

## APPENDIX I

### Summary of 2020-2021

#### ***Spring 2020 Closure***

On Friday March 13th 2020, the Township partially activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At that time the Township enacted a series of closures such as programs/events, camps, and facilities which included the West Lincoln Community Centre.

On June 12, 2020, the Township made the difficult decision to not offer the summer camp program.

#### ***Re-opening 2020***

On June 26th, 2020, improvements to COVID-19 case counts and spread allowed for the Township to re-open the Splash Pad at the Community Centre under the guidelines from the Province and Niagara Region Public Health.

West Lincoln joined with all municipalities across the Niagara Region to present a virtual Canada Day event on July 1st, 2020.

On August 10th, 2020, the Walking Track at the Community Centre was re-opened with reduced hours and new restrictions for use and capacity.

The annual Harvest Routes event was presented to the community on October 2nd and 3rd, 2020, with an adjusted format and reduced programming.

The arena was re-opened on October 4th, 2020 with several new processes around cleaning, access and screening. Recreation Services was able to restart limited ice programs such as Men's and Ladies' Shinny, Preschool Skating and Adult Skating.

A reduced winter fitness program schedule was planned and set to begin January 18th, 2021, but did not materialize due to the province-wide shut down and "stay at home" order announced prior to the end of the 2020 calendar year and early new year respectively.

#### ***Winter 2020 Closure***

Increases in COVID-19 cases across the province and regionally were seen throughout the Fall months of 2020 and on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Province announced that the Niagara Region would move into the Red Zone of the Response Framework. This meant further restrictions on facility use, the cancellation of programs and new limits on facility capacity.

Three days later, the Province went further and announced that there would be a province-wide shut-down as of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for a 28-day period. The result of the shut-down meant the closure of the West Lincoln Community Centre and a hold on all programming.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Provincial Government announced enhanced measures in the Province wide shut-down via a "Stay at Home" order, in order to minimize mobility of the

community. The intent of this order was; only leave your household for the purposes of groceries, medical appointments, and essential work. The enhanced Public Health and workplace safety measures were in effect for all of Ontario and were in place until at least Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that March Break for schools would be moved to April to curb travel and the spread of COVID-19.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Province announced that the Niagara Region would remain in the Grey Zone of the Provincial Framework for a period of 14 days.

### ***Winter 2021 Re-Opening***

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial government announced that the Niagara Region would move to the Red-Control Zone of the Provincial Framework as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This would allow for limited facility usage and programming to restart. The West Lincoln Community Centre opened for restricted ice and walking track usage on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Recreation Services presented a Family Easter Weekend event with curbside pickup of activity kits and virtual activities from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>. The intent of this event was to combine our annual Family Day & Easter Egg Hunt events. Participation levels were good and several positive comments were received from the community.

### ***Spring 2021 Closure***

As COVID-19 cases were rising at an alarming rate, the government announced a Province-wide lockdown by enacting the emergency brake on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Province announced a declaration of Emergency and Province-wide Stay at Home Order that would stay in effect until May 19<sup>th</sup>.

From April 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, Recreation Services offered virtual activities as part of the March Break in April programming. Feedback was positive from participants and there was an appreciation for offering something for the kids during the Stay at Home Order.

### ***Spring 2021 Reopening***

On May 20<sup>th</sup> the government of Ontario released its Roadmap to Reopen, a three step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the Province. Effective May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ontario would allow for more outdoor recreational amenities to open with restrictions. This included the opening of West Lincoln's skate park, tennis courts and splash pad.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Province moved into Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopen, which allowed for the opening of sports fields for training purposes only (max 10 participants) and the operation of camps.

### ***Summer 2021***

A revised summer camp program was offered for 8 weeks through July and August. Staff created a camp program following Provincial protocols and local Public Health advice. The program ran smoothly and safely thanks to a great summer camp team who were

conscientious and flexible. Each week the camp served 24 campers for a total of 192 program participants this summer.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Walking Track at the West Lincoln Community Centre opened by appointment from Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. On average there were 3 to 10 appointments per day throughout the summer months.

### ***Fall 2021***

The West Lincoln Community Centre ice surface opened for usage on September 9, 2021. Ice rentals were scheduled back to back without a buffer time in between. Usage was consistent with a regular season. The Walking Track hours were increased and appointments were no longer required to use this facility.

Sportball and Drop-In programs commenced in the gymnasium on October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 1st respectively.

On September 22, 2021, the Provincial government required Ontarians to provide proof of vaccination upon entry to the West Lincoln Community Centre. A security guard company was hired to provide assistance with proof of vaccination verification and compliance at the Community Centre. Ontario Regulation 364/20 allowed for an exemption to showing proof of vaccination for youth between 12 and 17 who were actively participating in sport and their coaches and volunteers.

On December 2, 2021, Dr. Hirji, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Niagara Region, issued a Letter of Instruction removing the exemption for youth 12 to 17 to show proof of vaccination effective December 25, 2021.

On December 10, 2021, the Provincial government updated Regulation 364/20 to remove the same exemption for youth 12 to 17 effective December 20, 2021. This was implemented at the Community Centre. A new requirement for proof of vaccination to be provided upon entry by the Provincial QR code effective January 4, 2022 was also updated.

### ***Winter 2022 Closure***

On January 3, 2022, the Provincial government announced that Ontario would move to a modified Step 2 of its Roadmap to Reopen, effective January 5, 2022 at 12:01a.m. This meant the closure of the Community Centre until at least January 26, 2022. All usage, rentals and programs were cancelled and communicated to the community.

### ***Winter 2022 Reopening***

Facilities and programming were permitted to resume after January 26, 2022.