



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN  
COUNCIL (ALL COMMITTEES) MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. FOURTEEN**

**August 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

**Township Administration Building**

**318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario**

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

Staff: Bev Hendry, CAO  
Justin Paylove, Deputy Clerk  
Donna DeFilippis, Treasurer/Director of Finance  
Mike DiPaola, Director of Public Works and Recreation  
Brian Treble, Director of Planning and Building  
Vanessa Holm, Library CEO  
Joanne Scime, Deputy Clerk  
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst  
Dave Heyworth, Manager of Planning

Other Members: Regional Councillor Witteveen  
Steven Rivers, South Coast Consulting  
Bruce Harris, WeeStream

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

Prior to commencing with the Council meeting, Mayor Ganann will provide the following announcements:

1. Councillor William Reilly and Councillor Jason Trombetta have provided notice that they will be unable to attend this evening's Council Meeting.
2. Comments from the public for a matter that is 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. For those individuals that are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may submit comments for matters that are on the agenda by either

- a. emailing [jpaylove@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jpaylove@westlincoln.ca) before 4:30 pm. on the day of the meeting. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and read into public record OR
  - b. by contacting the Clerk's Department to request a Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually.
3. Tonight's Council (All Committees) Meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and available on the Township's website by visiting events.  
[westlincoln/meetings](http://westlincoln.meetings)

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Mayor Ganann will read the following statement:

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.

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

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

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

**5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosure of pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest.

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

There were no requests to address items that were on the agenda.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were no appointments/presentations.

**8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS**

Regional Councillor Witteveen read from a prepared statement which is attached as Schedule "A" to the minutes. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided an update on various matters such as the Niagara Region upcoming budget discussions, the new speed cameras posted within the region, the Niagara Region's approach to asylum seekers, and upcoming community events.

Councillor Rehner inquired about the duration of the Speed Cameras, and how they will be rotated through the region.

In response to Councillor Rehner, Regional Councillor Witteveen confirmed that the cameras rotate throughout the Region, and would be rotated once every few months.

Councillor Chechalk inquired into whether or not there was a specific speed that would trigger the camera, or would all speeds excess of the speed limit be penalized.

Councillor Witteveen and Mayor Ganann stated that the sensitivity of the camera to speed is up to the vendor who owns the camera, however further noted that all speeds excess of the posted speed limit could be penalized. It was stated that these penalties would be applied to the vehicle, and not remove points from a licence.

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

9.1 Council (All Committees) Minutes – Regular

Re: July 17, 2023

**Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover**

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the July 17, 2023 regular Council (All Committees) meeting be accepted; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the July 17, 2023 regular Council (All Committees) 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**

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- 9.2 Public Meetings Under the Planning Act  
Re: July 17, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Mike Rehner

That, the minutes of the public meeting held on July 17, 2023 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, with respect to:

- i. Official Plan Amendment & Zoning Bylaw Amendment - P Budd Developments Inc. - South Grimsby Road 5 (File No. 1701-003-23OPA & 1601-004-23 ZBA); and,
- ii. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Brad Snippe – 7005 Concession 4 Road (File No. 1601-005-23), be accepted.

**Carried**

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 Chantel Poliquin, Committee Member  
Re: Resignation from the West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade Committee

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, the email received on July 18th, 2023 from Chantel Poliquin advising of her resignation from the West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade Committee be received with regrets; and,
2. That, By-law 2023-03, being the appointment by-law for Boards and Committees, be amended to remove Chantel Poliquin from Schedule C (West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade Committee).

**Carried**

- 10.2 Sue Langdon, Committee Member  
Re: Resignation from the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, the email received on July 17, 2023 from Sue Langdon advising of her resignation from the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) be received with regrets; and,
2. That, Donna Herrington of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, be advised of Sue Langdon's resignation and be requested to address the vacancy of a citizen representative.

**Carried**

- 10.3 Debra Terryberry, Board Member  
Re: Removal from the West Lincoln Library Board

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, the resolution adopted by the West Lincoln Public Library Board, at the meeting on July 25, 2023 regarding the removal of Debra Terryberry from the Library Board as per Section 13 of the Public Libraries Act, be received; and,
2. That, By-law 2023-05 being a by-law for appointments to the West Lincoln Public Library Board, be amended to remove Debra Terryberry from Schedule "A".

**Carried**

- 10.4 Walter Sendzik, NEBN Board Member (Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN))  
Re: Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Request for Endorsement

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Whereas** the Niagara Escarpment, from Queenston in the south to Tobermory in the north, has been recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Biosphere since 1990;

**And whereas** the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere (NEB) provides a range of very positive returns to Ontarians, including but not limited to promoting biodiversity of both flora and fauna, open landscape, productive agriculture and agri-tourism, traditional Indigenous knowledge and cultural history, eco-system services, a living laboratory for learning, carbon sequestration, climate change mitigation and adaptation;

**And whereas** the NEB is integral to the protection and enhancement agenda for the Great Lakes, especially since several of Ontario's major riverine systems have their headwaters within the NEB that in turn feed into each of Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay;

**And whereas** oversight of the NEB has successfully transitioned from the Ontario governmental agency, the Niagara Escarpment Commission to a citizen-centred, not-for-profit organization, namely the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network (NEBN);

**And whereas** the NEBN has been established as a Co-Leadership model between Indigenous and Non-indigenous leaders, with a key objective of

establishing the future direction of the NEBN as a model of delivering on the worthy goals of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as well as a demonstrated commitment to the United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

**And whereas** the NEBN has made and continues to demonstrate its commitment to partner engagement and collaboration across many sectors and interests, including municipal, environmental, tourism, educational, youth, economic, research, and more;

**And whereas** the NEBN is seeking continuation of the official UNESCO Biosphere designation for the NEB, with the support of those who call the NEB home for work, play and study;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Township of West Lincoln supports the continuation of the UNESCO Biosphere designation for the Niagara Escarpment and for the oversight model that has been established with the NEBN.

**Carried**

- 10.5 Jenny Galan, West Niagara Agricultural Society  
Re: Request for Designation of 2023 West Niagara Fair as a "Community Festival"

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, the correspondence from Jenny Galan Administrator of Operations, of the West Niagara Agricultural Society, Dated July 20, 2023, requesting that the 2023 West Niagara Fair be designated as a "Community Festival" in order to obtain a Special Events Permit from the Ontario Alcohol & Gaming Commission, be received; and,
2. That, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln hereby designate the 2023 West Niagara Fair as a "Community Festival of Municipal Significance" in accordance with the Liquor License Act of Ontario and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, which festival is to be held from Friday September 8th to and including Sunday, September 10th, 2023, at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre, 7402 Mud Street, Grassie.

**Carried**

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- 10.6 Charlene McCallum, West Lincoln Resident  
Re: Request for West Lincoln Community Centre Digital Sign Fees  
Waived

Councillor Chechalk noted that she would prefer that the resolutions would not feature the words "and supported", and further stated that she worried that approving this waiving of the fees would set a precedent that would encourage everyone to attempt to waive the fee for renting space on the Township Signs.

In response to the inquiry from Councillor Chechalk, Mayor Ganann noted that the resolution was drafted that way, as Council either had to support or deny the ask to waive the fees.

Councillor Bell stated that he would like to see this request put on hold while staff prepare a policy to deal with these types of request.

CAO Bev Hendry, stated that the application has come to Council adverse to the current process, where there is an outline of fees that must be paid when renting space on the Township signs. The CAO further noted that staff agrees that there should be more clearly defined rules regarding these types of waiving requests.

Council agreed that the request should be accepted and that staff should be directed to develop a policy or review the current one, in regards to advertising on Municipal Signs.

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Terry Bell

That, the correspondence received from Charlene McCallum regarding a request for fees to be waived for advertisement on the West Lincoln Community Centre digital sign, dated August 11, 2023, be received; and,

That, this request be referred back to staff until staff can create a policy regulating all Municipal Signs.

**Carried**

### 11. MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

### 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

There are no Reports of Committee.

**13. RECONSIDERATION**

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND**

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

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

**15.1 CONSENT AGENDA**

**NOTE:** All items listed below are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and can be approved by one resolution. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent resolution and considered immediately following adoption of the remaining consent agenda items.

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Mike Rehner

1. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be and are hereby received for information with exception of Item No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Carried**

1. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) - Minutes of July 13, 2023
2. West Lincoln Public Library Board - Minutes of June 13, 2023
3. Memorandum - 2023 Tree Planting Update and Authority to Sign Agreement with NPCA
4. Information Report T-19-2023 - Financial Update as of July 31, 2023
5. Information Report WLFD-12-2023 - Monthly Update - July 2023

**15.2 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)



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### 15.3 Director of Finance/Treasurer (Donna DeFilippis)

Re: Recommendation Report T-20-2023 - RBC Securities Bank Account

Councillor Bradaric inquired into the protocol in only having two signing authorities, and what would happen if both signatories were away.

In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, the Director of Finance/Treasurer Donna DeFilippis, stated that the reason that the proposed account only has two signing authorities is largely due to the activity in the account, as it is an investment account that would not have much activity and would not necessarily require an immediate backup.

CAO Bev Hendry further noted that there were contingency plans in place, which anticipate a scenario where key signatories for various Township business are indisposed, but action is required. The CAO noted that these contingency plans would apply to this account as well.

The Director of Finance/Treasurer explained the process that the Township uses when using the capital accounts that the Township owns.

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That Recommendation Report T-20-2023 dated August 14, 2023, regarding the "RBC Securities Bank Account", be received; and,
2. That, Council authorize staff to open and operate an account with RBC Securities; and,
3. That, Council authorize the following signing authorities on the RBC Securities Account: D. DeFilippis, Director of Finance and Treasurer and K. Hall, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer.

**Carried**

### 15.4 Acting Manager of Operations (Tray Benish) & Director, Public Works and Recreation (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Recommendation Report No. PW-23-2023 - 2023 Hot Mix Spot Repair Tender Authorization

Councillor Rehner stated he was pleased to see the Township use this vendor again, as the work they did was always done the right way and held up over time very well.

Councillor Bradaric inquired into the estimated timeframe in which this work would be completed over.

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In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, the Director of Public Works and Recreation Mike DiPaola stated that once approval has been granted for this agreement work will commence in September and likely conclude around mid November.

Councillor Bradaric further inquired whether or not that money is set aside for potholes after the winter months, as damage from plows is inevitable.

In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, the Director of Public Works and Recreation Mike DiPaola stated that the cost the Councillor is referring to is covered in a separate operating account.

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, Recommendation Report PW-23-2023, re: 2023 Hot Mix Spot Repair Tender Authorization, dated August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be received; and,
2. That, Council accept the tender submission by Circle P Paving Inc. for the paving of spot repairs, in the amount of \$224,900 (plus HST); and,
3. That, a By-law be passed to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Circle P Paving Inc.

**Carried**

### 15.5 Director of Planning and Building (Brian Treble) & Manager of Planning (Dave Heyworth)

Re: Recommendation Report PD-40-2023 - Zoning By-law Amendment - 5623 Twenty Mile Road (File No. 1601-01-23)

Councillor Chechalk stated that numerous compromises for this property have been made in this proposal, and inquired if staff is satisfied with the level of mitigation for potential issues that has been covered in the agreement.

In response to Councillor Chechalk's inquiry, the Manager of Planning Dave Heyworth stated that staff had reviewed many areas of interest, such as the parking and septic system, throughout the property that have been addressed. He further noted that the operational concerns of the property have also been addressed by staff to ensure compliance is met.

Councillor Chechalk thanked the Manager of Planning for his explanation, and also noted that she appreciated a business that focuses on

agricultural needs such as this will operate in West Lincoln, and serve the local farming community.

Mayor Ganann inquired to Steven Rivers, the representative of the owners of the property, if the design of interior of the building was done that would ensure that tires could be fully stored inside, and not be stored outside which is a requirement of the proposal.

Steven Rivers stated that while the final design of the interior of the facility has not yet been completed, extensive measurements have been done to ensure that no tires would be stored outside and the interior of the building would be more than sufficient. He also assured Council that no tires would be stored on-site until the building has been completed.

Council directed the Director of Planning and Building, Brian Treble, to get his staff to conduct random By-law inspections on the property to ensure compliance with the storage of tires, which the Director of Planning and Building agreed to.

**Moved By** Councillor Terry Bell

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-40-2023, regarding “Zoning By-law Amendment – 5623 Twenty Mile Road (File No. 1601-01-23)”, dated August 14th, 2023, be APPROVED in accordance with the attached Amending By-law; and,
2. That, no further public meeting is required for the consideration of this by-law in accordance with Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*.

**Carried**

- 15.6 Director of Planning and Building (Brian Treble) & Manager of Planning (Dave Heyworth)

Re: Recommendation Report PD-41-2023 - Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. 1601-004-23) - P. Budd Developments Inc.

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Terry Bell

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-41-2023, regarding “Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. 1601-004-23) - P. Budd Developments Inc.” dated August 14, 2023, be RECEIVED; and,

2. That, the application for Zoning By-law Amendment 1601-004-23 submitted by P. Budd Developments Inc. be APPROVED in accordance with the attached Amending By-law; and,
3. That, no further public meeting is required for the consideration of this by-law in accordance with Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*.

**Carried**

15.7 CAO (Bev Hendry)

Re: Employee Professional Accomplishments

Sri Gurunathan, GIS & Asset Management Coordinator  
Certificate of Completion - Role of GIS in workflow and Asset Management (Seneca College)

1. Cassandra Carey, Human Resource Coordinator Joint Health & Safety Committee Certification (Occupational Safety Group)

15.8 Councillor Rehner

Re: Capital funding for Hospitals within the Niagara Region

**FOR DISCUSSION**

Council discussed the funding model that the Province of Ontario utilizes to to fund new hospital builds, and how it pertains to the new hospitals being build in Niagara Falls and West Niagara. It was stated that all members paid their fair share for local hospitals, and the formula put forth by the Province was adhered to by all stakeholders, with no preferential treatment given to any municipality.

15.9 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

**16. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no new items of business brought forward.

**17. BY-LAWS**

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, leave be granted to introduce By-law #s 2023-58, 2023-59, 2023-60, 2023-61, 2023-62, 2023-63 and 2023-64, 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,

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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**

#### 17.1 BY-LAW 2023-58

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 17th day of July, 2023, and of its special meeting held on the 9th day of August, 2023.

#### 17.2 BY-LAW 2023-59

A By-law to amend Schedules of By-law 2023-03, which confirm various appointments and/or recommendations for appointments to Boards, Committees & Municipal positions.

#### 17.3 BY-LAW 2023-60

A By-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 2023-05 which provide for appointments to the Township of West Lincoln Public Library Board.

#### 17.4 BY-LAW 2023-61

A By-law to authorize and agreement between the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and Circle P. Paving Inc. for the paving of spot repairs.

#### 17.5 BY-LAW 2023-62

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln.

#### 17.6 BY-LAW 2023-63

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln.

#### 17.7 BY-LAW 2023-64

A By-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for lands described as Plan M97, Lot 4, in the Former Township of South Grimsby, now in the Township of West Lincoln (Leisureplex complex, municipally known as 2543 South Grimsby Road 6)

### **18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

There are no confidential matters.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair to declare this meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:39.

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**JUSTIN PAYLOVE,  
DEPUTY CLERK**

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**MAYOR CHERYL GANANN**

## Regional Councillors Report    August 14, 2023

Madam Mayor, councillors, staff and members of the public, I would like to start my report by letting you know the Niagara Region will be starting to work through the 2024 budget shortly. The Mayor and myself have attended a pre-budget strategy to understand budget pressures going into 2024. Again we face similar cost pressures from inflation as we did last year. We understand the burdens to taxpayers and we have a difficult job in keeping the budget within the 5 year average of CPI which is 3.7%. I know that this council will have to make difficult choices for your budget process as well. The Mayor and I will have a better understanding of where we land by November of this year.

There was much discussion around the Automated Speed Cameras that will be activated at the end of August and rotated within the Region in the designated Community Safety Zones that have met a level of criteria to be selected. To remind everyone this is a pilot of 4 cameras, challenges will be on how quickly will the court system process the infractions will have to be monitored. So the big question everyone has on this program is on what will be the trigger to an infraction. The explanation was anything over the posted speed limit is not encouraged. The program is designed to change drivers behaviour not to be a money grab in which some are lead



to believe. The vendor that operates the system on behalf of the Niagara Region will set the speed in which a vehicle will incur a charge. It is also my understanding that no one will incur points on their licence as the fine will be charged to the vehicle. As many of you know the signs have been up for the for the program. When the camera is installed and activated the signs will warn drivers of this change.

At our Public Health and Social services committee meeting much discussion took place around the asylum seekers that have been housed in Niagara Falls as per the Federal Government's direction. So to date we have a total of 2800 individuals that are slowly being integrated into our communities. Many need language assistance before they can be trained to fill vacant work positions throughout Niagara. We have received some funding to offset these costs but we have not been made whole by the Federal Government. There are no more new asylum seekers that coming so it will take some time to find homes and employment for these individuals. Senior staff and the Regional chair continue to lobby our Federal representatives to make us whole as we carry out this task. On the child care front we are at a 64% capacity level in which we are still short around 1500 spaces here in Niagara. The Region is working to increase compensation for the EEC positions and working with the



workforce funding to help encourage individuals to take on this training and education to fill the much needed spaces. Discussion also took place around looking at a home care model that could be licensed to help fill the need. I'm not sure where we are for West Lincoln but I believe the Mayor might be able to add some additional information on what is in the works. I did attend the Chambers community BBQ at the Community centre on July 22nd. We had a great display of our local businesses and of course it was great to see the Fire Department participating in this community event. Lastly I want to remind everyone of the West Niagara Fair on September 8,9,10 th. This is always a wonderful event for friends and family to attend. Thank-you for allowing me to update you on my involvement here in the Township and at the Region. If you have any questions on my report I will gladly answer them for you.

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### **August 14/23   All Committees/Council Meeting   Mayor's Remarks**

On the morning of Wednesday, July 19, I was happy to work behind the counter at our local Tim Horton's in support of their very successful Camp Day. I also attended on that same date, a fantastic evening of Music in the Park at our local bandshell at the Community Centre.

There were 2 Regional Council meetings on July 20, one scheduled from 4-6 o'clock and the other to begin at 6:30 PM, both of which I attended in person. On the evening of July 21, John and I attended the Niagara Dairy Farmers', "Dinner at the Dairy" which proved to be both enjoyable and educational for all ages.

Although I was on vacation and missed the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Community BBQ, on Saturday, July 22nd, I understand that it was quite successful and was enjoyed by those who were in attendance. Councillor Witteveen attended the event as he often does, however I did specifically ask that he attend this time as I could not be there and so I would like to publicly thank him for doing so. As our Council Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, Councillor Chechalk was very involved in the planning of this event and so I also thank her for her work on helping to pull this Community event together.

The first of a long series of Regional Budget Meetings took place on Thursday, July 27, which I attended virtually from New Hampshire. One very good result of having to find our way to continue to do both Municipal and Regional work during the Pandemic years, is the fact that meetings are now hybrid and thus allow, if there is appropriate connectivity, for participation in important meetings even while on vacation.

During the morning of August 2nd, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council visited, as planned, the historic archives in the downstairs area of our Train Station. The youth were both careful and engaged in viewing and handling, when possible, the various artifacts on display. They were keenly interested in the answers to their questions as the knowledgeable volunteers of the West Lincoln Historical Society responded. It was a great "walking" outing on a warm Summer morning thus an added bonus was our enjoyable stop for an ice cream cone at Ola Amigos on our walk back to the Township Offices! Executive Assistant Jacquie Thrower and I were unaware that they sold soft-serve ice cream, but the kids certainly knew that fact!

Music on the evening of the August 2nd "Music in the Park " was performed by the band "British Invasion", who held the attention of a very engaged audience for close to 2 hours. There were hands clapping, toes tapping and even some dancing to the music of the Beatles, Heman's Hermits, the Dave Clark 5 and several other bands of that same era. There is one more "Music in the Park" event left in the Summer/23 series. It will be taking place this upcoming Wednesday, August 16th beginning at 7:00 PM. Staff have done an excellent job in securing a great variety of bands for this series of events. Thank you to our Recreation Staff and special thanks to the various businesses who sponsored this series including McIntyre Electric, Premier Equipment, Alexander's Fudge, Meester Insurance, SoundBox Productions, Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. and Team Swayze Real Estate. We value your support of these opportunities for our residents to gather socially. All of these evenings of fun and musical entertainment have been well-supported by our residents.

Movies in the Park this past Friday evening was another good opportunity for families to enjoy a family-oriented movie on the large screen with snacks of popcorn, chips and various drinks being provided as always, by the Kiwanis Club of West Lincoln, for any sized donation. The last movie night of the Summer of 23 Season will take place on Friday, August 25th Rain or Shine.

August 20 -23, CAO Hendry, Councillors Reilly and Chechalk and myself will be attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference, otherwise known as AMO, where we will have the opportunity to bring some of our local West Lincoln concerns to the attention of various Provincial Ministers, Deputy Ministers and/or Parliamentary Assistants through previously scheduled delegations. Regional Councillor Witteveen and I, together with Regional Chair Bradley, other Mayors and Regional Councillors plus some Senior staff will also be taking part in similarly scheduled Regional delegations in regard to larger Regional Government interests and/or concerns. This AMO Conference also allows for a hands-on Trade Show, many educational sessions and various networking opportunities. It is important that West Lincoln is a visible presence at such professional gatherings.