

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. EIGHTEEN

December 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

Council: Mayor Dave Bylsma
Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Councillor Harold Jonker
Councillor Mike Rehner
Councillor William Reilly
Councillor Jason Trombetta
Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Staff: Joanne Scime, Clerk
Bev Hendry, CAO
Roberta Keith, IT Administrator

Others: Steven Soos*
Brenda Johnson*
Tristan Marks, News Now*
Nicholas Fearn, Niagara This Week*

1. SINGING OF "O CANADA"

Prior to commencing with the Council meeting, Mayor Bylsma noted the following:

1. Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect all individuals, the Council Chamber will not be open to the public to attend Standing Committee and Council meetings until further notice.
2. The public may submit comments for matters that are on the agenda to jscime@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.

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3. The meeting will be recorded and available on the Township's website within 48 hours of the meeting, unless otherwise noted.

2. OPENING PETITION - Councillor Cheryl Ganann

3. DECLARATION OF APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE & OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:

- 3.1 Declaration of Office & Oath of Allegiance - Councillor for Ward 2
(Gainsborough)
Re: Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Mayor Bylsma asked Ms. Shelley Bradaric to read her declaration of appointment to the Office of Ward 2 Councillor and the Oath of Allegiance, which he noted was formally done earlier today in front of himself, the CAO and the Clerk; however, we wanted other Members of Council, staff and the public to witness Ms. Bradaric taking her declaration and oath of allegiance as Councillor for Ward 2.

Following Councillor Bradaric reading her Declaration of Appointment to the Office of Ward 2 Councillor and the Oath of Allegiance, each Member of Council as well as Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen congratulated and welcomed Councillor Bradaric as Councillor for Ward 2 and advised that they looked forward to working with her over the remaining portion of this term of Council.

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 disclosures of pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest declared by any Member of Council.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public virtually present on the Zoom meeting call that noted they wished to address a specific item on the agenda. Additionally, the Clerk stated that there were no members of the public that had contacted her by email prior to 4:30 p.m. today, to provide comments to any items on the agenda as permitted by Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law.

7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Steven Soos

Re: Request to support City of Niagara Falls Resolution Requesting Niagara Regional Council to Declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness & Addiction

Mr. Soos stated that he was in attendance this evening to ask West Lincoln to join the other area municipalities in the Niagara Region in supporting the City of Niagara Falls Resolution which requests Niagara Regional Council to declare a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction. Mr. Soos stated that he has been working on this resolution since 2019 when he had an interview with a reporter for the Voice of Pelham regarding why Niagara should declare a state of emergency on these issues. Mr. Soos provided statistics and facts and noted that from January to September 2020 there have been 475 overdoses and the latest homeless number counts for Niagara Region is over 600 with 144 being children. Mr. Soos advised that there is a severe lack of services for mental health with COVID-19 not making this any easier especially for smaller area municipalities. Mr. Soos reviewed the benefits of declaring a state of emergency which provides increased power to a municipality to set aside funding, resources and assistance to deal with the issue. Mr. Soos noted that if Niagara Region declares a state of emergency then the POEC must respond quickly. Mr. Soos stated that to date, Niagara Falls, Thorold, Fort Erie, and Grimsby have unanimously voted in support of Niagara Region Declaring a State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction and he hoped West Lincoln would support endorsing the resolution that was in front of them this evening; by supporting this resolution this will bring these issues to the forefront so these issues are no longer silent.

Councillor Reilly requested that a recorded vote be taken.

Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That, the correspondence from the City of Niagara Fall, dated November 17, 2020, requesting Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction be received; and,
2. That, the Township of West Lincoln support the City of Niagara Falls request to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and,

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3. That, this resolution be forwarded to Niagara Regional Council, Niagara Region Public Health and Social Services, the Premier of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Minister of the Attorney General, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Niagara West MPP, Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MP, Dean Allison as well as the Prime Minister of Canada, and all local area municipalities within the Niagara Region.

	For	Against
Mayor Dave Bylsma	X	
Councillor Cheryl Ganann	X	
Councillor Harold Jonker	X	
Councillor Mike Rehner	X	
Councillor William Reilly	X	
Councillor Jason Trombetta	X	
Councillor Shelley Bradaric	X	
Results	7	0
		Carried (7 to 0)

- 7.2 Brenda Johnson, Chair & Chandra Sharma, CEO, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA)
Re: Introduction & Update on NPCA Initiatives

Ms. Brenda Johnson, Chair of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) thanked Members of the Council for the opportunity to attend this evening's meeting and provide an update on the NPCA's initiatives. Ms. Johnson noted that the NPCA CAO, Chandra Sharma, had the presentation materials and unfortunately due to a family emergency, she was unable to attend this evening's meeting but that she would do her best to present the information that they planned to do this evening. Ms. Johnson advised that in 2019, Mayor Bylsma was the chair of the NPCA and with his leadership he helped the Board through some of their darkest days and noted that she could not thank him enough for all his hard work and for the Township recommending that he become a representative on the Board. Ms. Johnson advised that Chandra Sharma came to NPCA

from the Toronto Conservation with a menu of qualifications and she did not know how the NPCA would have done without having Ms. Sharma. Ms. Johnson noted that 2020 has been most challenging with respect to dealing with COVID, which has helped us to all realize how important our greenspaces and parks are for all ages. Ms. Johnson noted that the NPCA's passive parks and trails have been inundated with visitors, which means that staffing and resources are starting to drain because they are being put into positions that they have never had to do before with having approximately 70,000 people coming to visit the parks and trails (i.e. waste collection, maintaining trails, etc.). Ms. Johnson further noted that due to the pandemic, many of the NPCA's revenue generated events have been either cancelled or geared down to almost nothing including the Balls Falls Thanksgiving event which was held virtually this year. Ms. Johnson noted that there has been countless hours that have been dedicated to reviewing the Auditor General's report, with nearly 70% of the report being completed and then the Board was hit with Bill 229 and everything that the Board has been striving for in the Auditor General's report was now going towards a different direction including the elimination of citizen appointments; however, she noted that the Province did concede to allowing 30% of the Board's membership to be citizen appointments. Ms. Johnson noted that at this Thursday's Board Meeting, there will be a presentation relating to Bill 229 and its impact on the NPCA. Ms. Johnson noted that in spite of Bill 229, the NPCA will be moving forward with their Strategic Plan which may need a few objectives changed to accommodate for Bill 229. Ms. Johnson noted that when Mayor Bylsma was sitting as Chair of the NPCA Board, there was a goal that was made at that time to re-establish, create, initiate and enhance the relationship with the municipal partnerships which was why there was a decision to go to each municipality to introduce themselves and to let them know that the NPCA are here to help.

Mayor Bylsma noted that Debra Coon-Petersen, was the Township's representative on the NPCA's Board and noted the importance of the Township's relationship with the NPCA who have the largest area of watersheds within their jurisdiction including the Welland River and Twenty Mile Creek. Mayor Bylsma noted that the NPCA has done their best to bring cheer to residents by lighting up the Ball Falls Conservation Area.

8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen read from a prepared statement which is attached as **Schedule "A"** to the minutes. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided an update on various Niagara Region issues/initiatives that had occurred over the past couple of weeks, which included highlights from various meetings that he had attended since his last report in late November. Regional Councillor Witteveen shared some great news regarding Big Country Raw who have been listed as one of Canada's fastest growing companies. Regional Councillor Witteveen noted that Big Country Raw was a family owned business that originally started as a home business, then moving to the West Lincoln Industrial Park and has now become Canada's largest raw pet food manufacturer, employing over 100 people in Ontario. In closing, Regional Councillor Witteveen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year and that he looked forward to working with everyone in 2021.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 9.1 Council Minutes - Regular
Re: November 23, 2020

Moved By Councillor William Reilly
Seconded By Councillor Mike Rehner

That, the minutes of the November 23, 2020 regular Council meeting be accepted.

Carried

- 9.2 Council Minutes - Special
Re: November 24, 2020 - Session #1 - Community Economic Development 101 Training

Moved By Councillor Harold Jonker
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the November 24, 2020 special Council meeting (Session #1 - Community Economic Development Training) be accepted.

Carried

- 9.3 Council Minutes - Special
Re: December 1, 2020 - Session #2 - Community Economic Development 101 Training

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Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the minutes of the December 1, 2020 special Council meeting (Session #2 - Community Economic Development Training) be accepted.

Carried

- 9.4 Public Meetings Under the Planning Act
Re: Minutes of November 7, 2020

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, the minutes of the public meetings held on December 7, 2020 under Sections 17 & 34 of the Planning Act, with respect to the following:

- (a) Official Plan Amendment - Township of West Lincoln - Road Allowance Opening and Development (File No.: 1701-001-20)
- (b) Zoning By-law Amendment - Township of West Lincoln - Caistorville United Church (File No.: 1601-009-20)
- (c) Zoning By-law Amendment - Niagara Pallets and the Davis Family - 2906 & 2930 South Grimsby Road 8 (File No.: 1601-008-20)

be accepted.

Carried

10. COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications.

11. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Bylsma noted that this year will be one that will be forever remembered in defining and adjusting for COVID-19 and the implications that were brought about during a pandemic. Mayor Bylsma stated that as the Year 2020 ends, he would like to highlight a few of the positive accomplishments that occurred within our community including but not limited to:

- (1) Our local charities, in particular West Lincoln Community Care and Gleaners, are reporting great vitality for which he was very grateful to the community for.
- (2) The Mayor's West Lincoln Community Care Food Drive with the assistance of other Members of Council was a great success with the shelves at Community Care being fully stocked.

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- (3) West Lincoln Volunteer Firefighters Drive Thru Santa Event which was organized and run by the West Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department this past Saturday, although the weather was not outstanding, was a huge success. Mayor Bylsma advised that the Fire Chief had advised that the Firefighters collected more food for West Lincoln Community Care than they normally do during the Santa Claus Parade.
- (4) The Silverdale Hall Board Christmas Dinner was held this past Friday evening and again was another very successful event raising funds for West Lincoln Community Care.
- (5) The Smithville Christian Gleaners are planning to install a second dryer which will also provide backup should their first dryer breakdown and also provides great flexibility.

Mayor Bylsma advised that Council and staff have continued to function and have completed all of their scheduled work and projects during COVID and these unprecedented times, which will be highlighted further when the CAO presents her report of what staff have undertaken and the accomplishments that have been met as part of the Township's Strategic Plan. Mayor Bylsma stated that in addition to the regular duties as Councillors, he attended 33 Emergency Operation Centre meetings this year which were attended by many of the Township's staff and included attending numerous other meetings since being faced with a pandemic while continuing to do their jobs. Mayor Bylsma stated that one of the most exciting events to occur in 2020 was the rebuild of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital which is on schedule, with zero time being lost due to the pandemic with Phases 2 and 3 being undertaken concurrently. Mayor Bylsma noted that negotiations have been undertaken with Niagara Region for the purpose of contributing to the municipal portion of the hospital rebuild. Mayor Bylsma recognized the hard work and dedication of the West Lincoln Hospital Foundation, its citizen appointees which includes Councillor Cheryl Ganann, the Chairs of the various committees that continued to push forward to get the assurances from the Province. In closing, Mayor Bylsma noted that after having the COVID-19 outbreak at St. Martin Catholic School resolved, he was very thankful for the general health and wellbeing of the Township and noted that we have a lot to be thankful for. Mayor Bylsma wished all Members of Council, staff and residents a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee
Re: Minutes of December 7, 2020

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Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the open session portion of the December 7, 2020 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,

That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the December 7, 2020 Planning/Building/ Environmental Committee meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

Carried

- 12.2 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee
Re: Minutes of December 7, 2020

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner
Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, the minutes of the Administration/Finance/Fire Committee meeting held on December 7, 2020 be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

- 12.3 Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee
Re: Minutes of December 7, 2020

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta
Seconded By Councillor Mike Rehner

That, the minutes of the Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee meeting held on December 7, 2020 be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

13. RECONSIDERATION

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND

There were no Members of Council in attendance that served notice of motion to rescind.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 CAO (Bev Hendry)

Re: Information Report CAO-10-2020 - West Lincoln Corporate Strategic Plan 2020 Year-End Status Update

The CAO provided highlights of her Information Report No. CAO-10-2020 being a second update for the year with respect to the Corporate Strategic Plan 2020 and the accomplishments that have occurred since the first update was provided in June. The CAO noted that this report and the list of accomplishments will be included on the Township's website for the public to view. The CAO noted that she had tried to write the report in a user friendly way and that she was particularly proud of staff for their accomplishments this year.

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That Report CAO-10-2020 - West Lincoln Corporate Strategic Plan 2020 Year-End Status Update dated December 14, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

15.2 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

(1) Councillor William Reilly

Re: Various Items

Councillor Reilly noted that on Friday, December 4, 2020 a virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony was undertaken by the Township in partnership with the West Lincoln Kiwanis and approximately 650 families watched the ceremony online, which was approximately three times more families than were in attendance in 2019.

Councillor Reilly noted that the deadline for the West Lincoln Santa Claus Parade Committee Sparkles Light Decorating Competition was coming up on Sunday, December 20th, 2020. Councillor Reilly asked to pass this message along to anyone that may want to submit an application for the competition. Councillor Reilly advised that there were incredible prizes that will be given away and he thanked the community and the local businesses for the support that the Parade Committee has received, which has been incredible.

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Councillor Reilly noted that although Regional Councillor Witteveen had spoken to Big Country Raw being identified as being Canada's largest raw pet food manufacturer and listed as one of country's fastest growing companies, which was an incredible achievement; it does not feel like it was that long ago that they had the grand opening of their facility in the Industrial Park and it was his understanding that they were also in the midst of an expansion.

Councillor Reilly noted that this coming Wednesday, Regional Councillor Witteveen along with other local Regional Councillors will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall Meeting.

Councillor Reilly noted that further to Mayor Bylsma's comments regarding the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital and the hard work of the Hospital Foundation and its citizen members, he also wanted to mention the delegation meetings that were held at the AMO and ROMA conferences and to thank staff for putting those delegations together and to all the local members of Council that were in attendance and pushing the Province forward on the need for the rebuild of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, which is starting to look like a reality.

Councillor Reilly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and noted that 2020 has been a trying and challenging year for everyone and that everyone has been doing an incredible job.

(2) Councillor Harold Jonker
Re: Various Items

Councillor Jonker thanked the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for organizing the Toonies for Toy Drive which had an overwhelming response for which he wanted to thank the community for their generosity. Councillor Jonker noted that he had dropped some money bottles of at the Chamber's office but he had not yet heard how much money was collected. Councillor Jonker noted that West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce does a lot of work and are a very important part of the community in supporting local businesses and vice versa. Councillor Jonker noted the great accomplishments of Big Country Raw and advised that they were also expanding their business by building another facility in Calgary.

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Councillor Jonker wished Members of Council, staff and the community a truly joyful Christmas and a wonderful and blessed New Year.

- (3) Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Re: Various Items

Councillor Ganann noted that she and her husband were busy last week helping West Lincoln Community Care pack various items including gifts for the families that were already registered with Community Care and following this they drove out to Silverdale Hall to pick up their dinner and noticed on the drive that there were many more properties that were decorated with lights this year than there has been in years past, which may have been sparked by the West Lincoln Parade Committee's lighting contest as well as the fact that residents felt down on how things were going with Christmas and COVID and decorating their properties was something that they could do in light of being in a pandemic.

Councillor Ganann recognized the efforts of the Township's Firefighters and staff as well as the West Lincoln Kiwanis who helped out with the Drive Thru Santa Event that was held at Leisureplex on Saturday and she noted that she had seen many joyful looks on the children that attended the event. Councillor Ganann noted that she was very proud of being a member of this community for all their support and for all the food that was donated at the event and how everyone came together to support each other and run a very successful event.

Councillor Ganann wished Members of Council, staff and the community a very Merry Christmas and although it may be different this year, it will still be very joyful.

- (4) Councillor Mike Rehner
Re: Various Items

Councillor Rehner complimented Councillor Jonker for his words regarding the true meaning of Christmas and he too wished Members of Council, staff and the community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year and he hoped for a more optimistic 2021 then we have faced in 2020. Councillor Rehner noted that he also hoped that Township Council will be able to attend

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Standing Committee and Council meetings in person and put aside the challenges of having virtual online meetings.

- (5) Councillor Jason Trombetta
Re: Various Issues

Councillor Trombetta stated that 2020 has been very challenging and that going forward he hoped Members of Council will be working towards executing some of the campaign promises that they had made if elected especially since budget deliberations will be commencing very shortly in January and February.

Councillor Trombetta wished Members of Council, staff and the community a Happy Holiday, Christmas and New Year.

- (6) Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Re: Various Issues

Councillor Bradaric stated that she was very proud of this team and congratulated the CAO on the accomplishments that have been made this year with respect to the Township's Strategic Plan which proves that staff have been working hard to address the goals of the municipality. Councillor Bradaric noted she was very pleased that she has been given the opportunity to be a part of Council and represent a caring and supportive community which was one of the reasons she and her family moved to this community many years ago. Councillor Bradaric wished Members of Council, staff and the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

16. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no new items of business brought forward by any Member of Council present.

17. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, leave be granted to introduce By-laws # 2020-112, 2020-113, 2020-114 and 2020-115; 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,

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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

17.1 BY-LAW 2020-112

A By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln at its regular meeting held on the 23rd Day of November, 2020, its special meeting held on the 24th day of November 2020 and the 1st day of December 2020.

17.2 BY-LAW 2020-113

A By-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and the Corporation of the City of Thorold for Hearing Officer Services under the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) Program.

17.3 BY-LAW 2020-114

A By-law to authorize a Development Charge Credit/Front Ending Agreement with Dunloe Developments Inc. for the Construction of Road Works and Sidewalk Installation on Spring Creek Road, between South Grimsby Road 5 and South Grimsby Road 6 (Extension), in the Former Township of South Grimsby, Township of West Lincoln.

17.4 BY-LAW 2020-115

A By-law to Establish a Court of Revision Under the Provisions of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17 & Repeal By-law 2018-112 (Appoint Councillor Shelley Bradaric to Replace Councillor Christopher Coady).

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:30p.m.



JOANNE SCIME, CLERK

MAYOR DAVE BYLSMA

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Regional Councillors Report:

Good evening Mayor, members of Council, staff and members of the public. I would like to start my report on sharing an update on the Greater Golden Horseshoe Food Farming Alliance meeting that I attended in late November. The committee has been working on a refresh on the next 5 year action plan for agriculture in the Golden Horse Shoe. Many stakeholders took part in this project and some high level directions were to help develop policies to source out local food streams for Long Term Care facilities, work on retention and expansion of Local Farm markets, help to enhance On-Farm diversification such as (wedding venues, special events and agri-tourism). Some more challenging issues are large homes within agriculture land, secondary dwelling units, urban development in rural areas, crowd control measures in rural areas and purchasing power of local food. Some of these will be position papers, and other will be initiatives. The 5 year action plan can be found on the website of the Great Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

This will take many stake holders to bring these initiatives together over the next 5 years.

As for the Niagara Region we have been busy working through our official budget for 2021. It is and will be challenging budget with all that

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has happened over the past year and working to complete initiatives and projects forward in the coming year. Staff were guided to stay within 2% guidance.

In attending the Public Works meeting earlier this month we had a presentation on the Niagara Specialized Transit update. Hours of operation are from 7am-10pm seven days a week with 26,680 trips in 2019. The system operates in a pre-booked service and is shared rides. Moving forward the system will move to an on-demand platform similar to what we and other municipalities are using through our pilot stage. The Red Cross was the initial provider of the service but back in 2016 it went out to the public tender process in which BTS was named the new provider of the service and continues it today for the residences of Niagara. We are pleased with the excellent service that they have been providing. To share the Vision: Is to enable a single service to meet social, financial and rider experience expectations, employing a fully accessible fleet, booked and payed for with web-based, customizable profiles, using on-demand led service delivery for all rural or underserved areas of Niagara. Later that I attended the Public Health and Community services meeting in which we had a presentation on the Impact of COVID on the Ontario Works Case Load. A high level view was we hear in Niagara have 10,000

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individuals in need. Presently we are experiencing a 7.5% unemployment rate, this number has been helped by the Federal Government support programs in which has paid out greater than Ontario Works, if this level of support drops or is discontinued we could see a spike of 3,000 individuals needing support. So on average those on Ontario Works are receiving benefits longer from 37 months to 41 months because most of these individuals work in the service sector. Inclosing the program is preparing for an influx by accelerating digital solutions such as direct deposits, reloading payment cards and electronic document management. And lastly I would like to share with council some great news about one of our business here in Smithville. Big Country Raw is a family owned business that is extremely proud to be Canada's largest raw pet food manufacturer and employ over 100 people in Ontario. The company was listed as one of Canada's Fasted Growing Companies. This is awesome achievement and they are here in Smithville.

And I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy NewYear and look forward to work with all of you in 2021.

Councillor Witteveen