

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. TWO

February 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

Council: Mayor Dave Bylsma
Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Councillor Harold Jonker
Councillor Mike Rehner
Councillor William Reilly
Councillor Jason Trombetta

Staff: Joanne Scime, Clerk
Bev Hendry, CAO
Roberta Keith, IT Manager

Others: Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen*
Meredith Short, English & Drama Teacher, Grimsby Secondary School*
Mat Miller, Principal - Grimsby High School/West Niagara High School*
***IN ATTENDANCE PART-TIME**

1. SINGING OF "O CANADA"

Prior to commencing with the Council meeting, Mayor Bylsma made the following announcements:

1. Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect all individuals, the Council Chambers are not open to the public to attend any Standing Committee and Council meetings until further notice.
2. The public may submit comments for matters that are on the agenda to jscime@westlincoln.ca before 4:30 pm. on the day of the meeting. Comments submitted are considered as public information and will be read into public record.
3. Tonight's meeting was being recorded and will be available on the Township's website within 48 hours of the meeting, unless otherwise noted.

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2. OPENING PETITION - Councillor Harold Jonker

3. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no changes in order of items on the agenda.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Members of Council that declared a pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest.

5. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public virtually present on the Zoom meeting call that noted they wished to address a specific item on the agenda. Additionally, the Clerk stated that there were no emails received from any member of the public with respect to any items on the agenda as permitted by Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law.

6. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Mat Miller, Principal, Grimsby Secondary School
Re: Features, Amenities & Programs of the New West Niagara Secondary School & Introduce The Friends of the Arts in West Niagara and proposal to fundraise for a 750 Seat Theatre as part of the New School

Mr. Mat Miller advised that he was the Principal of Grimsby Secondary School and noted that he will be the principal of the new West Niagara Secondary School which will accommodate public secondary students from across the three municipalities of the Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln and the Township of West Lincoln. Mr. Miller advised that he will be speaking to the amenities of the new West Niagara Secondary School (WNSS) and joining him this evening was Ms. Meredith Short, who is the English and Drama Teacher at Grimsby Secondary School (former drama teacher at South Lincoln High School) who will be addressing the fundraising proposal to construct a 750-seat theatre as part of the new school. Mr. Miller reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation that was attached to this evening's agenda and provided an overview of the new school's amenities including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Background relating to the final name of the new school (West Niagara Secondary School), the build commence date (December 23, 2020) and the proposed opening date (September 2022);

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- (2) Branding for the new school - creation of the mascot, the wolf pack, 3 wolves representing the 3 towns.
- (3) WNSS Building Features;
- (4) Programming that will be offered;
- (5) Athletics;
- (6) Extracurricular activities; and,
- (7) Next Steps (tendering and start of construction (spring), ongoing updates to the community, student input opportunities and fundraising for the theatre).

Ms. Meredith Short advised that she was currently one of the drama teachers at Grimsby Secondary School and that she had been the drama teacher at South Lincoln High School for 12 years prior to its closure. Ms. Short reviewed the remainder of the PowerPoint Presentation as it relates to the establishment of a fundraising Committee (Friends of the Arts in West Niagara) and the launch of a fundraising campaign to raise \$2.6 million with donations from residents and businesses in the community in order to construct a 750-seat indoor theatre as part of the new school.

There was much discussion among Members of Council with respect to the Township considering providing financial support towards the construction of the theatre and that although there were a number of other financial priorities that the Township needed to address including the construction of the new hospital, they had no issue of supporting, in principle, the fundraising for a theatre and the fundraising committee's initiatives and efforts (generate excitement, promote and communicate fundraising initiatives, etc.).

Councillor Reilly requested a recorded vote on the final resolution, as amended.

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Mike Rehner

1. That, the presentation made by Mat Miller, new Principal of the West Niagara High School (currently Principal for Grimsby Secondary School) at the February 22, 2021 Council Meeting with respect to the features, amenities and programs of the new school and introduction of a fundraising group being "The Friends of the Arts in West Niagara" that is being established to raise community funding for the construction of a 750-seat theatre in the new school build; be received; and,

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2. That, the request made by Principal Miller for Township Council to consider providing financial support towards the construction of the 750-seat theatre; be received.

	For	Against
Mayor Dave Bylsma	X	
Councillor Shelley Bradaric	X	
Councillor Cheryl Ganann	X	
Councillor Harold Jonker	X	
Councillor Mike Rehner	X	
Councillor William Reilly	X	
Councillor Jason Trombetta	X	
Results	7	0

Carried as Amended (7 to 0)

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the following words be added to the end of recommendation #2 of the resolution relating to the new West Niagara Secondary School:

"and supported in principle".

Carried

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

That, the following words be added to the end of recommendation #1 of the resolution relating to the new West Niagara Secondary School:

"supported in principle"

And That, recommendation #2 of the resolution relating to the new West Niagara Secondary School be removed.

Carried

7. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen read from a prepared statement which is attached as Schedule "A" to the minutes. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided an update regarding the following issues:

- (1) The Township's Public Information Session that was held on February 11th regarding the Smithville Master Plan, which he found was well attended and he spoke to the need for growth in West Lincoln.

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- (2) Highlights from the February 16th Regional Public Works Committee meeting which included a presentation on the progress of the Governance Study for the Niagara Regional Transit and update on the long range plans for GO transit and its expansion in Niagara Region.
- (3) Highlights from the February 16th Regional Public Health meeting which included:
 - (i) A presentation by Steven Soo's and Councillor Wayne Campbell, regarding the Region declaring a state of emergency on homelessness and mental health; and
 - (ii) A report from Dr. Hirji, Niagara Region's Acting Medical Officer of Health regarding vaccination efforts that have been undertaken to date.
- (4) Highlights from the February 17th, Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting which included a presentation by Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority regarding Prevention on Source Water Protection within Niagara and support of a motion to support the domestic wine industry who are requesting the Province to eliminate the 6.1% tax on domestic wine in order to help keep them competitive.
- (5) Highlights from the February 22nd Regional Waste Management Planning Steering Committee which included an overview of the amount of recycling, composting disposal of household waste in 2020 as well as an update on the new collection initiatives with the every other week garbage collection surpassing the Region's expectations as it relates to diversion of garbage from the landfill sites. Additionally, Niagara Region will be enhancing its illegal dumping/anti-litter campaign to try and curb this type of behaviour and that the rural community needed to be diligent in reporting these types of incidences so that the proper enforcement can be applied.

There were no questions or concerns brought forward by Members of Council with respect to Regional Councillor Witteveen's remarks.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Minutes - Regular
Re: January 25, 2021

Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular Council meeting be accepted

Carried

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- 8.2 Public Meetings Under the Planning Act
Re: February 8, 2021

Moved By Councillor Harold Jonker

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, the minutes of the public meetings held on February 8, 2021 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, with respect to:

(a) Zoning By-law Amendment - Kenneth Martin - 6800 Elcho Road (File No: 1601-001-21); and,

(b) Zoning By-law Amendment - Cathy & William Vitucci - 5291 Regional Road 20. (File No.1601-002-21);

be accepted.

Carried

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

10. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Bylsma advised that on February 18, 2021 he attended (virtually) the annual general meeting of the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce which was well attended by approximately 35 attendees in attendance through ZOOM. Mayor Bylsma stated that the position of President was passed from Mr. Rob Wood, who has been president for the past four years, to Paul Robertson of the Employment Centre with Elizabeth Cervi being appointed as the Chamber's Vice President. Mayor Bylsma advised that the Chamber Executive Director, Denise Potter, gave an overview of what has happened in 2020 which included COVID and its overwhelming effect on the chamber and its members but also included initiatives, in partnership with the Township, that were undertaken to assist the community such as the "buy local" campaign. Mayor Bylsma stated that the meeting also included a presentation by the Township's CAO, Ms. Bev Hendry and Niagara Region Economic Development Officer, Linda Sicoli, who did a presentation on the Township's Economic Development Strategy. On behalf of Council, Mayor Bylsma thanked Councillor Jonker and Councillor Ganann for sitting as Directors on the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board.

Mayor Bylsma stated that on February 20th, 2021, he (being his fourth) and a few of his children participated, as part of their church, in West Niagara's Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event by walking a portion of the Bruce Trail to support local charities who serve the hungry, homeless, and hurting. Mayor Bylsma stated that this year's event supported the YWCA Niagara Region's West

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Niagara Affordable Housing program which raised approximately \$71,000, which far exceeded their goal amount by 144%. Mayor Bylsma noted that this event again provides proof of the generosity of this community for which he was very proud of.

11. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

- 11.1 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee
Re: Minutes of February 8, 2021

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Cheryl Ganann

That, the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

- 11.2 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee
Re: Minutes of February 16, 2021

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the Administration/Finance/Fire Committee meeting held on February 16, 2021 be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

- 11.3 Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee
Re: Minutes of February 16, 2021

Moved By Councillor Harold Jonker

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

That, the minutes of the Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee meeting held on February 16, 2021 be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

12. RECONSIDERATION

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

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13. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND

There were no motions to rescind put forward by any Member of Council.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

- (1) Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Re: West Lincoln Community Care

Councillor Ganann stated that the West Lincoln Community Care (WLCC) will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) soon and as the AGM Secretary she had come across the fact that, in 2020, Janet Zantingh had reached the 35 year mark of volunteering with WLCC as well as Margaret Merritt who has volunteered 30 years. Councillor Ganann stated that she felt it was important to share this information with Members of Council and the public as this was an incredible and significant milestone for our community and for Mrs. Zantingh and Mrs. Merritt.

As requested by Councillor Reilly, Mayor Bylsma advised that he would do something to recognize both Mrs. Zantingh and Mrs. Merritt's years of dedication, commitment and service to West Lincoln Community Care.

- (2) Councillor William Reilly
Re: Councillor ZOOM Meeting

Councillor Reilly advised that Councillor Trombetta, Councillor Bradaric and himself held a virtual community ZOOM Open House which was well received and resulted in some good feedback from those public members that attended and that he hoped that more of these public engagement meetings could be held in the near future. Councillor Reilly noted that he and Councillor Ganann will be holding a public engagement meeting virtually this Thursday and that the public have indicated that they appreciate the opportunity to speak with Members of Council especially in light of COVID.

- (3) Councillor Harold Jonker
Re: West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce AGM

Councillor Jonker thanked Mayor Bylsma for attending the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce AGM and for reporting on this event

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as he has had to address some work issues of late with his trucking firm which resulted in him unfortunately missing the meeting.

15. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no new items of business brought forward by any Member of Council.

16. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, leave be granted to introduce By-laws # 2021-13, 2021-14, 2021-15, 2021-16 and 2021-17 and that the same shall be considered to have been read a first, second, and third time with one reading, and are hereby adopted; and,

That, the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and affix the Corporate Seal thereto, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding
Carried

16.1 BY-LAW 2021-13

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln at its regular meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2021.

16.2 BY-LAW 2021-14

To designate a Plan of Subdivision, or part thereof, not to be a registered Plan of Subdivision for the purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the Planning Act, being lots 1,2, and 3 (north side of David Street), Lots 6,7,8,9,10 and 11 (south of York Road), and Lots 1,2, and 3 (west side of Church Street), Registered Plan TP-26, Caistorville, Township of West Lincoln

16.3 BY-LAW 2021-15

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2011-28 which prescribes a Tariff of Fees for the Processing of Applications made with respect to Planning Matters, as amended. (Add new \$1200 fee for development that has commenced prior to planning approval)

16.4 BY-LAW 2021-16

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2002-112 which appoints a Committee of Adjustment, delegates the authority for considering application for Minor Variances and Consents, provides for compensation for the Members of the Committee of Adjustment, adopts Policies, Procedures and Conditions for the Operation of the Committee of Adjustment, and

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establishes a Tariff of Fees under the Planning Act. (Add new \$1200 fee for development that has commenced prior to planning approval)

16.5 BY-LAW 2021-17

To authorize an Amending Site Plan agreement between the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and 1970187 Ontario Inc. for lands described as Concession 8, Part Lot 6, 30R-9824, Part 1, in the former Township of South Grimsby, now in the Township of West Lincoln

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

All Members of Council, with the exception of Councillor Rehner, the CAO and the Clerk were in attendance for closed session deliberations.

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the next portion of this meeting be closed to the public to consider the following pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act 2001:

(a) CAO (Bev Hendry)

Re: Personal Matter Relating to an Identifiable Individual - Performance Review

Applicable closed session exemption(s):

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. (8:15 p.m.)

Carried

Moved By Councillor Harold Jonker

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, this Council meeting does now resume in open session at the hour of 10:00 p.m.

Carried

17.1 CAO (Bev Hendry)

Re: Personal Matter Relating to an Identifiable Individual - Performance Review

Applicable closed session exemption:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

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That, the CAO's report regarding her accomplishments for the Year 2020 as part of her performance review; be received for information.

Carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:01 p.m.



JOANNE SCIME, CLERK

MAYOR DAVE BYLSMA

SCHEDULE "A" TO THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 COUNCIL MINUTES

Regional Councillors Remarks Feb 22,2021

Good evening Mayor, councillors staff and members of the public. I would like to start off this evening by saying it was great to see the level of participation at our public meeting on the Smithville Master Plan on Feb 11th. With many public members participating I know we will generate a positive out come that will have as lasting effect on our community. I know not everyone is happy with the growth of our small town but hopefully this process will be a steady one of growth. We need this growth to support commercial and industrial businesses to flourish in our community. Again I would encourage all those who participated to continue the journey to the finish line.

On Feb 16th I attended the Public Works committee meeting and the highlight was a presentation on the progress of the Governance Study for the Niagara Regional Transit. At this time the team is halfway through presenting to the Local area Municipalities. As you know there are mixed reviews on the process and till all presentations have been made direction will be decided at that time. On the GO front the province has been forging onward in the long range plans which include the expansion in Niagara and stations, stops are also moving forward with this overall plan.

Later that we had our Public Health meeting where we had the presentation Steven Soo's and Councillor Wayne Cambell, requesting a declaration of an emergency on Homelessness and Mental Health as supported by this council. The Niagara Region did not support the declaration of the Emergency but we

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presented a motion on making this a high priority again through our 10yr Housing, Homeless and Mental Health action plan, also tying in with Built for Zero campaign and our Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara. The reasoning behind this is that the Province allocates funds on a separate program basis and if we declare a state of Emergency we will be funded as one Region with us taking full responsibility for these programs. Also in a State of Emergency the Regional chair carries the control and administration of this. This is an ineffective way to deal with these issues. We need to stay the course with our programs and request funding as required and seize the opportunities for our residences.

We also received a report from Dr. Hurji letting us know that all residences in LTC facilities have receive their second dose of the vaccine. And to date as vaccine becomes available caregivers and others that are at high risk are receiving the vaccine. At this time we are not seeing any of the variants in Niagara. As most of know the Re-opening will need to be slow and steady to continue the control.

The following day I attended the Planning and Economic Development committee meeting where we had a presentation on Source Water Protection within Niagara by the Niagara Conservation Authority. Highlights are the plan was put into place in October 2014, and updated plan was implemented in 2018 by the Ministers section 36, which is a 5year plan going out to 2023.

Vulnerability scores were given to our 5 plants in Niagara, Grimsby, Pt. Colbourne Welland, DeCew Falls and lastly Niagara Falls water treatment plant.

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Niagara is in good shape by drawing water from two Great Lakes. Many communities still rely on ground water for there source. Our objective is to manage any significant threats to the water source. The committee supported a resolution for the Wine Sector to the Province to eliminate the 6.1% tax on domestic wine. This is an antiquated law that needs to be addressed to help keep the industry completeive.

Today I attended our Waste Management Planning Steering committee meeting, we were given an overview of 2020. The Niagara Region's Municipal Recycling Facility proceeded 70,000 tonnes of material, composted 58,036 tonnes of residential organic waste and disposed 118,038 tonnes of household waste. With the new collection contract and contractors we again are receiving a high level of service and residences are helping in diverting organics and recyling out of landfills. This is meeting and surpassing the change to every other week garbage collection. As we move forward the Niagara Region will be enhancing its illegal Dumping/ Anit-Litter Campaign to try and curb this type of behaviour. As we know in our rural community we need to be die gent in reporting these types of incidences so that the proper enforcement can be applied.

Thank-you again for having me present and update, if there are any questions I will do my best to answer them.

Regional Councillor Witteveen