



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. FIFTEEN**

**August 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

**Township Administration Building**

**318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario**

Council: Mayor Cheryl Ganann  
Councillor Shelley Bradaric  
Councillor Joann Chechalk  
Councillor Mike Rehner  
Councillor Jason Trombetta

Absent: Councillor William Reilly

Staff: Truper McBride, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mike DiPaola, Director of Public Works and Recreation  
Brian Treble, Director of Planning and Building  
Katelyn Repovs, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer  
Gerrit Boerema, Manager of Planning  
Tim Hofsink, Deputy Fire Chief  
Cindy Weir, Chief Executive Officer, Library  
Justin Paylove, Acting Director of Legislative Services and Clerk  
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst

Attendees: Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen  
Matt Campbell  
Inspector Dave Gomez  
Staff Sergeant Sarah Rose  
Sergeant Karl Fiddes  
Stephanie Sabourin  
Katie McNair  
Adam Spargo  
John Ganann

Note: Others were in attendance but they are not able to be included, as they did not sign in on the attendance sheet.

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**1. SINGING OF "O CANADA" - SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL**

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

1. Comments from the public for a matter that 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 [jpaylove@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jpaylove@westlincoln.ca) before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and be part of the public record; OR,
  2. 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

**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 Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit 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 Mike Rehner**

Councillor Rehner read the opening petition.

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

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

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

**NOTE:** Items for which conflicts were recently declared at Committee Meeting(s)  
There were no pecuniary interests and/or conflicts of interest that were 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.

The Chair inquired to the IT Help Desk Analyst, Kevin Geoghegan, if there were any members of the public present who wished to address a specific item on the agenda as permitted by Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law.

In response to the inquiry from the Chair, IT Help Desk Analyst, Kevin Geoghegan, explained that there were no members of the public present who wished to address a specific item on the agenda.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Matt Campbell, Zelinka Priamo Ltd.

Re: Request for Extension on behalf of Brantwood Homes Inc. - Draft Plan of Condominium Lands Approval

Matt Campbell, an agent on behalf of Brantwood Homes Inc., gave a presentation in regards to Brantwood Homes Inc.'s request for an extension of the draft plan of condominium lands approval that was previously provided to them by Council.

7.2 Inspector Dave Gomez, Staff Sergeant Sarah Rose, Sergeant Karl Fiddes and Corporate Communications Manager Stephanie Sabourin

Re: Annual Update - Niagara Regional Police

Inspector Dave Gomez, Staff Sergeant Sarah Rose, Sergeant Karl Fiddes and Corporate Communications Manager Stephanie Sabourin, on behalf of Niagara Regional Police, provided a presentation to Council in regards

to their annual update on service provision in the Township. The presentation is attached as Schedule "A" to the minutes.

7.3 Katie McNair and Adam Spargo, Matrix Solutions Inc.

Re: Stormwater Management Facility Assessments

Katie McNair and Adam Spargo, on behalf of Matrix Solutions Inc., provided a presentation in regards to Matrix Solutions Inc.'s assessments of west Lincoln's Stormwater Management Facility. The presentation is attached as Schedule "B" to the minutes.

**8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS**

Regional Councillor Witteveen did not have any remarks to deliver.

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

9.1 Council (includes All Committees) Meeting

Re: Minutes - July 15, 2024

**Confidential Minutes Under Separate Cover**

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

1. That the minutes relating to the open session portion of the July 15, 2024 Council (includes All Committees) Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted; and
2. That the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the July 15, 2024 Council (includes All Committees) 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: Minutes - July 15, 2024

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

That, the minutes of the public meetings held on July 15, 2024 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act* with respect to:

1. Township of West Lincoln - Zoning By-Law 2017-70, Housekeeping Amendments No. 8;
2. 4961 Canborough Street (Darren Fousert (Agent) Janna and Frank Bulk) - Temporary Use By-Law;

be accepted.

**Carried**

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **11. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Ganann read remarks from a prepared statement. The remarks are attached to the minutes as Schedule "C".

## **12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

### **12.1 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee**

1. Manager of Planning (Gerrit Boerema)

Re: Recommendation Report PD-35-2024 - 167 St. Catharines Street Extension of Draft Plan of Condominiums, File No. 2100-86-17

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-35-2024, titled "Recommendation Report – 167 St. Catharines Street Extension of Draft Plan of Condominium, File No. 2100-86-17, dated August 12, 2024, be received; and,
2. That, the Draft Plan of Condominium approval for 167 St. Catharine Street, File No. 2100-86-17, be extended for a period of one year, to expire on August 12, 2025, subject to the revised conditions found in Schedule 'A', and
3. That a notice of extension be circulated to relevant agencies and departments.

**Carried (5 to 0)**

2. Senior Planner (Madyson Etzyl) and Manager of Planning (Gerrit Boerema)

Re: Recommendation Report PD-34-24 - Zoning By-Law Amendment (Temporary Use By-Law) Frank and Janna Bulk, Darren Fousert, Garden Suite Application – 4961 Canborough Road- File No. 1601-006-24

**Moved By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-34-24, titled “Recommendation Report – Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment (Temporary Use By-Law) –Frank and Janna Bulk, Darren Fousert, Garden Suite Application File No. 1601-006-24”, dated August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, be received; 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; and,
3. That By-law 2024-54, as found in Schedule ‘E’ be approved with the site specific regulations.

**Carried**

3. Director of Planning & Building (Brian Treble)

Re: Recommendation Report PD-36-2024– Additional Background Information – Service Level Agreement (Planning) with the Region of Niagara

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-36-2024, titled “Recommendation Report – Additional Background Information – Service Level Agreement (Planning) with the Region of Niagara” dated August 12, 2024, be received; and,
2. That, Council receives and supports the proposal to pay for back up professional planning expertise from Regional planning after the date of proclamation (date when Region is no longer a planning approval authority) for a term not exceeding two years; and,

3. That, the CAO be authorized to negotiate the services for which such agreement shall be required and to then sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township following the date of provincial proclamation of the amendments to the Planning Act related to upper-tier municipal planning responsibilities for a 2-year term; and
4. That, Council directs Administration staff to develop and recommend to Council a service delivery model to support local delivery of planning services currently supported by Region of Niagara, by the end of 2025.

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Mike Rehner

That, this item be referred back to staff to a future Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting in order gather more information regarding the services we need, and the potential costs associated with these services from the Niagara Region and private services.

**Carried**

## 12.2 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee

1. Director of Finance and Treasurer (Donna DeFilippis) and Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer (Katelyn Repovs)

Re: Information Report T-16-2024, titled "Quarter 2 Financial Update June 2024"

**Moved By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

That, Information Report T-16-2024, titled "Quarter 2 Financial Update June 2024", dated August 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

2. Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (Justin Paylove)

Re: Recommendation Report C-04-2024 - By-Election for Vacant Ward 3 Councillor Position

**Moved By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

**Seconded By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, Recommendation Report C-04-2024, dated August 12, 2024 titled “By-Election for Vacant Ward 3 Councillor Position”, be received; and,
2. That, Council approve Budget amendment BA2024-08 authorizing a transfer from the Contingency Reserve up to \$30,000 in order to fund the 2024 By-election; and,
3. That, a by-law be adopted to provide for the holding of a By-Election on November 4, 2024, for the vacant office of one Councillor position for Ward 3, in the Township of West Lincoln, for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council; and,
4. That, a by-law be adopted to provide for the following advance votes to be held prior to voting day for the By-election:
  - a. Friday, October 25, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the West Lincoln Community Centre, 177 West Street, Smithville, Ontario
  - b. Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Legion Villa 2, 161 Mill Street, Smithville, Ontario; and
5. That a By-law be adopted to provide for the use of voting machines, voting recorders, optical scanning vote tabulators or other voting devices at elections.

**Carried**

3. Fire Chief (Dennis Fisher)

Re: Information Report WLF-10-2024 -Monthly Update – July 2024

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, Information Report WLF-10-2024 titled “Monthly Update – July 2024”, dated August 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**



12.3 Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee

1. Project Manager (Ray Vachon) and Director of Public Works & Recreation (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Information Report PW-20-2024- Stormwater Management (SWM) Pond Assessments

**Moved By** Councillor Mike Rehner

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

That, Information Report PW-20-2024 titled “Stormwater Management (SWM) Pond Assessments” dated August 12, 2024 be received for information.

**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.

**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 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

Councillor Bradaric

Re: Music, Market and Park It

Councillor Trombetta

Re: Extreme Rainfall

Councillor Chechalk

Re: Niagara Dinner at the Dairy; 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games

Mayor Ganann  
Re: West Niagara Fair; Child Cancer Awareness Flag Raising

**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.

There were no motions brought forward to introduce any new items of business.

**17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

There were no confidential matters.

**18. BY-LAWS**

**Moved By** Councillor Joann Chechalk

**Seconded By** Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That leave be granted to introduce By-Laws 2024-51, 2024-52, 2024-53 and 2024-54, 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**

**18.1 BY-LAW 2024-51**

Being a By-Law to authorize the holding of a by-election for the vacant office of one (1) Councillor position for Ward Three (3), in the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln, for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

**18.2 BY-LAW 2024-52**

Being a By-Law to authorize the use of vote-counting equipment and electronic poll books in the 2024 municipal by-election held in the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.

**18.3 BY-LAW 2024-53**

Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln. (Temporary Use By-Law - Frank and Janna Bulk, Darren Fousert).

18.4 BY-LAW 2024-54

Being a By-Law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by Council resolution.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:31 p.m.

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JUSTIN PAYLOVE, CLERK

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MAYOR CHERYL GANANN

# Niagara Regional Police Service

Town of West Lincoln

# NRPS Mission Statement

The Niagara Regional Police Service is dedicated to serving and protecting residents and visitors within the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

In partnership with the community, we shall provide quality policing services with integrity, diligence, and sensitivity.

# Police Programs in Niagara

## Chief's Office

Chief's Office – Corporate Administration

- Deputy Chief Operations
- Deputy Chief Support Services
- Corporate Communications

## Executive Services

- Human Resources
- Labour Relations and Career Development
- Training
- Recruiting
- Member Support Unit, Corporate Psychologist
- Professional Standards Unit
- Policy & Risk Management
- Video Unit

## District Operations

Duty Office

Frontline Patrol/Detective  
Offices

District Crime Analysts

Mobile Crisis Rapid Response  
Team (MCRRT)

CORE Unit

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion  
Unit

## Emergency Services

- Canine
- Marine
- Underwater Search & Recovery Unit
- Explosives Disposal Unit
- Emergency Task Unit
- V.I.P Operations
- Crisis Negotiators
- Traffic Enforcement Unit
- Traffic Reconstruction Unit

## Investigative Services

- Special Investigative Services
- Biker Enforcement Unit
- Mobile Surveillance Unit
- Covert Operations Unit
- Major Drugs Unit
- Opioid Enforcement and Education Unit
- Homicide / Cold Case Unit
- Forensic Services Unit
- Central Fraud Unit
- Polygraph Unit
- CrimeStoppers
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Sexual Assault Unit
- Human Trafficking Unit
- Child Abuse Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation (ICE)
- ViCLAS/Powercase
- Offender Management Unit
- Firearms Unit
- Technological Crimes Unit

# Police Programs in Niagara Cont'd

## **Corporate Services**

- Finance
- Corporate Records
- Facilities
- Fleet
- Quartermasters
- Evidence Management Unit

## **Technology Services**

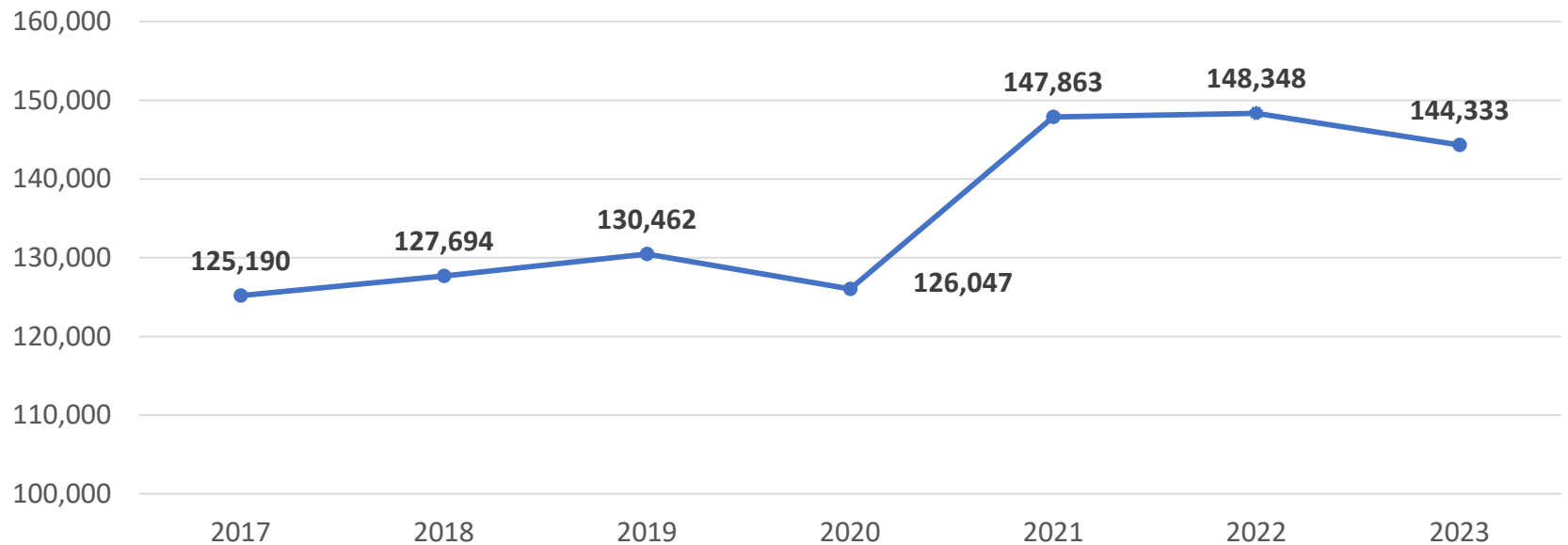
- Client Services and Service Management
- Network Infrastructure – Network Infrastructure
- Network Infrastructure - Telecommunications Services
- Business Systems & Applications
- Operations Systems & Applications

## **Operational Support**

- Court Services
- Prisoner Management Unit
- Quality Assurance Unit
- Communications/Dispatch Unit
- 911
- RTOC
- Mobile Support Unit

# Statistical Trends

## NRPS Calls for Service

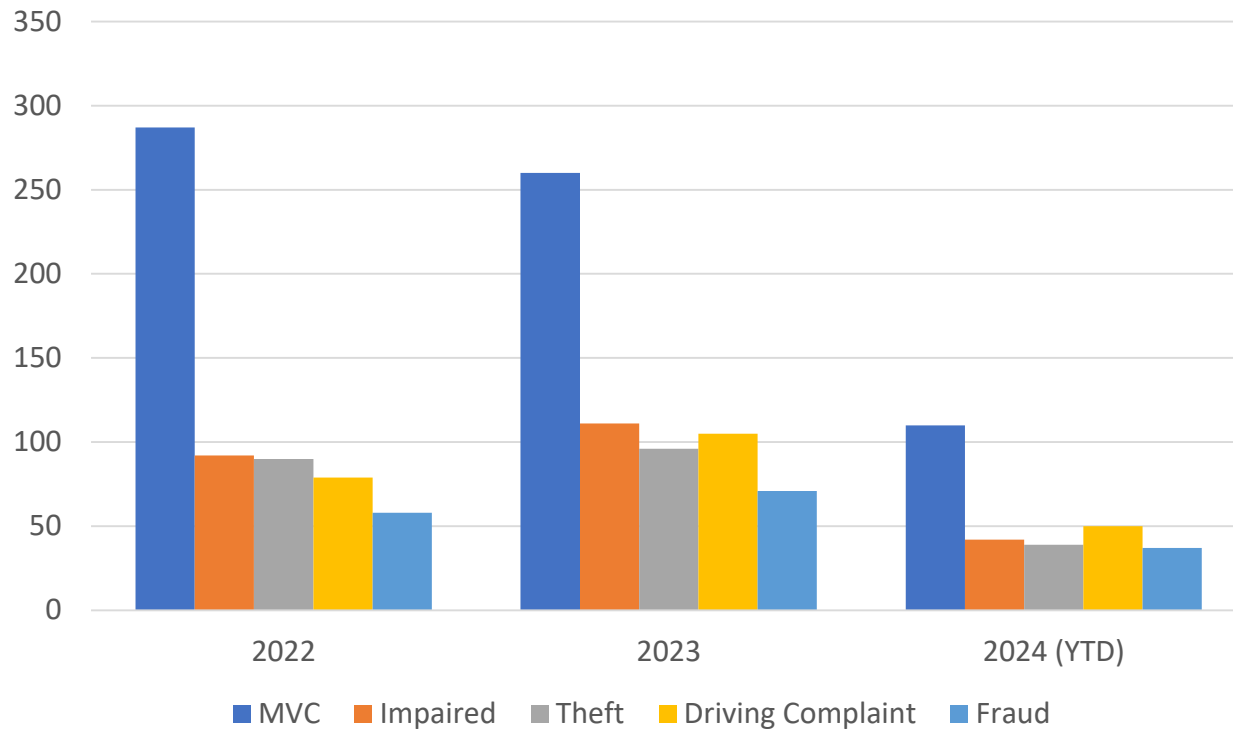


Calls for service in 2023 totaled 144 333, a 2.7% decrease compared to 2022.



# West Lincoln Top Calls for Service

2022 – 2024 (Year to Date)





# Banker Education Initiative

## Goal:

Increase awareness at local branches to educate front line staff on large cash withdrawals, particularly with elderly clients.

## Method:

Central Fraud Unit detectives attended most financial institutions in the Niagara Region in December 2022. Interaction with branch managers to discuss fraud concerns and obtain contact information. Created email group (90 participants) to share concerns about local fraud trends.

## Outcome:

2022
125 Reported Incidents
\$840,000 Losses

2023
49 Reported Incidents
\$339,000 Losses

# West Lincoln Traffic/Speed Enforcement

- 254 Provincial Offence Notices issued in 2023 related to speed violations, along with 79 warnings.
- Focused Speed Enforcement
  - Proactive patrol focus on rural areas
- Collaborative partnership with Niagara Region “Vision Zero”
  - Aims to make roads safer and eliminate injuries/fatalities across the Niagara Region
- Community Safety Zones
  - John Calvin School, Station Street (Regional Road 14)
  - Smithville Christian High School, Townline Road (Regional Road 14)

# Crime Prevention & Community Engagement

- Lock it or Lose it campaign
- Park and Premise Checks



Schedule "B"

# Stormwater Pond Assessment Township of West Lincoln

Adam Spargo  
Katie McNair

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Agenda

- What is a Stormwater Management Pond
- Design and Approvals
- Stormwater Management Pond Assessment Program
- Results and Recommendations
- Oil Grit Separator Assessments



# What is a Stormwater Management Pond

- Water quality control
  - Removes sediment from urban runoff
  - Target efficiency is based on receiving system
  - Achieved through a permanent pool volume
- Water quantity and erosion control
  - Attenuates flow to prevent downstream flooding and erosion
  - Reducing post-development to pre-development discharge rates
  - Achieved through an active storage and outlet control structure
- Infrastructure that needs to be maintained



# Design and Approvals

- Stormwater Management Ponds are designed to MECP guidelines
- Approval is received from MECP via an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)
- All approvals now fall under the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure (CLI) ECA managed by the Township
- The CLI ECA requires Municipalities to monitor and maintain Stormwater Management Ponds
- So where to start?



# Stormwater Management Pond Assessment

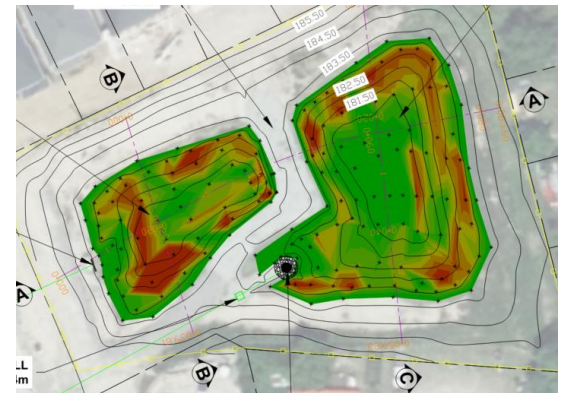
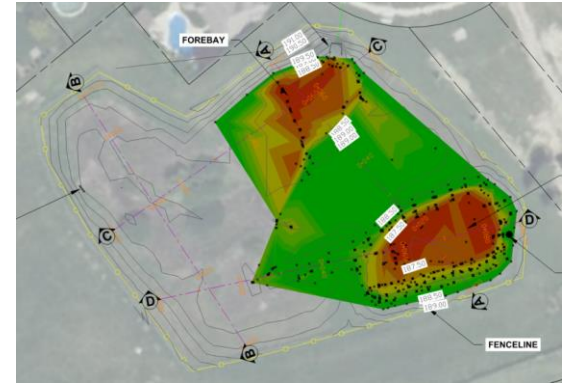
- Assess the condition of infrastructure
  - Is the facility functioning as per the original design?
  - Blocked outlets, high water levels, invasive species, etc.
- Determine the available storage volume
  - Bathymetric survey
  - Is the facility providing water quality treatment?
  - Remove sediment when suspended solids removal target is not met – typically 30% full of sediment



Streamside SWMP

# Results and Recommendations

- Field program included:
  - 8 stormwater management ponds
  - 4 oil grit separators
- Sediment Results:
  - 5 ponds require cleanout now
    - Hornak SWMP 2 – 146% full
    - Townline SWMP 4 – 141% full
    - Attema SWMP 6 – 111% full
    - Oakdale SWMP 3 – 107% full
    - Streamside SWMP 1 – 74% full
  - 1 pond requires cleanout in 5 years
    - Sheridan SWMP 7 – Forebay 67% full, full pond 21% full
  - Estimated cost for design and construction = \$2.59 Million



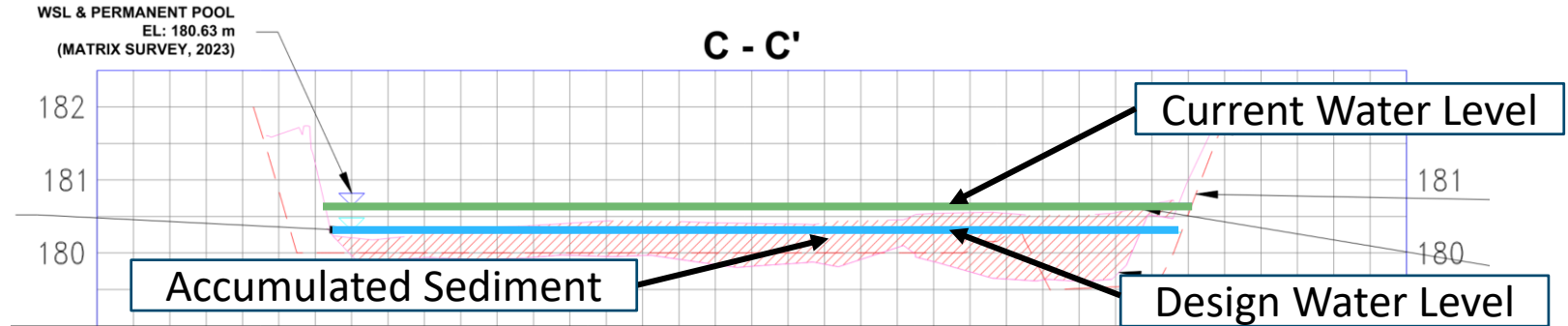
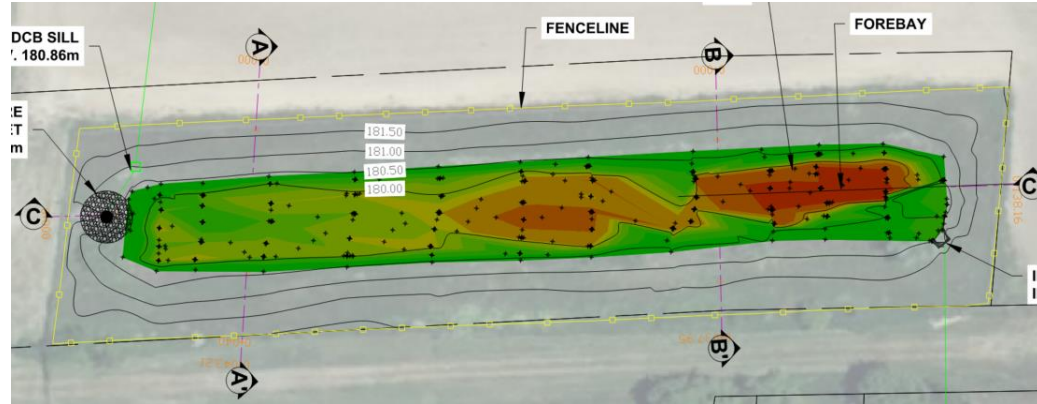


# Sediment Accumulation Results

Townline SWMP

613 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment

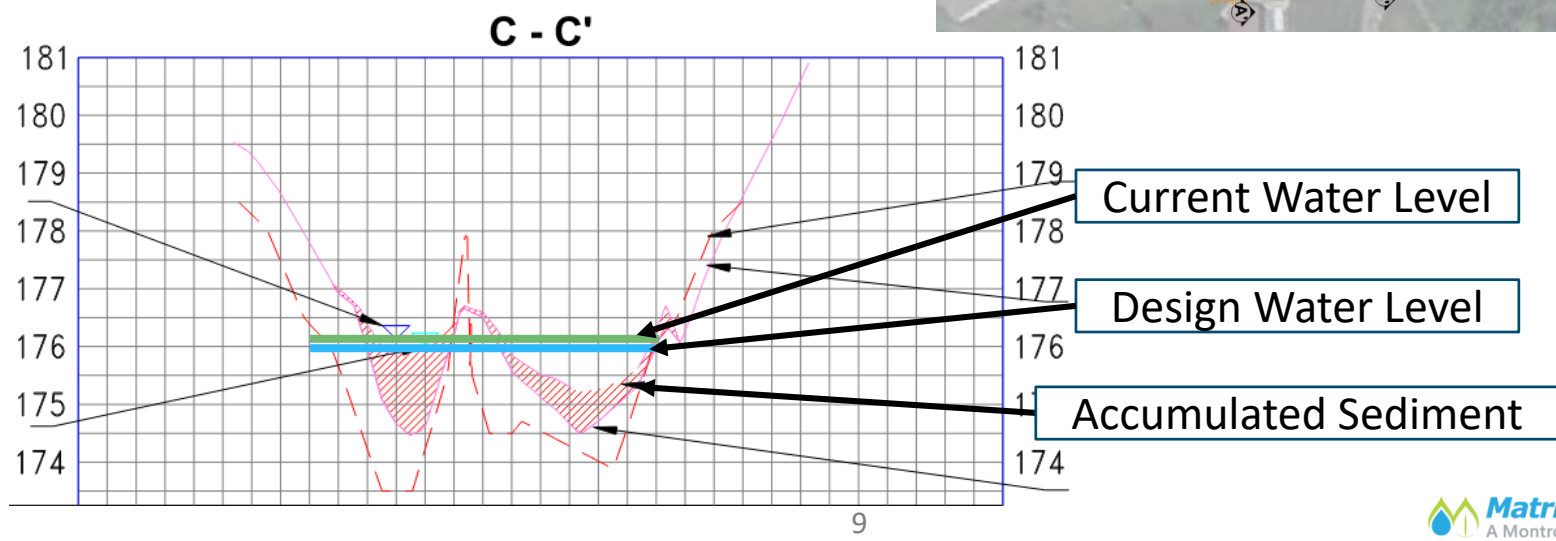
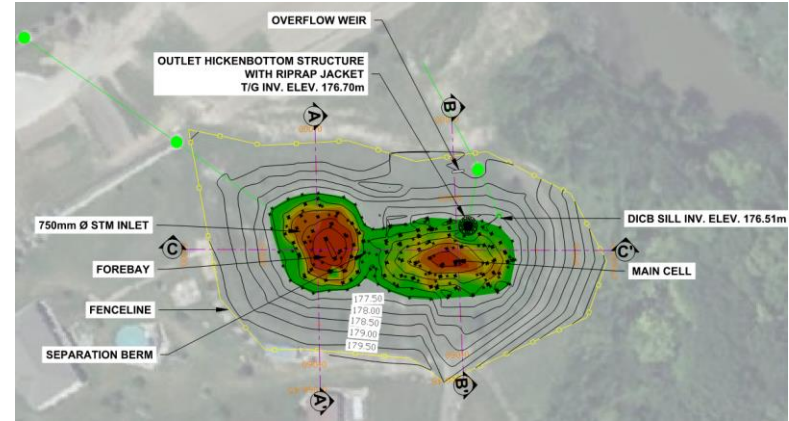
Clear outlet of  
sediment and  
vegetation



# Sediment Accumulation Results

Attema SWMP

437 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment



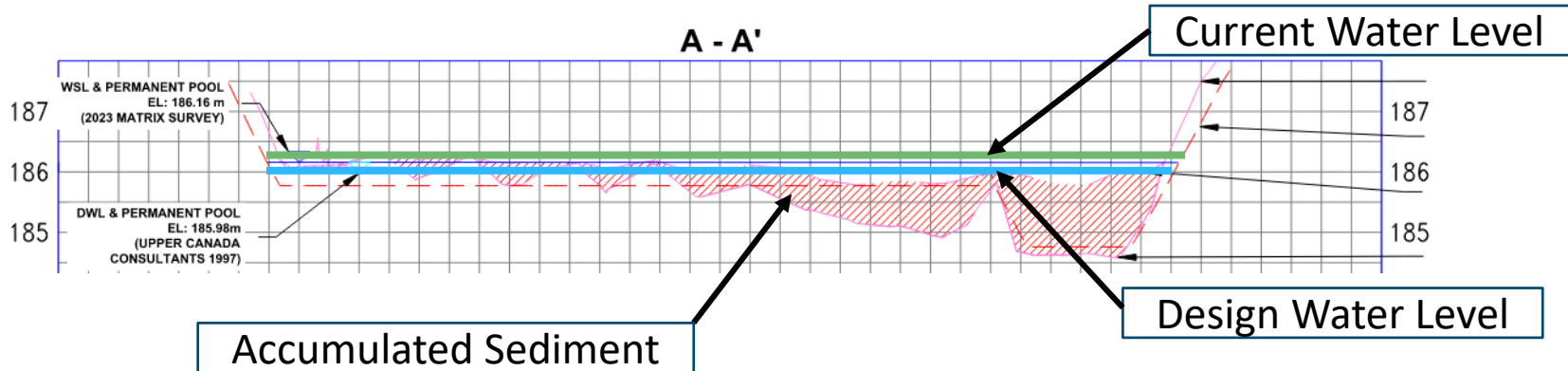
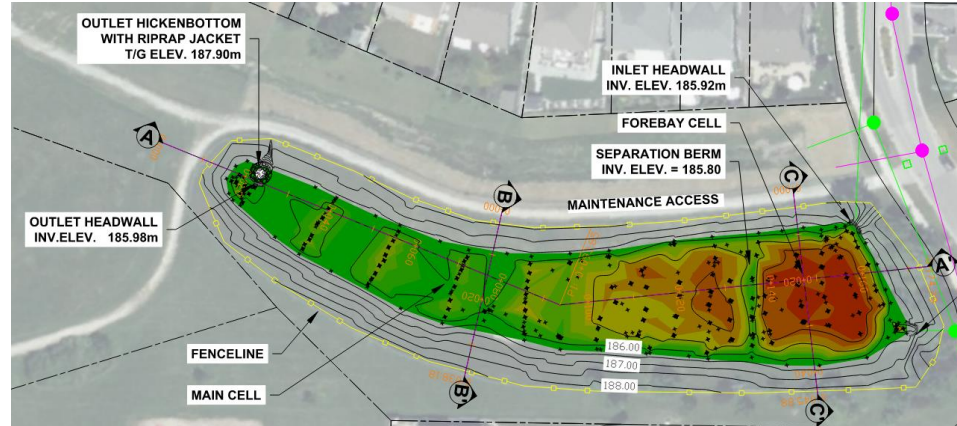


# Sediment Accumulation Results

Oakdale SWMP

1,413 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment

Remove sediment and vegetation from outlet HW

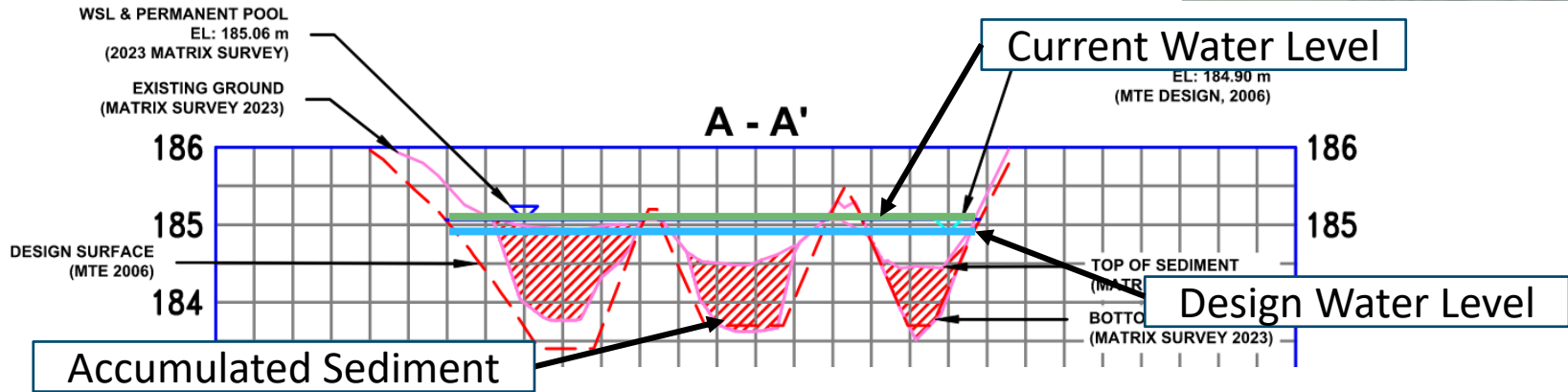
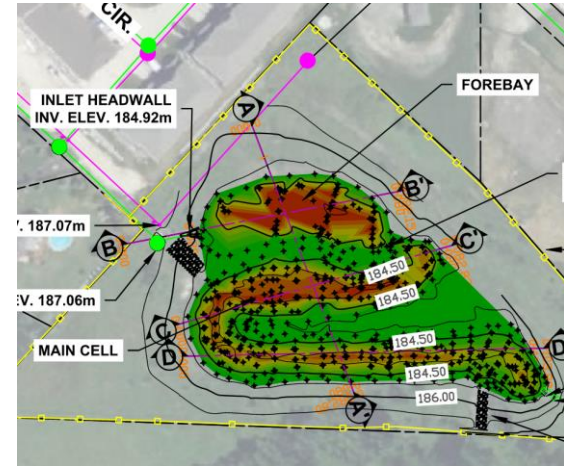


# Sediment Accumulation Results

Streamside SWMP

1,672 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment

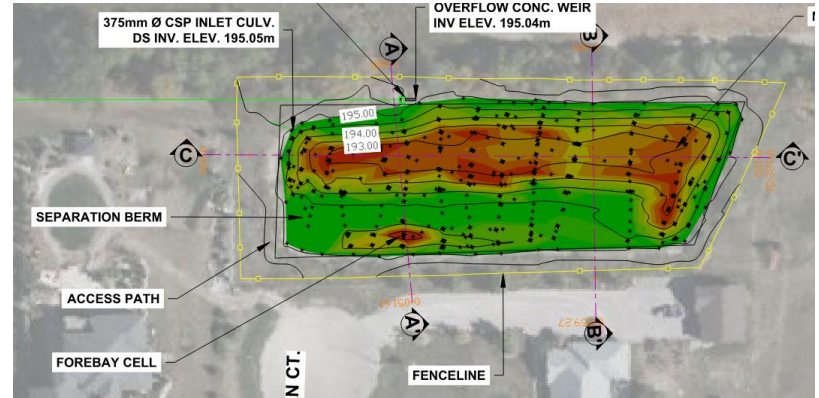
Dredge forebay to meet design depth



# Sediment Accumulation Results

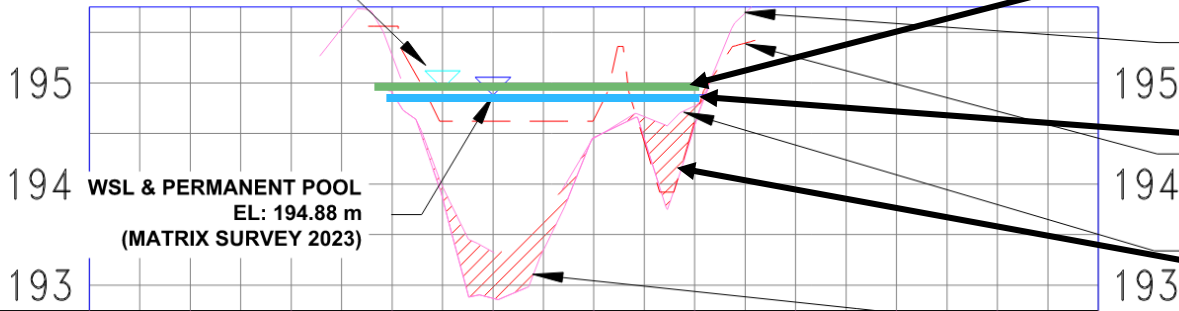
Sheridan SWMP

883 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment



DWL & PERMANENT POOL  
EL: 194.94 m  
(UPPER CANADA  
CONSULTANTS 2009)

A - A'



WSL & PERMANENT POOL  
EL: 194.88 m  
(MATRIX SURVEY 2023)

Current Water Level

Design Water Level

Accumulated Sediment



# Results and Recommendations

- Condition Assessment:
  - 5 ponds with minor condition issues (i.e. remove vegetation/trees, remove phragmites, install gate lock)
  - 1 pond (Riverview Estates) with minor facility improvements that Township's Operations Department could address
  - Costs for repair included in capital costs for cleanout

Dennis Dr SWMP



Attema Crescent SWMP



Townline SWMP



# Prioritization

1. Hornak SWMP 2 – Cleanout, Remove vegetation overgrowth and invasive phragmites
2. Townline SWMP 4 – Cleanout, Remove cattails
3. Attema SWMP 6 – Cleanout only
4. Oakdale SWMP 3 – Cleanout, clear vegetation/trees by inlets
5. Streamside SWMP 1 – Cleanout
6. Sheridan SWMP 7 – Cleanout

Recommendation: City's own forces complete identified repair items at the Riverview Estates Pond (repair inlet great, remove vegetation in the pond block, locate and expose a buried MH cover, install warning signage, address public encroachment issue).

# Pond Maintenance Recommendations

- In Matrix's SWMF Assessment report, we have identified some maintenance recommendations that can be completed by Township staff (i.e. vegetation removal, installation of SWM Pond warning signs)
- Annual inspections of facilities to ensure proper function and identify issues.
- The standard recommendation for pond sediment survey programs is every 10 years since the last cleanout or inspection. Annual sediment loading rate will be determined to forecast the sediment cleanout year.

# Results and Recommendations OGS Units

- OGS AM00515 (at West Lincoln Community Centre) has approximately 600 mm depth of sediment accumulated. Recommend cleanout now.
- Other three OGS units have little to no sediment and no condition issues observed:
  - CM04305 (15 Brookside Terrace)
  - DM06285 (Townline Rd & Rock St)
  - DM06175 (Townline Rd & Alma Dr)
- Township should implement an annual inspection program

# Questions

### August 12/24 All Committees/Council Mtg Mayor's Remarks

Since my last Mayor's remarks at the July 15th All Committees/Council meeting, I have been encouraged by the number of nominations that have been coming in for our Community Recognition Awards. We are just past the halfway point in the nomination period so I would like to take this opportunity to remind council members and residents, that now is the time to submit a nomination for someone that you know currently is making a difference or has in the past made a difference, to the well-being of others in our community. Self or family member nominations are not only accepted, but encouraged, as details regarding past longtime involvement in the community might otherwise remain unknown. Five (5) independent judges have been once again secured for our 2024 Awards, so to West Lincoln residents, I say get nominating those known to you! Please put in as much detail as possible regarding the various contributions of the nominees.

On Friday, July 19, John and I attended Dinner at the Dairy at the Youngblut Farm on Range Rd. 1. We were extremely impressed with how well it was organized, as they managed to move several hundreds of people through an information-based tour of their efficient robotic milking farm operation, information that was suitable and engaging for adults and children alike! Additionally they managed to feed everyone burgers or hotdogs, drinks of water, white or chocolate milk with ice cream treats for dessert. Thanks to the host farm family and the huge number of volunteers who made this event run so very well. It was an amazing family event!

I was able to attend 2 different Regional Council meetings on Thursday, July 25th via zoom while on vacation in New Hampshire. I want to take this opportunity to point out the significance of having a second Regional Councillor from West Lincoln in addition to the Mayor, available for all Regional meetings. Councillor Witteveen and I are able to always ensure a West Lincoln presence at the Region, whether only one of us or both of us are available for any given meeting.

I was pleased to represent West Lincoln at the opening ceremonies of the Big Brother/Big Sister "Big Start" Back to School Campaign kickoff on Thursday, August 1st. A presence at this campaign kick-off was important as this region-wide organization services families in West Lincoln as well as the other municipalities in the Region. We certainly want to be included in their partnering of adults with youth in need of the support that Big Brothers/Big Sisters has to offer.

West Lincoln Councillors who were able to do so, attended the Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Luncheon event on May 31st. As a result of that event, I am pleased to say that the Executive Director, on behalf of the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, was able to present a cheque to McNally House Hospice last Thursday, August 8th. It was my honour to be in attendance at that cheque presentation. I am hopeful that the social media publicity surrounding this particular donation will help residents in our 3 catchment-area communities realize that **all** donations, no matter the size, are very much needed to ensure that this free, compassionate care service provided by McNally House Hospice continues to grow to match community needs..

Finally, an up-date on the AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) Conference which begins this upcoming Sunday, August 18 and runs until noon Wednesday, August 21, in Ottawa. Getting ready for AMO is always a long process that requires a great deal of preparatory work without actually knowing whether or not we will be granted a delegation time slot. It is worth noting that ROMA in January and AMO in August of each year are the two opportunities for individual municipalities to meet face to face with Provincial elected officials, that being either Provincial Ministers or their Parliamentary Assistants, to

discuss issues directly affecting the municipality. We submitted in a timely manner, all necessary documentation for each step of the way during the past two-three months, and we now know as of the last 2 weeks, that we have been granted all 3 of our delegation requests. We will have the opportunity to speak with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure regarding our asset management funding needs, with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding our immediate needs for water/wastewater infrastructure so as to get housing starts underway in West Lincoln and additionally we will meet with the new Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming regarding an increase to Library funding which has not changed in close to 25 years and to also ask for the Public Libraries Act 1990, to be reviewed and updated.

Delegation packages for our attendees, CAO McBride, Regional Councillor Witteveen and Councillors Bradaric, Chechalk and Reilly are ready for perusal and any personal preparation notes at the end of this evening's meeting.