



MEDIA RELEASE

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West Lincoln to Elect Additional Regional Councillor in the 2018 Municipal Election

West Lincoln is very excited that its request to increase the composition of Niagara Regional Council to add an additional Regional Councillor for the Township of West Lincoln for the 2018 Municipal Election has been approved through the "triple majority" approval process.

For the first time West Lincoln Electors will be able to vote for a Regional Councillor in the 2018 Municipal Election. The Mayor, by virtue of the position, automatically serves on Regional Council.

This change to Regional Council will ensure West Lincoln's growing population has fair and effective representation at the Region, which currently has a population of 14,500 and is projected to double by 2041.

There will be lots of changes to the 2018 Municipal Election, not only will West Lincoln electors be voting for a Regional Councillor, also for the first time, the Regional Chair will be elected directly by voters across Niagara Region. Until now, the Chair has been selected by members of Regional Council.

Quote:

"West Lincoln is very excited that its request to increase the composition of Niagara Regional Council to add an additional Regional Councillor for the Township of West Lincoln has been approved. I want to make it very clear that this process that West Lincoln Council embarked on, alongside our local area municipal partners, was not just about more governance, but rather increasing the level of service for a municipality experiencing tremendous growth starting in 2017. I would like to thank Niagara Regional Councillors as well as the local area municipalities for their support in bringing this issue forward to their prospective Councils in an expeditious manner so this change can take effect for the 2018 Municipal Election."

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