



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. FOUR**

**February 27, 2023, 5:45 p.m.**

**Township Administration Building**

**318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario**

**Council:** Councillor Shelley Bradaric  
Mayor Cheryl Ganann  
Councillor Mike Rehner  
Councillor William Reilly  
Councillor Jason Trombetta  
Councillor Terry Bell  
Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Staff:** Joanne Scime, Clerk  
Bev Hendry, CAO  
Mike DiPaola, Director of Public Works & Recreation\*  
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst  
Jim Hagar, Interim Human Resources Coordinator\*

**Others:** Bruce Harris, WeeStreem\*  
Kelly Campbell, Hamilton Health Sciences\*  
Aaron Levo, Hamilton Health Sciences\*  
Steve Reid\*  
Klaas Zeldenrust\*

\*=IN ATTENDANCE PART-TIME

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**1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (FOR CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS)**

There were no Members of Council that declared a pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest with respect to the closed session item.

**2. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

All Members of Council, the CAO, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Director

of Public Works & Recreation, and the Interim Human Resources Coordinator, were in attendance for closed session, specifically as it relates to personnel matters relating to identifiable individuals.

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

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:

- 2.1 Interim Human Resource Coordinator (Jim Hagar) and CAO (Bev Hendry)  
Re: Personnel Matters - Identifiable Individuals

**Applicable closed session exemption(s):**

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

**Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor William Reilly

That, this Council meeting does now resume in open session at the hour of 6:35 p.m.

**Carried**

- 2.1 Interim Human Resource Coordinator (Jim Hagar) and CAO (Bev Hendry)  
Re: Personnel Matters - Identifiable Individuals

Council rose without reporting.

**3. SINGING OF "O CANADA" - Smithville Christian High School**

Prior to commencing with the Council agenda, Mayor Ganann read the following announcements:

1. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided advance notice that he will not be in attendance for this evening's Council Meeting.
2. Comments from the public for a matter that was on the agenda may be provided in person by attending the meeting and advising the Chair during the "Request to Address an Item on the Agenda" Section of the agenda.
3. For those individuals that were unable to attend the meeting in person, could submit comments for matters that are on the agenda by either (1) emailing [jscime@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jscime@westlincoln.ca) before 4:30 pm today. Any comments submitted will be considered as public information and read into public record OR (2) by contacting the Clerk's Department to request a Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually.
4. This meeting was being livestreamed. The link to watch the meeting live

could be found on the Township's website by selecting the "Township Office" tab at the top of the website, click the Council or Standing Committee meetings tab and scroll down the meeting list to find the link.

5. This meeting is being recorded and will be available to view by clicking the meeting video link found on the Township's website within 48 hours after the meeting unless otherwise noted.

**4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Mayor Ganann will read the following:

The Township of West Lincoln, being part of Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk (Hat-i-wen- DA-ronk), the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-SHOW-nee), and the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-ih- NAH-bey), including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Township of West Lincoln, as part of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

**5. OPENING PETITION - Councillor Shelley Bradaric**

**6. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA**

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

**7. 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 with respect to matters that are on this evening's Council agenda; however, below are a list of disclosures of pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest that were made at the February 13th, 2023

Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting as it relates to Citizen and Council Appointments to Boards and Committees.

**7.1 February 13, 2023 - Planning/Building/Environmental Committee Meeting (Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees) - Item 2.2(1) – Stockvaluer**

Councillor Chechalk declared a conflict of interest/pecuniary interest with respect to Item 2.2(1) - Stockvaluer Appointment(s) as she has a relative that had applied to be appointed as a Township Stockvaluer.

**8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The Mayor inquired if the IT Help Desk Analyst was aware if there were any members of the public in attendance virtually on the Zoom meeting call that wished to address a specific item on tonight's agenda as permitted under Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law, for which the IT Help Desk Analyst confirmed there were not.

The Mayor asked the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk if she had received any emails or correspondence from a member of the public prior to 4:30 p.m. today to read into the record, for which the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk confirmed she had not.

**9. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

9.1 Aaron Levo, (Vice President - People, Culture and Communications) and Bob Hofmann (Director - Redevelopment Projects), Hamilton Health Sciences

Re: Update on West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH) Redevelopment Project - PowerPoint Presentation

On behalf of Bob Hofmann who was still travelling due to inclement weather, Kelly Campbell reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation, which was included as an attachment on the agenda.

Ms. Campbell touched on numerous topics, including but not limited to the following:

- Capital Planning
- The New WLMH building behind the existing hospital
- 2022 Recap and looking ahead to see what's next in 2023
- Redevelopment Project Timelines
- Various renderings including Clinical Space, Emergency Department and Diagnostics area, Communication Stations, In-Patient Rooms and the Maternal Newborn Unit area.

Mr. Aaron Levo advised how residents of West Lincoln and Council could help with the rebuild of the new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, which included sharing news, communication strategies, and signing up at [wlmh.ca/newsletter](http://wlmh.ca/newsletter). Mr. Levo thanked Members of Council for their time and consideration of allowing him the opportunity to provide an update on the new hospital.

Mayor Ganann stated she appreciated the efforts of the presenters on

behalf of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, and noted her appreciation of the effort despite the lengthy timeline of this project.

Councillor Reilly echoed similar comments as Mayor Ganann.

9.2 Steve Reid

Re: Request for Sunday Hunting to be Permitted in the Township of West Lincoln

Mr. Steve Reid stated he would like to see the Township of West Lincoln remove their restriction of no Sunday hunting. Mr. Reid noted that numerous other municipalities across Ontario and Niagara allow Sunday Gun Hunting, and he would appreciate if Township staff and Council could review this proposition.

Councillor Bradaric stated she would support this measure and would like to see a report come forward regarding this issue.

Councillors Trombetta and Reilly echoed similar comments as that of Councillor Bradaric and they too would like to see a report about this issue.

Councillor Chechalk inquired into the rules and regulations of hunting, and if this proposition would change anything in regards to how hunting would be conducted in West Lincoln.

Mr. Reid stated that this would simply allow gun hunters to discharge and hunt on Sundays; however, he noted that hunters would still need permission of property owners to hunt on their property as well as adhered to all provincial legislation requirements.

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, the Request to Speak at a Meeting submitted by Mr. Steve Reid requesting that the Township of West Lincoln permit the discharge of Firearms and Sunday hunting be received and referred to staff for report and recommendation at a future Committee or Committee Meeting.

**Carried**

**10. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS**

Due to Regional Councillor Witteveen's absence an update was not provided this month.

**11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

11.1 Council Minutes - Regular

Re: January 30, 2023

Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the January 30, 2023 regular Council meeting be accepted; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the January 30, 2023 regular Council meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

Carried **AS AMENDED (see below)**

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Mike Rehner

That, Item 16.6 of the January 30, 2023 Council Minutes regarding Recommendation Report No. C-01-2023 (Regulation of Small Game Hunting By-law (Pheasant and Rabbit Hunting) in the Township of West Lincoln; be amended by showing that this item "LOST" and was not "Carried".

**Carried**

11.2 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act

Re: Minutes of February 13, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the public meeting held on February 13, 2023 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, with respect to:

- a. Zoning By-law Amendment - Temporary Use By-law - Garden Suite - 9275 Concession 5 Road (Ed & Cornelia Redekop and Jonathan & Loreen Kelly) (File No. 1601-015-22)
- b. Zoning By-Law Amendment - 9629 Regional Road 20 (Brian VanHengstum) (File No. 1601-014-22)

- c. Zoning By-Law Amendment and Draft Plan of Condominium - Abingdon Rd. Concession 5, Part Lot 16 (2854604 Ontario Inc.) (File No(s): 1601-016-22 (ZBA) and 2000-91-22 (DPC))

be accepted.

**Carried**

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **13. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Ganann read a prepared statement which was attached as **Schedule "A"** to the minutes.

Councillor Reilly inquired to Mayor Ganann in regards to the state of emergency that the Niagara Region just declared about various social issues including addiction, homelessness, and mental illnesses.

Mayor Ganann provided a background of the issues at the Niagara Region, and the presentation that was given to the Niagara Region before this declaration was made. Mayor Ganann stressed that a key part of the presentation was managing expectations, especially in terms of the expectations of funding from the Province. Mayor Ganann clarified the work that the Niagara Region has already been doing, and the goals that were expected to come out of the emergency declaration.

## **14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

### **14.1 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee**

Re: Minutes - February 13, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor William Reilly

**Seconded By** Councillor Terry Bell

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the February 13, 2023 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the February 13, 2023 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

**Carried**

- 14.2 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee  
Re: Minutes - February 21, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor Jason Trombetta  
**Seconded By** Councillor Terry Bell

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the February 21, 2023 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the February 21, 2023 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

**Carried**

- 14.3 Public Works & Recreation Committee  
Re: Minutes - February 21, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner  
**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

That, the minutes of the open session portion of the February 21, 2023 Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

**Carried**

**15. RECONSIDERATION**

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND**

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

**17. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 17.1 TABLED ITEM (March 28, 2022 Council Meeting)  
Director of Planning & Building (Brian Treble)  
Re: Recommendation Report No. PD-36-2022 - Smithville Landowners Group request for support of Minister's Zoning Order (MZO)



17.2 Members of Council  
Re: Council Remarks

(1) CAO (Bev Hendry)  
Re: Special Announcement - Stanpac

The CAO stated that today a special announcement at Stanpac was made, which the Mayor invited her to attend. It was announced that Stanpac would be receiving a 5 million dollar grant under the Economic Federal Development Agency of Ontario, which will scale up Stanpac's new compostable products as well as provide 30 new jobs.

(2) Councillor Mike Rehner  
Re: Public Information Meeting - Thirty Road & Young Street

Councillor Rehner stated that Niagara Region provided notice that they will be hosting a virtual information session with respect to the area of the Thirty Road and Young Street and stated his encouragement for residents to attend and ask questions and/or provide comments.

(3) Councillor Shelley Bradaric  
Re: Strategic Plan Survey

Councillor Bradaric stated that the Township's Strategic Plan survey was online until March 20, 2023 with hardcopies of the survey being located at physical locations such as the libraries within West Lincoln. Councillor Bradaric encouraged residents to participate in the survey so their voices could be heard.

**18. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

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

**19. BY-LAWS**

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk  
**Seconded By** Councillor Mike Rehner

1. That, leave be granted to introduce By-law #s 2023-10, 2023-11, 2023-12, 2023-13, 2023-14, 2023-15, 2023-16, and 2023-17 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,
2. 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**

**SUMMARY OF APPROVED BY-LAWS:**

19.1 BY-LAW 2023-10

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 30th day of January, 2023

19.2 BY-LAW 2023-11

A By-law to amend schedule F of By-law 2023-03 which confirmed various Appointments to Boards and Committees Heritage Committee

19.3 BY-LAW 2023-12

Being a By-law to establish Part 1 on Reference Plan No. 30R-15989 on Concession 3 road as Public Highway, in the former Township of Caistor, now Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara.

19.4 BY-LAW 2023-13

A By-law to amend By-law 2023-07 Stock Valuers in the Township of West Lincoln for the 2022-2026 term or until their successors are appointed.

19.5 BY-LAW 2023-14

A By-law to appoint External Auditors for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln to KPMG LLP

19.6 BY-LAW 2023-15

A By-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and Anthony's Excavating Central Inc. for Pearson Bridge (TWL-ID-B23) Rehabilitation

19.7 BY-LAW 2023-16

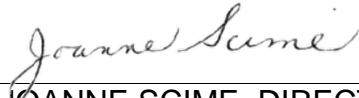
Being a By-law to adopt Amendment No. 64 (Lot 34, Plan M89-Residential Medium Density to Residential High Density) to the Official Plan for the Township of West Lincoln

19.8 BY-LAW 2023-17

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln (North side of Mill Street, legally described as Lot 34, Plan M89, in the former Township of South Grimsby)

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:36 p.m.



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JOANNE SCIME, DIRECTOR OF  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK

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MAYOR CHERYL GANANN

## **SCHEDULE "A" TO THE FEBRUARY 27, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

### Mayor's Remarks - February 27, 2023

This is a little wordy tonight, however in the absence of Regional Councillor Witteveen, I will begin my remarks tonight with an update on the end results of a minimum of 7, 4-6 hour long meetings, regarding the Regional Budget for 2023. I have highlighted items from the Capital Budget that I thought both my fellow councillors and members of the public might be interested in knowing.

Regional Staff began working on this budget last summer knowing that the pressures on the budget for this year were immense. I will start by saying that there are NO new items nor any expansion of existing programmes in the Regional Capital Budget, with the exception of the purchase of 2 new ambulances that are being put on the road to ensure that Niagara residents are able to rely on this EMS service in the future.

On February 9th, the overall tax levy presented to Regional Council sat at an unacceptable increase of 9.4%. An extra meeting for February 16th was called by the Budget Committee Chair, and at that meeting the budget was decreased by several millions of dollars and then finally last Thursday night, February 23rd, the tax levy became a still high, but somewhat more palatable, 7.58% increase.

From a West Lincoln perspective, several of the items in the Capital Budget are things that have already been ear-marked and are related to and addressed in, our Corporate Strategic Plan and additionally our Urban Boundary Expansion Plan. Most are designed to support the expected growth allocated to our municipality, most especially related to Water/Wastewater services. Included are, an approximately \$1.3 million upgrade to the Streamside Pumping System, a \$1.5 million Capacity Expansion to the Baker Road Wastewater site and a further \$5 million Water Trunk improvement project tied to our urban boundary expansion needs. Further down the list, but still listed as being "approved" in this budget is the new Water Trunk Main line to Smithville at a cost of \$6.5 million. Also included in the Capital projects are \$500,000 for a Hwy. 20 Smithville By-pass study and another \$500,000 for study work related to a new Niagara Escarpment Crossing. It is actually great to know that those items of importance to West Lincoln are still on the radar of the Region. West Lincoln residents will also benefit from some of the \$4.2 million ear-marked for the Roads Resurfacing Programme and also the \$2.5 million Storm Sewer and Culvert programme, designated for ongoing maintenance of the overall Regional Transportation System.

I sincerely appreciate that the Region of Niagara has addressed the need for safe and clean drinking water, both for our current and our future residents. Whether delivered in the urban area, by simply turning on a tap or by water haulers, from our Bulk filling station to a cistern before that tap is turned on, it is important that residents can depend on the excellent quality of that water. This work, proposed and approved at the Regional level, puts multi-millions of dollars into West Lincoln to ensure continued excellent water quality, both now and well into the future. This long-term, long-range planning is necessary and is greatly appreciated, when one considers that independent of the Region, we would certainly not be able to afford this work if it had to be born by current West Lincoln tax-payers alone.

Also on the 2023 list but not yet funded are several other projects of importance to West Lincoln. The first, under Transportation, is Regional Rd. 69 or Twenty Road, from Victoria Ave to Mountain Rd. at a cost of \$6.5 million, the second is the portion of Reg. Rd 20 or HWY20 from Canborough St. to Station St. at \$.4 million, third is work on the Warner Bridge on Reg. Rd. 14 priced at \$250,000, fourth is Phase 4 of Regional Rd. 20, which is the eastern portion costed out at \$8,263.235 and also on this list is another \$500 000 toward work on Regional Rd. 63 through Wellandport from the stoplight to the Community Centre.

## **SCHEDULE "A" TO THE FEBRUARY 27, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**

I did, at Tuesday Night's meeting, thank all Township Staff, both from Recreation and the West Lincoln Fire Department, involved in coordinating and planning all of the Family Day activities for the commitment of time and energy they collectively put into making the day so very successful. I felt that it was important to add that wildly successful event to my remarks tonight as well. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of residents who came out to take part in the various activities during the day. The intrinsic reward to staff, for the work put into planning such a day, are the smiles, the laughter and the friendly chatter of those who come out to enjoy the fruits of their labour. So once again, thanks for coming out West Lincoln!

On another note, I was honoured to have been invited to attend a swearing-in ceremony for two brand new Canadians on Tuesday morning at Smithville United Church. Two very talented United Church musicians, Luis Molina and Marcella Lagunas, along with 181 others from across Canada were sworn in at a virtual ceremony conducted by a citizenship judge from Nova Scotia, via Zoom. Supportive members of Smithville United Church provided a wonderful celebration for the couple to honour them as they gained their Canadian citizenship. It was a very emotionally moving ceremony to witness and my take-away from that event is that, as Canadian-born citizens, we all would most definitely be more appreciative of that status if we had to undergo the rigorous training and time necessary for new Canadians to become full Canadian citizens. Perhaps, if that were a requirement for all of us, we would not be so inclined to take that status for granted.

I also was pleased to attend, along with my husband, John and Councillors Bell and Chechalk, the "Explore Islam" exhibition at the Smithville Public Library this past Saturday. This group plans to visit 1000 communities during the year and West Lincoln was fortunate to have been included in that number. As we grow and our community becomes more diverse, education will become even more important. I appreciate that this exhibition provided an excellent learning opportunity for me personally and also for others who attended.

I would like to thank Beth Audet, the Township's Communication Specialist, for creating "Team West Lincoln" for the Coldest Night of the Year walk, which also was on Saturday. Although we were small in number, we did manage to raise \$600. to help with the overall goal of the Canada-wide walk which is to help support local charities, who serve people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness. Specifically in West Niagara, the support is directed toward YW second-stage housing for residents of the West Lincoln, Grimsby and Lincoln areas. The area goal was \$65,000, however a whopping \$68,000 was raised as of Saturday night. Donations may still be made up until the end of March.

Finally... Education is important to both the Staff and the Council of West Lincoln and so I thought that members of the public might be interested in knowing that we are **all** taking part, this up-coming Wednesday evening, in a 3 hour education session regarding "Good Governance". We each recognize that a good working relationship is critical to the well-being of our municipality and so, we will explore together, all aspects of that relationship, as outlined in the Municipal Act.

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