



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. TWO
January 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Township Administration Building
318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

Council: Mayor Cheryl Ganann, Chair
Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Councillor Mike Rehner
Councillor William Reilly
Councillor Jason Trombetta
Councillor Joann Chechalk
Councillor Greg Maychak

Staff: Dennis Fisher, Fire Chief
Truper McBride, CAO
Mike DiPaola, Director of Operations
Cindy Weir, Library CEO
Gerrit Boerema, Director of Growth and Sustainability
Katelyn Repovs, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
Justin Paylove, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst

Attendees: John Ganann
Rob Cosby
David Kurth

1. SINGING OF "O CANADA"- CAISTOR CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

1. The public may submit comments for matters that are on the agenda to 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.

2. This meeting is being livestreamed as well as recorded and will be available on the Township's website.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Mayor 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 Hattiwendaronk, 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 Joann Chechalk

Councillor Chechalk 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

NOTE: Items for which conflicts were recently declared at Committee Meeting(s)

There were no pecuniary interest and/or conflict 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.

The Chair inquired 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.

7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Chief Executive Officer - Library Services (Cindy Weir)
Re: Presentation of West Lincoln Library Budget 2025
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

There were no Regional Councillor remarks. Regional Councillor Witteveen sent his regrets.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Council Minutes
Re: December 16, 2024
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Greg Maychak

1. That the minutes relating to the December 16, 2024 Council Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted; and,
2. That the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the December 16, 2024 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 All Committees Meeting (Including Public Meetings)
Re: Minutes- January 13, 2025
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

1. That the minutes relating to the January 13, 2025 All Committees (Including Public Meetings) meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted; and,

2. That the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the January 13, 2025 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

- 9.3 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act
Re: Minutes - January 13, 2025

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That the minutes relating to the January 13, 2025 Public Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted.

Carried

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 Martina Jol - West Lincoln Age Friendly Committee

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That, the notice of resignation received on January 13, 2025 from Martina Jol, Age Friendly Committee, be received; and,
2. That, By-law 2023-03 being a By-law for various appointments to boards, committees and municipal positions, be amended to remove Martina Jol from Schedule "A"

Carried

11. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor read from a prepared statement, which is attached to the minutes as Schedule "A"

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Growth and Sustainability Committee

There were no reports.

- 12.2 Corporate Services Committee

1. Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer (Katelyn Repovs)
Re: Recommendation Report T-01-2025- 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That, Information Report T-01-2025, titled “2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget” dated January 27, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

12.3 Community and Protective Services Committee

There were no reports.

12.4 Operations Committee

There were no reports.

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 motions introduced by any Members of Council to reconsider action taken at this Council meeting or the previous regular Council 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.

There were no notices of intent served by any Member of Council to introduce a motion to rescind action taken previously by Council.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Members of Council
Re: Council Remarks

1. Councillor William Reilly
Re: Update to Council/Staff Relations Policy

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That Administration be directed to perform a comprehensive review of both the Council Code of Conduct Policy and the Council Staff Relations Policy.
2. That, Administration return with a report before the end of the calendar year.

Carried

Councillor Reilly

Re: Increased crime in small municipalities

Mayor Ganann

Re: Niagara Regional Transit will be available in person on February 5, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the West Lincoln Community Centre to engage with the community and collect feedback/surveys regarding transit

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 new items of business.

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no Confidential Matters.

18. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That leave be granted to introduce By-Laws 2025-01, 2025-02, 2025-03 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 2025-01

A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 2023-03 which confirmed various appointments and/or recommendations for appointments to boards, committees and municipal positions.

(Removal of Martina Jol)

18.2 BY-LAW 2025-02

A By-Law to delegate powers and duties to Officers, Employees and Agents of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.

18.3 By-Law 2025-03

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor to declare this meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:10 p.m.

JUSTIN PAYLOVE, DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES/ CLERK

MAYOR CHERYL GANANN