



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. THREE

March 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Township Administration Building
318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

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

Absent: Councillor Jason Trombetta

Staff: Truper McBride, CAO
Justin Paylove, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
Jessica Dyson, Director, Legal and Legislative Services
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst
Gerrit Boerema, Director, Growth and Sustainability

Attendees: John Ganann
Albert Witteveen, Regional Councillor
Dave Tamminga

1. **SINGING OF "O CANADA" - Smithville Christian High School**

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

Councillor Maychak read the opening petition

4. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no change in Order of Items on Agenda

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

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

5.1 Councillor William Reilly - BY-LAW 2026-11

5.2 Councillor William Reilly - BY-LAW 2026-12

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 members of the public present who wish to address specific items on the agenda.

7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Jason Reynar, Lerner LLP

Re: Municipal Governance and Restructuring Information
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Jason Reynar gave a brief presentation on Municipal Restructuring attached to these minutes as Schedule "A".

8. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

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

8.1 Jason Reynar, Lerner's LLP

Re: OLT Appeal information and Direction

Applicable Closed Session Exemption(s):

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and,
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

8.1 Jason Reynar, Lerner's LLP and Gerrit Boerema, Director of Growth and Sustainability

9. DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

1. That Council direct Administration to defend the position of the Committee of Adjustment before the OLT, including delegating the authority to the CAO or his designate to negotiate a settlement; and,
2. That administration return to Council for approval of any settlement proposed.

10. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen provided an update on traffic concerns.

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11.1 Council Minutes

Re: Minutes - February 23, 2026

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That the minutes relating to the February 23, 2026, Council Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted.

Carried

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 West Lincoln Age Friendly Advisory Committee

Re: Minutes - February 6, 2026

Moved By Councillor Greg Maychak

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That the West Lincoln Age Friendly Advisory Committee Minutes dated February 6, 2026, be received.

Carried

12.2 Director, Growth and Sustainability (Gerrit Boerema)

Re: Resolution requiring land - Wade Road (Phelps Homes Ltd.)

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That Council, as per article 4 of the Minutes of Settlement approved by the OMB for Case No. PL170875, accept the transfer of lands identified in Schedule B of said Minutes and legally described as Part Lot 8, Plan M97, as confirmed by PL30BA1694 being, Part 6 on 30R14063 and being Part 6 on 30R14109, save and except Part 1 on 30R15840, Township of West Lincoln, be accepted by the Township.

Carried

13. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor read from a prepared statement attached to these minutes as Schedule "B"

14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

14.1 Growth and Sustainability Committee

Re: Minutes - March 2, 2026

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Seconded By Councillor Greg Maychak

1. That the minutes relating to the March 2, 2026, Growth and Sustainability Committee Meeting, be accepted.

Carried

14.2 Infrastructure Committee

Re: Minutes - March 2, 2026

Moved By Councillor William Reilly
Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That the minutes relating to the March 2, 2026, Infrastructure Committee Meeting, be accepted.

Carried

14.3 Corporate Services Committee

Re: Minutes - March 9, 2026

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Seconded By Councillor Greg Maychak

1. That the minutes relating to the March 9, 2026, Corporate Services Committee Meeting, be accepted.

Carried

14.4 Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Minutes - March 9, 2026

Moved By Councillor Greg Maychak
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That the minutes relating to the March 9, 2026, Community and Protective Services Committee Meeting, be accepted.

Carried

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

Councillor Maychak

Re: YMCA-March Break Program and Summer Camp

Councillor Bradaric

Re: March Break Program and Community Centre Ping Pong Table

Councillor Reilly

Re: March 4, 2026 attended Engineering Technical Lunch
March 23, 2026 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

Councillor Checkalk

Re: April 22, 2026, Mayor’s Luncheon
May 9, 2026, Niagara Farm Day

Mayor Ganann

Re: Speech Contest

18. 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

19. BY-LAWS

Councillor William Reilly joined the meeting at 5:38 pm.

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That leave be granted to introduce By-Laws 2026-10, 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13, 2026-14, 2026-15, and 2026-16 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

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That leave be granted to introduce By-Laws 2026-11 and 2026-12, 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.

	For	Against	Conflict
Councillor Shelley Bradaric	X		
Mayor Cheryl Ganann	X		
Councillor Mike Rehner		X	
Councillor William Reilly			X
Councillor Joann Chechalk	X		
Councillor Greg Maychak	X		
Results	4	1	1

Carried (4 to 1)

19.1 BY-LAW 2026-10

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln
6910 Silver Street

19.2 BY-LAW 2026-11

Being a By-law adopt Amendment NO. 68 to the Official Plan for the Township of West Lincoln
Morgan Ave. - College Street

Councillor William Reilly declared a conflict on this item.

19.3 BY-LAW 2026-12

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, of the Township of West Lincoln
132 College Street

Councillor William Reilly declared a conflict on this item.

19.4 BY-LAW 2026-13

Being a By-law to amend By-law 89-2000 which regulates Traffic and Parking on Township Roads

19.5 BY-LAW 2026-14

A By-law to establish an Emergency Management Program for the Township of West Lincoln and to authorize the execution of Shared Service Agreements for the provision of Emergency Management Services between the Town of Lincoln, Town of Pelham, Township of Wainfleet, and Township of West Lincoln

19.6 BY-LAW 2026-15

Being a By-law to Establish an Administrative Penalty System

19.7 BY-LAW 2026-16

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

20. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor to declare this meeting adjourned at the hour of 7.55 p.m.

JUSTIN PAYLOVE, MANAGER,
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK

MAYOR CHERYL GANANN