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**TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN  
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MYAC)**

**MEETING NO. THREE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Township Administration Building, 318 Canborough Street, and Smithville – 3:30 p.m. Council Chambers**

Mayor Ganann  
Syd Kivell  
Reighan Van Duzen  
Carson McFarlane  
Carter Pataran  
Seth Chechalk  
Joshua Harkin  
Tamas Hunter

Staff:           Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant  
                    Jessica Dyson, Deputy Clerk

**1. Welcome and Introduction of members/guests**

Mayor Ganann welcomed Tamas as a guest. Thomas is a grade 8 student at Cairn Christian School.

**2. Business Arising from Minutes:**

**i) Goals for new membership (suggestions, ideas for discussion)**

Mayor Ganann encouraged the members to continue to invite their friends to future meetings. Mayor Ganann stated that there was not a MYAC during the last term of Council 2018-2022, however in 2014-2018 the MYAC had provided input into the skate park that is located at the West Lincoln Community Centre. Mayor Ganann advised that a recording of area youth choirs is played at Council Meetings and encouraged members that if their school had a choir that they submit a recording of O Canada that could be incorporated into the rotation to be played at future Council Meetings.

**3. Education Presentation – Guest: Jessica Dyson, Deputy Clerk  
Working in Municipal Government – Clerk's Dept.**

Mayor Ganann introduced Jessica Dyson to the Committee. Mayor Ganann advised that Jessica's work at the Township has centered around the Deputy Clerk role.

Jessica stated she had difficulty choosing a program to take at Brock University. School didn't really interest her and her favourite subjects at Grimsby Secondary School were Drama and Phys. Ed. Jessica started with municipal government at approx. age 16 at the Town of

Grimsby by working as a camp leader and ended her time with them as a records assistant doing tasks such as issuing marriage licences. Jessica advised her job mainly focuses on dealing with Council members and the public. Mayor Ganann advised that the Clerks dept. is responsible for taking minutes of every Committee/Council Meeting and that the role has evolved to an electronic system of delivering the Committee/Council Agenda and Minutes. Jessica advised she has now found her passion in municipal government and has furthered her education from Brock by taking AMCTO courses and now loves to learn. Mayor Ganann encouraged the Committee to try new things before establishing a career path and advised that the provincial legislation states that the Township of West Lincoln must employ a Clerk.

Mayor Ganann stated that Beth Audet, Communications Specialist will be the guest at the next meeting on May 3, 2023. Mayor Ganann advised that Beth brings many interesting aspects to her job and started her career as a reporter.

#### 4. Corporate Christmas Card

Mayor Ganann distributed Christmas Cards that she had received and committee members took some time to sketch ideas for a Christmas card for the 2023 season. The Committee members suggested the following pictures: winter camping, seasonal lights on a tree, the train station and the seasons greeting sign, and a farm scene in the winter.

#### 5. Future topics of interest to MYAC – for discussion

Mayor Ganann advised that she hoped to have the following guests at an upcoming meeting:

Provincial Member of Parliament Sam Oosterhoff – Date to be determined

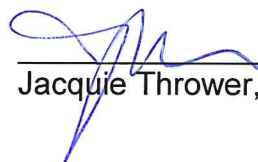
A 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Farmer – Date to be determined

It was the consensus of the Committee that meetings continue during the summer and the Meeting time may be adjusted to a morning meeting.

#### 6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
Mayor Cheryl Ganann

  
Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant