

On Jun 10, 2020, at 5:32 PM, Pride Niagara Chair <[chair@prideniagara.com](mailto:chair@prideniagara.com)> wrote to Joanne Scime, Clerk, Township of West Lincoln:

Good morning,

I hope you are staying safe, healthy, and connected during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing. Could you please ensure that the following email is forwarded to Mayor Bylsma and all Members of Council for consideration.

This email is regarding our attempts to contact The Township of West Lincoln regarding Pride 2020 to both [dbylsma@westlincoln.ca](mailto:dbylsma@westlincoln.ca) and [albert.witteveen@niagararegion.ca](mailto:albert.witteveen@niagararegion.ca).

Officials from the Township of West Lincoln have since reached out to Pride Niagara and apologized for the confusion. We understand that there was a miscommunication and the township did not receive the email requests and we appreciate the apology.

Considering this confusion, ongoing pandemic, and policy timeline of requests we would like to request the following.

1. Make our flag raising request for Tuesday June 1, 2021
2. We ask that the Township of West Lincoln share some time of virtual communication/ message on their social media and provide the same for Pride Niagara to share explaining that the township wanted to be a part of the celebration of equality with Niagara's LGBTQ+ community, there was a miscommunication and plans are in effect for next year. Signed on behalf of the Township of West Lincoln Mayor and Council.

Pride Niagara focuses on the acknowledgement and accountability of our community with our allies, and we want to ensure to the community that The Township of West Lincoln followed up on both.

Celebrating and acknowledging Niagara Regions diverse communities is a partnership. Pride Niagara board members consists of individuals from our LGBTQ+ community representing our community. The board of directors takes great pride in this initiative, however the responsibility to represent all our communities equally is shared by each municipality.

We sincerely would love to work together and have not only pride, but equality celebrated across Niagara. We hope our two requests are appreciated and accepted.

Enzo De Divitiis

**Happy Pride!**

With advance gratitude  
Enzo De Divitiis  
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