



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. TWO
January 29, 2024, 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: Donna DeFilippis, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Jessica Dyson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Nancy Fiorentino, Acting Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst

Attendees: John Netherway, Board Member - Alzheimer Society of Niagara
Elisabeth Zimmerman, Executive Director – YWCA Niagara

1. SINGING OF "O CANADA" - Cairn Christian School

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

- a. 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,
 - b. by contacting the Clerk's Department to request a Zoom Link to attend the meeting virtually.
3. Tonight's Council Meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and available on the Township's website by visiting events.westlincoln.ca/meetings

2. 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 Hattiwendaronk (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

Councillor Bradaric read the opening petition.

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 pecuniary interests and/or conflicts of interest disclosed.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

NOTE: Requests to address items on the agenda are restricted to specific items as follows per Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law:

6.7 Public Comment at Council

There shall be no comments from the public permitted at Council unless:

- (a) a specific appointment has been scheduled; or,
- (b) an item is included under the "Other Business" or "Communications" or "Appointments" section of the agenda and relates to a matter which would normally be dealt with at Committee.

Chair to inquire if there are any members of the public present who wish to address a specific item on the agenda as permitted by Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law.

There were no requests to address items on the agenda.

7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 John Netherway, Board Member - Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region

Re: Alzheimer Awareness Month

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

John Netherway, member of the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation, and a representative for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, gave a presentation on Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Mr. Netherway explained that the Alzheimer Society has launched a board recruitment campaign, and encouraged Council and the public to consider submitting a board application in order to ensure West Lincoln is represented on the Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation Board of Directors.

The presentation provided by Mr. Netherway is attached to the minutes as Schedule A.

7.2 Elisabeth Zimmermann, Executive Director - YWCA Niagara Region

Re: Coldest Night of the Year West Niagara

Elisabeth Zimmermann, Executive Director - YWCA Niagara Region, gave a presentation on the Coldest Night of the Year West Niagara event.

Ms. Zimmermann explained what the YWCA Niagara Region is and what services they provide to the community.

Ms. Zimmermann asked for support from Council and the community for their annual fundraiser, Coldest Night of the Year. It will be taking place on February 24th, 2024. It is a pledge-based walk, and includes a 2.5km and 5km version. It is taking place in Grimsby at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church.

8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Council Meeting - Regular

Re: Minutes - December 11, 2023

Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor Terry Bell

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the December 11, 2023 regular Council meeting be accepted and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the December 11, 2023 regular Council meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

Carried

9.2 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act

Re: January 15, 2024

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, the minutes of the public meeting held on January 15, 2024 under Section 34 of the Planning Act with respect to:
 - i. Zoning By-law Amendment - 4813 Canborough Road (Ben and Pam Heaslip) (File No. 1701-003-23OPA & 1601-004-23 ZBA); and,
 - ii. Zoning By-law Amendment - 5909 Regional Road 20 (Sharon and John Molnar) (File No.: 1601-009-23); and,
 - iii. Zoning By-law Amendment - 9127 Regional Road 20 (Larry Pomerantz) (File No.: 1601-010-23)be accepted.

Carried

9.3 Public Meeting - Street Naming for Thrive Subdivision (Marz Homes)

Re: Minutes of January 15, 2024

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the Public Meeting held on January 15, 2024 with respect to the street naming for two private streets within Marz Homes Thrive Subdivision, pursuant to the Township's Procedure By-law (2003-48), as amended, be accepted.

Carried

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Councillor William Reilly

Re: Support of Resolution from the Town of Lincoln calling for a provincial commitment to provide municipalities necessary infrastructure funding to support housing as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 and other legislation.

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, the correspondence received from Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk of the Town of Lincoln, dated December 14, 2023, be received and supported.

Carried

11. MAYOR'S REMARKS

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

12.1 All Committees Meeting (Including Public Meetings)

Re: Minutes - January 15, 2024

Confidential Minutes under Separate Cover

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, the minutes of the open session portion of the January 15, 2024 All Committees Meeting (Including Public Meetings), be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,
2. That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the January 15, 2024 All Committees Meeting (Including Public Meetings) be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

Carried

13. RECONSIDERATION

(“Definition”) This section is for a Member of Council to introduce a motion to reconsider action taken at this Council Meeting or the previous regular Council meeting. A motion to reconsider must be made by a Council Member who voted in the majority on the matter to be reconsidered. The Chair may rule that a motion to reconsider will be dealt with at the next following Council Meeting if for some reason it cannot be dealt with at this meeting.

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND

(“Definition”) This section is for Council Members to serve notice of intent to introduce a motion to rescind action taken previously by Council. Notice served at this meeting will be for a motion to rescind at the next regular meeting.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 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)

15.2 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

16. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

NOTE: Only for items that require immediate attention/direction from Council and must first approve a motion to introduce a new item of business.

17. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta

Seconded By Councillor Mike Rehner

1. That, leave be granted to introduce By-laws # 2024-01, 2024-02, 2024-03, 2024-04, 2024-05, 2024-06 and 2024-07 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,
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

SUMMARY OF BY-LAWS

17.1 BY-LAW 2024-01

By-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by Council resolution.

17.2 BY-LAW 2024-02

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2023-03 which confirmed various appointments and/or recommendations for appointments to boards, committees & municipal positions.

17.3 BY-LAW 2024-03

Being a By-law to establish Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan No. 30R-16079 on Concession 3 Road as public highway, in the former Township of Caistor, now Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara.

17.4 BY-LAW 2024-04

Being a By-law to establish Part 1 on Reference Plan No. 30R-16164 on Concession 3 Road as public highway, in the former Township of Caistor, now Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara.

17.5 BY-LAW 2024-05

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln (Heaslips).

17.6 BY-LAW 2024-06

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln (Molnar).

17.7 BY-LAW 2024-07

Being a By-law to appoint an Acting Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln (Nancy Fiorentino).

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the next portion of this meeting be closed to the public to consider the following pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act 2001:

18.1 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (Jessica Dyson)
Re: Personnel Matter - CAO Recruitment Process

FOR DISCUSSION

Applicable closed session exemption(s):

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- labour relations or employee negotiations

18.2 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (Jessica Dyson)
Re: Personnel Matter - Identifiable Individual

FOR DISCUSSION

Applicable closed session exemption(s):

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- labour relations or employee negotiations
- Advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, this Council meeting now resume in open session at the hour of 8:41 p.m.

Carried

18.1 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (Jessica Dyson)

Re: Personnel Matter - CAO Recruitment Process

FOR DISCUSSION

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Terry Bell

That, Ms. Donna DeFilippis, Director of Finance/Treasurer, be appointed as Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), commencing Tuesday,

January 30th, 2024 until a permanent CAO has been appointed, or until July 31st, 2024 (approximately 6 months), whichever may come first.

Carried

18.2 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (Jessica Dyson)

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor to declare this meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:45 p.m.

NANCY FIORENTINO,
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES/CLERK

MAYOR CHERYL GANANN

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Deputation – West Lincoln
Monday, January 29th – 6:30 pm

Good evening Mayor Ganann, Council, city staff and members of the public

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. You may or may not be aware that January is Alzheimer's Awareness month, I am here on behalf of the Alzheimer Society Niagara Region and Foundation Boards of Directors, to draw your attention to dementia and Alzheimer's disease, our organization, and our recently launched board recruitment campaign.

Can you imagine looking in a mirror and not recognizing the person looking back at you?

Dementia doesn't discriminate – it can affect anyone. **It is not** a normal part of aging.

No one is prepared for the impact that dementia has on a family. I can guarantee that there are several in this audience that know this firsthand, are probably caring for someone with dementia. I for one, have plenty of experience doing so...

For me, I first came to know the word Alzheimer's in my late teens and early 20s. My Grandmother was leaving sticky notes all over her house, writing my mom vexatious letters randomly, and leaving the stove burner on, forgetting how to turn it off. Any of that sound familiar?

And not long after, my in-laws struggled to support their Grampa who, before going into long term care, would wake and shower at 2 or 3am, thinking he was going to work, even though he retired 20 years earlier. And it wasn't until Grandpa's primary caregiver, Gram, at 77, suffered a heart attack, when Grampa went into care; shortly thereafter we lost her to a stroke, likely brought-on by the stress of caregiving for him up until that point. We felt this as a tragic loss, considering it was Grampa who had the dementia.

And now my father, at 77, just 12 weeks ago, moved into long-term care in St. Catharines, because of vascular dementia that we've been living with for at least 10 years now.

Alzheimer's and dementia are clearly prevalent in my family, but this is not unique; Alzheimer's and dementia are prevalent in Niagara.

- Alzheimer's disease is already the seventh-leading cause of death in Canada and continues to grow as a public health concern as the number of Canadians with dementia is rising dramatically.
- One in every ten individuals over 65 years of age has dementia and every day, more than 350 people in Canada develop dementia. This is more than 15 per hour
- In Niagara particularly, as of 2021, our population over 65 years of age was 21%, that's noticeably higher than the national measure of 19%

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- Currently right here in Niagara, at least 12,000 individuals are living with dementia. We know this is higher, as, was with my family, many residents have not been diagnosed for reasons that include:
 - lack of specialized geriatric services here
 - unwillingness to get diagnosed and/or,
 - denial that cognitive changes are actually happening to oneself or loved one.
- The Care partners of older adults with dementia provide 26 hours of care a week, on average and the combined health-care system and out-of-pocket caregiver costs are estimated at a staggering \$10.4 billion dollar per year to care for people living with dementia.

The Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region is a recognized leader in the field of Dementia Care. Our vision is a community where individuals with dementia and their care partners are fully supported to maximize their quality of life and well-being. Our service provision includes all individuals impacted - spouses, families, children and friends who also need education and support to facilitate lifestyle, health and wellness changes for their family member. A physician referral or diagnosis is not required.

The Alzheimer Society's 'First link' program is how my family started getting the support we needed. Through this program, we were educated, validated, counseled, and assisted with pursuing a diagnosis and the resources for appropriate care, for our loved-ones and just as importantly, ourselves. Anyone concerned with cognitive changes for themselves or loved ones should contact our First Link Coordinator.

In addition to supporting my family personally, the Society does tremendous work locally. It is important for families to access services and the resources that are available. It is a long difficult journey that families do not have to endure alone.

We provide individual and family counselling, support groups, and a vast array of educational programs for both the person living with dementia and their care partners, separately and together. Throughout the region, several social and wellness programs offer a welcoming place where clients and their caregivers can access information and support, as well as connect with others who share a similar experience.

We have an event calendar for all the times and locations for programs and services throughout the Region. Visit our website at alzheimerniagara.ca.

After 5 years of amazing support in Linhaven, a Regional long-term care home in St. Catharines, my wife's Grampa passed away peacefully from dementia. Less than 2 years later, in October, my dad has just moved into the same long-term care home...with dementia. The same staff were there to greet us warmly, yet until Dad was placed there, we struggled to care for him (and my mom, his caregiver) with between 9 and 12 professionals, agencies and organizations involved. It was all an impossible challenge, and the only entity that has been there consistently, from the start, all along, providing continuity of care and support throughout the journey - our touchstone as it were - was, and very much *still is*, the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.

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I'm now on the Foundation Board - we fundraise to support the Society's annual budget - and Mom gets both personal counselling and group counselling in the Society's programs – all free of charge to her. At one point this included respite care for her and Dad as well!

The Alzheimer Society is an indispensable part of our lives and a critically important resource to all affected by dementia.

The Society's local mission is sustained through the efforts of its staff and local volunteers, and the Boards that serve them. The Society does great work in West Lincoln, but we are not represented at the Board level here, **and we should be**. West Lincoln deserves a local voice on such a critical issue to its community, and now there is an opportunity to remedy this.

The Society has recently launched a board recruitment campaign: all information including the Board applications can be found on our website at alzheimerniagara.ca.

As a take-away of our presentation today, we ask the following of you:

1. Please reach out to your networks and share our message;
2. Find that one person in your network that should join us from West Lincoln or outside; maybe it is you;
3. Share our presentation from today and please encourage them to go to our website and fill in a Board application online, anytime.

We will be hosting a zoom orientation at a date to be determined in late March. There are several opportunities for talented folks such as yourselves, or those you know, to get involved with, whether you have experience with healthcare, business, or fundraising (ideally) – we, the Society, would very much like to connect with you.

Again, we thank you for your time and attention today. With your assistance, we can help today and provide hope for tomorrow. Thank you.

JANUARY IS AWARENESS MONTH

The Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region The Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation

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LANDMARK STUDY



In 2020, 597,300 individuals are living with dementia in Canada. By 2030, we can expect this number will reach close to 1 million.



350,000

care partners for people with dementia in 2020, giving an average of 26 hours of care per week.



21%

of Niagara's population is over 65. In comparison, for Canada, the proportion of seniors was 19.0% in 2021.



Dementia affects about 15% of Canadians aged 65 and older

61.8%

Persons Living with Dementia who are women in Canada

x3

The number of Canadians over the age of 85 is expected to triple by 2046



7%

People diagnosed in Ontario under the age of 65



In 2020, 10,333 people were diagnosis per month; 348 per day; 15 every hour

Programs and Services in Niagara

FIRST LINK PROGRAM

Connecting persons living with dementia and their care partners to information, support and services that they need as soon as possible and throughout their journey with dementia

www.alzheimerniagara.ca

- Counselling
- Education
- Support Groups
- Social & Recreation Programs
- Wellness Programs

Join us for IG Walk for Alzheimer's Brock University
On May 26, 2024



Board Recruitment Campaign

How can you help?

We are looking for Leadership across the Region

Do you have a connection to our mission?

Do you want to make a difference?

Do you want to enhance your own skills?

1. Download an application and fill in today

www.alzheimerniagara.ca

2. Attend an information session in late March

(More information available after completing application)



Any Questions??

