



Joint Special Meeting of the Councils of:
Township of West Lincoln, Town of Lincoln, Town of Grimsby

Date: August 9, 2023

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: West Niagara Agricultural Centre & Fairgrounds
7402 Mud St. W.
Grassie, ON, CA, L0R 1M0

Meeting Minutes

- Present:** **Grimsby:** Mayor Jordan, Councillor Davoli, Councillor Freake, Councillor Howe, Councillor Vardy, Councillor Charrois, Councillor Korstanje, Councillor Baradziej, Councillor DiFlavio; **Lincoln:** Mayor Easton, Councillor Rintjema, Councillor Russell, Councillor Brunet, Councillor Pachereva, Councillor Murre, Councillor Reimer, Councillor Timmers; **West Lincoln:** Mayor Ganann, Councillor Rehner, Councillor Bradaric, Councillor Chechalk, Councillor Bell
- Staff:** **Grimsby:** Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Acting Clerk, Sarah Kim, Chief Administrative Officer; **Lincoln:** Julie Kirkelos, Clerk, Mike Kirkopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, Paul Di Ianni, Director of Economic Development and Communication; **West Lincoln:** Jessica Dyson, Clerk, Bev Hendry, Chief Administrative Officer
- Others:** Tim Dobbie, Laure-Ann Poole
- Absent:** **Lincoln:** Councillor Mikolic; **West Lincoln:** Councillor Reilly, Councillor Trombetta

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Acting Town Clerk for the Town of Grimsby read the Land Acknowledgement:

The West Niagara Agricultural Centre & Fairgrounds, 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 Hattiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the

Anishinaabe, 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, Town of Lincoln, and Town of Grimsby, 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.

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Timmers

Seconded by: Councillor Howe

Resolved that the agenda for the Niagara West Joint Council meeting of August 9, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

Prior to closed session, all members of Council were reminded that any discussions in closed session are to remain confidential as per each Municipality's Code of Conduct and Procedural By-law. All those in attendance for the closed session discussion acknowledged that they understand the following statements:

- That all confidential matters and discussions are to remain confidential
- No one is using any electronic devices other than their tablet or computer for the purpose of the meeting
- No one is recording any portion of the closed meeting

5. **Closed Session: Governance Matters in Niagara West**

Moved by: Councillor Rehner

Seconded by: Councillor Russell

Whereas the three Niagara West municipalities, Township of West Lincoln, Town of Lincoln and Town of Grimsby share a matter of common interest; and

Whereas the three Niagara West municipalities may meet for the purpose to consider a matter of common interest as per the Municipal Act, as amended, Section 236 (2) Joint Meetings which states "Despite subsection (1), a meeting of the councils of two or more municipalities for the consideration of matters of common interest may be held within any one of those municipalities or in a municipality adjacent to any of them."

Therefore be it resolved that the Niagara West Joint Council Meeting of August 9, 2023, move into closed session for the following purpose:

Educational or training sessions

(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.

2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 103 (1).

CARRIED

5. **Open Session**

Moved by: Councillor Vardy

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Resolved that the information provided in the training session be received.

CARRIED

6. **Confirming By-law**

Moved by: Councillor Murre

Seconded by: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that By-law 23-73 be read a first time, considered, and passed.

CARRIED

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

C. Gannan, Mayor (West Lincoln)

B. Nistico-Dunk, Clerk (Grimsby)