
Township of West Lincoln

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Township of West Lincoln finalizes negotiations for Road Use Agreement with Niagara Region Wind Corporation.

West Lincoln, Ont. – September, 2014 - At its September 22nd, 2014 Council meeting, West Lincoln Township Council approved a Road Use Agreement with the Niagara Region Wind Corporation (NRWC), which will govern the use of roads during and after the construction/installation of industrial wind turbines in the Township of West Lincoln.

“Township Council and staff spent many hours negotiating what we believe is the best possible agreement for West Lincoln residents, given that the Provincial Green Energy Act has removed planning authority for renewable energy projects from municipalities and the Electricity Act requires us to permit Utility Companies to have access to our road allowances for the construction, use and decommissioning of electricity infrastructure,” stated Mayor Douglas Joyner.

Part of this agreement calls for the distribution lines to be buried and the transmission lines to be above ground. To cover maintenance costs in the road allowance, the NRWC will also pay the municipality \$5,000 annually, per kilometer, for the transmission lines. Another provision in the agreement requires that NRWC must provide the Township with a financial security in the amount of \$1,000,000 which will be held during construction for security purposes and \$5,000,000 for insurance.

Although Township Council approved the Road Use Agreement with NRWC, they have reconfirmed their position as an unwilling host for industrial wind turbines and have stated that approval of the Road Use Agreement was done to protect the Township’s interests and does not change their position as an unwilling host.

A copy of Township of West Lincoln By-law No. 2014-92 which authorized the Road Use Agreement as well as the full agreement, can be viewed on line at www.westlincoln.ca

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