
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING MATTERS

Get involved with your input. The Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee will hold a Public Meeting in accordance with the Planning Act at an accessible facility where the matter(s) below will be considered. The meeting will take place:

DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

TIME: 6:30PM

Council Chambers, Township Office, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville

About the Planning Application(s):

File Number and Name: Township of West Lincoln Sustainability Policies (1701-008-10 (#32))

An amendment to the Township Official Plan is required to implement the draft policy found in the Sustainability report (PD-080-14) that was received by Township Council on July 21, 2014. The draft policies are general at this time and look at how to achieve a sustainable community that is all-encompassing and ultimately incorporates all aspects of a healthy community such as environmental management, employment, waste disposal, servicing, transportation, taxes, community services, social services, etc. This type of policy and/or action plan had originally been a requirement of Gas Tax funding. Staff understand that an Official Plan policy will satisfy the Gas Tax requirements. The proposed Draft Official Plan Amendment provides very general details regarding Sustainability Policies for the Township of West Lincoln. A public meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for Council and the public to comment on these policies. Both report PD-080-14 and the Draft OPA are available on the Township's website.

The Planner to contact for this application:

Name: Tara Lynn O'Toole, Planner II

Call: 905-957-3346 ex. 5140

How to provide comment

Any person may attend the meeting and/or provide written or verbal representation on the above proposal(s). We ask that any written comments be provided by **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014** to the Township Clerk, Carolyn Langley so that they may be incorporated into the staff report, however, written comments may be made any time prior to the meeting **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**. Please be sure to clarify which file your comments apply to.

Important information about making a submission

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of West Lincoln to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information

Planning documents and background material for any application is available for viewing during regular office hours at:

Planning Department

318 Canborough Street, Smithville

Call: **905-957-3346**

E-mail: planning@westlincoln.ca

Website: www.westlincoln.ca

Copies of the Staff Report will be available on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 after 4 PM.

If you would like to be notified of Township Council's decision with respect to any planning application, you must make a written request (specifying the file number) to:

Carolyn Langley

Township of West Lincoln, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

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PART 1 - THE PREAMBLE

1.1 TITLE

This Amendment when adopted by Council shall be known as Amendment Number 32 to the Official Plan of the Township of West Lincoln.

1.2 COMPONENTS

This Amendment consists of the explanatory text. The preamble does not constitute part of the actual amendment, but is included as background information.

1.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Amendment is to amend Section 17 by replacing the entire section with the new text which forms part of this Official Plan Amendment and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

1.4 LOCATION

The textual amendment will apply to the entire Township.

1.5 BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

The idea of incorporating sustainability into land use planning is not a new concept. The term Sustainable Development became popular because of the 1987 Brundtland Commission report "Our Common Future," and stresses development that is environmentally and economically sound so that it can meet the needs of the current population without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Since then, Sustainability has become more and more prevalent in policy documents.

The Township of West Lincoln recognizes the importance of Sustainability Planning and its relation to other realms of planning. The policies of this section aim to ensure that all development within the Township is conducted in a sustainable manner.

PART 2 - THE AMENDMENT

2.1 PREAMBLE

All of this part of the document entitled PART 2 - THE AMENDMENT, consisting of explanatory text, constitute Amendment No. 32 to the Official Plan of the Township of West Lincoln.

2.2 DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

2.2.1 That this become the new Section 17 and remaining sections be re-numbered accordingly:

17 Sustainability

17.1 Definition of Sustainability for West Lincoln

The Township of West Lincoln considers sustainability to mean development or activities that have minimal negative impacts on the natural environment, economy, or social well-being of current and future residents of West Lincoln.

17.2 Four Pillars of Sustainability

In the Township of West Lincoln, the four pillars of sustainability are cultural vitality, economic health, environmental responsibility, and social equity. To achieve, community sustainability, it is important that equal attention is paid to each of the four pillars. The four pillar model of sustainable development recognizes that a community's vitality and quality of life is closely related to the vitality and quality of all four pillars. Therefore, each of the four pillars should be considered when making decisions.



17.3 Objective

- a) To ensure the long term sustainability of the Township;
- b) To promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment;
- c) To increase the efficiency of the use of existing municipal infrastructure;
- d) To increase the supply of affordable housing;
- e) To increase economic development opportunities;
- f) To increase the amount of parkland within the Township;
- g) To reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on watercourses within the Township;
- h) To ensure the development of the Urban Area of Smithville as a complete community;
- i) To promote recycling programs within the Township;

- j) To encourage the use of renewable sources of energy;
- k) To promote and encourage alternative forms of transportation such as bicycling and walking;
- l) To promote trails and corridors and linkages across the Township; and
- m) To promote and encourage the recognition of heritage features in the Township.

17.4 Policies for Sustainability

- a) The policies of this section are intended to be interim policies relating to sustainability. The Township is committed to developing a comprehensive policy set in the future that will detail the Township's overall goals towards sustainability and provide a clear and comprehensive strategy to make West Lincoln a sustainable community.
- b) The Township of West Lincoln will develop Design Guidelines for urban and rural areas that will contain detailed requirements to achieve sustainability.
- c) All new commercial, institutional and industrial development will be encouraged to incorporate sustainable design features into their site layout and building design.
- d) All new municipal facilities and renovation of existing facilities will incorporate sustainable design features.
- e) The Township shall support initiatives from other levels of Government that further the advancement of sustainability.

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Official Plan Amendment Number 32 was adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln by By-law No. 2014-__ in accordance with the provisions of Sections 17(22) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, and amendments made thereto, on DATE, 2014.

Carolyn Langley, Clerk

Mayor Douglas Joyner

I, Carolyn Langley, the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln, hereby certify that the requirements for the giving of Notice, and the holding of at least one Public Meeting as set out in Section 17(22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 have been complied with for Official Plan Amendment Number 32.

Carolyn Langley, Clerk

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