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**PART 1 – THE PREAMBLE**

**1.1    TITLE**

This Amendment when adopted by Council shall be known as Amendment Number 56 to the Official Plan of the Township of West Lincoln.

**1.2    COMPONENTS**

This Amendment consists of the explanatory text and the attached Schedule 'A'. 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 establish a policy that applies to all new and expansion of existing renewable energy systems that generate more power than 10 KW and are determined to be generating more power than that which is required to service the property on which it is situated.

**1.4    BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT**

The Township of West Lincoln is proposing to amend the Official Plan by the addition of Section 13.4 – Renewable Energy Systems, which applies to all new and the expansion of any existing renewable energy systems within the Township of West Lincoln.

## **PART 2 – THE AMENDMENT**

### **2.1 PREAMBLE**

All of this part of the document entitled PART 2 – THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the following text changes constitutes Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan of the Township of West Lincoln.

### **2.2 DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT**

**2.2.1** The text of the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan is hereby amended by deleting Section 13.4 from the consolidated Township of West Lincoln Official Plan and replacing the policy with the following:

#### **Section 13.4 – Renewable Energy Systems**

##### **a) Introduction**

- The 2020 Provincial Policy statement includes policy 1.6.11. which reads as follows:

##### ***1.6.11 Energy Supply***

***1.6.11.1 Planning authorities should provide opportunities for the development of energy supply including electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, district energy, and renewable energy systems and alternative energy systems, to accommodate current and projected needs.***

##### **b) Policy**

As a result, the policy of this section applies to all new systems and the expansion of existing renewable energy facility systems that generate more power than needed to service the property on which it is situated and which produce greater than 10KW. 10KW is generally considered to be more than adequate to service a home.

Should energy be generated for the broader community public interest, then such a renewable energy system option shall only be permitted where the following criteria are adequately addressed and evaluated through a site specific amendment to this Official Plan which applies these policies on a site by site basis. A complete list of study criteria shall be fully identified through a mandatory pre-consultation meeting, and are expected to address the following issues:

- Agricultural impact assessment based on predetermined Terms of Reference.

- Environmental impact assessment based on predetermined Terms of Reference.
- Demonstration of need for additional energy generation in West Lincoln and this region of Ontario.
- Appropriate minimum setbacks shall be established to each sensitive receptor based on professional recommendations and based on an analysis of a noise (audible and in-audible)/environmental/health impacts and community impacts.
- Impact of shadow flicker, will be professionally addressed.
- Impact of ice throw, where applicable, shall be professionally addressed.
- Archeological assessment will be completed to the satisfaction of the Region of Niagara.
- Impact on the landscape/cultural and community impacts will be evaluated.
- Such other studies as identified through pre-consultation.

All studies shall be based on pre-approved Terms of Reference and submitted with an application for amendment for such application to be considered as complete. Further, all reports shall be peer reviewed by the Township of West Lincoln at the expense of the applicant.

**c) Implementation**

On the basis of supportive and peer reviewed professional reports that address the above policies, an Official Plan Amendment shall be considered by Township Council.

Should support for development be obtained, implementation of the development shall be regulated by site plan control which agreement shall ensure the following:

- Proper siting and location of the infrastructure.
- Establishment of an annual monitoring program.
- Collection of adequate security for establishment/construction, ongoing monitoring and completion/project dismantling at the end of the project's useful life.

The required site plan agreement must be signed before actual construction begins and shall be in full force and effect until such time that the project is dismantled and the lands have been returned to their previous use.

### **2.3 LOCATION MAP**

Amendment No. 56 is a policy plan amendment which affects all agricultural designated lands with the Township of West Lincoln.

### **2.4 IMPLEMENTATION**

This amendment will be required to be adopted by Township Council and forwarded to Regional Council for approval. This amendment will be implemented through notification of the Regional Clerk's department of decision to approve. If no appeals are received within the appeal period, the amendment will be in full force and effect.

Alternatively, if no Regional Council approval is deemed to be required, local Council approval will trigger the 20 day appeal period.

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Official Plan Amendment Number 56 was adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln by By-law No. 2021-XX in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 (22) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, amendments made thereto on the XX day of XX, 2021

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Joanne Scime, Clerk

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Mayor Dave Bylsma

I, Joanne Scime, 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 56.

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Joanne Scime, Clerk