



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MEETING NO. SEVEN

October 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

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

Staff: Bev Hendry, CAO
 Jessica Dyson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
 Mike DiPaola, Director of Public Works & Recreation
 Donna DeFilippis, Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Tim Hofsink, Acting Fire Chief
 Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst
 John Bartol, Chief Building Official

Other Members: Bruce Harris, WeeStreem

1. CHAIR - Councillor Mike Rehner

Prior to commencing with the Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting agenda, Chair Rehner provided the following announcements:

1. 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.
2. 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
 1. emailing jdyson@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,

2. by contacting the Clerk's Department to request a Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually.
3. This meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and available on the Township's Website.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Rehner read the following Land Acknowledgement 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. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no requests to change the order of the items on the agenda.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

5. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments/presentations.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public present who wished to address any items on the Public Works & Recreation Committee agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: All items listed below are considered to be routine and non-controversial 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.

7.1 ITEM PW20-23

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta

Seconded By Mayor Cheryl Ganann

That the Public Works & Recreation Committee hereby approves the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Items 1 and 2 be and are hereby received for information with the exception of Items #(s) 2

Carried

SUMMARY OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

1. West Lincoln Public Library Board Minutes - August 15, 2023
2. West Lincoln Public Library Board Minutes - September 19, 2023

Councillor Reilly congratulated the Library Board and the Library-Councillor Liaison, Councillor Bradaric, for starting discussion on what shared services may look like amongst libraries in the Township. In response to Councillor Reilly comments, Library-Councillor liaison, Councillor Bradaric, shared that the development regarding shared services took place during the West Lincoln Public Library Board meeting on September 19, 2023. In addition, Mayor Ganann commented on the five-year anniversary of the re-opening of the renovated Smithville Public Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

That, the West Lincoln Public Library Board Minutes of September 19, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 ITEM PW21-23

Coordinator of Engineering Services (Jennifer Bernard) & Director of Public Works and Recreation (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Recommendation Report PW-25-2023 - Land Transfer Declaration as a Public Highway, 7005 Concession 4 Road

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That, Recommendation Report PW-25-2023, re: Land Transfer Declaration as a Public Highway, Concession 4 Road, dated October 16, 2023, be received; and,
2. That, a By-law be passed to declare Part 2 on Reference Plan No. 30R-16151 on Concession 4 Road as Public Highway.

Carried

9.2 ITEM PW22-23

Director of Public Works & Recreation (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Recommendation Report REC-06-2023 - Conceptual Design of Wellandport Community Park and Shoreline Enhancements

Councillor Bradaric inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation about the direction of this project and how it may be more receptive to additional funding opportunities as a result of the nature of the project itself. In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, Director of Public Works & Recreation, Mike DiPaola, explained that this report outlines the process that the staff went through with the NPCA and a consultant in designing this community park. It then outlines, if it is endorsed by the Committee, how the NPCA will reach out to the OPG to see what parts of this project will be eligible for funding from OPG for shoreline protection. Then, in order to get this project into the 10-year capital budget forecast, staff will create a more detailed plan for the execution of this project, so that it is "shovel-ready" and so they can apply for additional funding when such opportunities arise. Councillor Bradaric further commented to the Director of Public Works & Recreation that she was happy to see that the project is multifaceted, and could be completed in parts or phases over time, as well as the fact that it appears that the park will be accessible.

Councillor Chechalk expressed her pleasure in seeing this plan moving forward, and supported the plan itself, but Councillor Chechalk also inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation about why this plan was not presented to the public prior to bringing it forward to Committee. In response to Councillor Chechalk's inquiry, Director of Public Works & Recreation, Mike DiPaola, explained that the NPCA put out the RFP and

hired the consultant, which Township staff went along with. He noted that they did discuss having public input on the conceptual design, but that they decided instead to keep this stage to the NPCA and the Township, but will have public meetings during the detailed design stage.

Councillor Chechalk further inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation about the plan and timeline to reach out to the public and make them aware of this project. Councillor Chechalk suggested that shortly following this meeting, the public should be made aware of this project. In response to Councillor Chechalk's further inquiry, the Director of Public Works & Recreation suggested that once this conceptual design is approved by the Committee, it could be put on their website, or included in a mail out to members of the public.

Mayor Ganann commented on another project for revitalizing a roadway in the community of Wellandport, and how that project, alongside this project, will complement each other well and are much anticipated and appreciated by the members of public in Wellandport.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, Recommendation Report REC-06-2023 regarding “Conceptual Design of Wellandport Community Park and Shoreline Enhancements”, dated October 16, 2023, be received; and
2. That, Council endorse the recommended Conceptual Design (Play in Nature) as presented in Appendix D and Appendix E; and
3. That, Township staff direct NPCA to pursue the OPG Welland River Fluctuation Mitigation Fund to see what elements of the conceptual design would be eligible; and
4. That, staff introduce this project in the 10-year capital budget forecast and continue to seek other potential funding opportunities.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 ITEM PW23-23

Members of Council

Re: Other Business Items of an Informative Nature

There were no Members of Committee that brought forward any other business items of an informative nature.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items brought forward from Members of Committee.

12. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:54p.m.

**JESSICA DYSON, DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK**

**COUNCILLOR MIKE REHNER,
CHAIR**