Solicitor will be in attendance and the public is invited to attend to hear why the Township will not be proceeding with the request for a Judicial Review.

Meeting location is wheelchair accessible (& AODA compliant).

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