



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. FIVE

February 24, 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: Justin Paylove, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Katelyn Repovs, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst
Cynthia Summers, Director of Community and Protective Services
Truper McBride, CAO
Cindy Weir, Library CEO

Attendees: H.F. Stoffels
John Ganann
Regional Councillor Albert Witeveen

1. SINGING OF "O CANADA" - GAINSBOROUGH 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

Mayor Ganann 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 Greg Maychak

Councillor Maychak 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 interest 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, of which there were none.

7. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no appointments or presentations.

8. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

Regional Councillor Witteveen read from a prepared statement, which is attached to the minutes as Schedule "A".

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Council Minutes

Re: Council Minutes - January 27, 2025

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That the minutes relating to the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted.

Carried

9.2 Special Council

Re: Special Council - January 28, 2025 and February 10, 2025

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That the minutes relating to January 28, 2025 and February 10, 2025 Special Council Meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted; and,
2. That the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the January 28, 2025 Special 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

10. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

11. MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

12.1 Growth and Sustainability Committee

Re: Growth and Sustainability Committee - February 10, 2025

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor Greg Maychak

1. That the minutes relating to the February 10, 2025, Growth and Sustainability Committee meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted

Carried

12.2 Operations Committee

Re: Operations Committee - February 10, 2025

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That the minutes relating to the February 10, 2025 Operations Committee meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted.

Carried

12.3 Corporate Services Committee

Re: Corporate Services Committee - February 18, 2025

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That the minutes relating to the February 18, 2025 Corporate Services Committee meeting, and the recommendations contained therein, be accepted; and,
2. That the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the February 18, 2025 Corporate Services Committee 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

13. STAFF REPORTS

- 13.1 Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer (Katelyn Repovs)
Re: Recommendation Report T-04-2025- 2025 Final Operating and Capital Budget

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

1. That, Recommendation Report T-04-2025, titled “2025 Final Operating and Capital Budget”, dated February 24, 2025, be received;
2. That, a 2025 tax levy of \$10,255,120, which represents a 4.62% tax levy increase after factoring in assessment growth, be approved; and,
3. That, the 2025 hospital levy of \$206,900 be approved; and,
4. That, the 2025 Urban Service Area Levy of \$186,320 be approved; and,
5. That, the Detailed 2025 Capital Program, attached as Schedules C and D to this report, totalling \$10,044,650 be approved; and,
6. That, the balance of Capital and Special Projects for the years 2026 to 2034 as outlined on Schedules E and F to this report be approved in principle; and,
7. That, the 2025 water and wastewater utility user fees and charges, as presented in Schedule H, with an effective date of July 1, 2025, be approved;
8. That, a By-law be passed which amends By-law 2024-82, Schedule A, to incorporate the water and wastewater user fees and charges effective July 1, 2025; and,
9. That, tangible capital asset amortization estimated at \$3,730,723 and post-employment expenses estimated at \$22,800 be and are hereby excluded from the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget as permitted through Ontario Regulation 248/09.

	For	Against	Conflict
Councillor Shelley Bradaric	X		
Mayor Cheryl Ganann	X		
Councillor Mike Rehner		X	
Councillor William Reilly	X		
Councillor Jason Trombetta		X	
Councillor Joann Chechalk	X		
Councillor Greg Maychak	X		
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Carried

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 Members of Council
Re: Council Remarks

Councillor Maychak
Re: Welcome to the new Director of Community and Protective Services,
Cynthia Summers

Councillor Bradaric
Re: Public Works staff appreciation

Councillor Reilly
Re: February 27 Election and Made in Canada

17. 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.

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

That a new item of business be added to the agenda regarding the “Trees for All” project.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That Administration be directed to return to the next Corporate Services Meeting with further funding opportunities and information regarding the “Trees for all” project.

Carried

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters.

19. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor Jason Trombetta

Seconded By Councillor Greg Maychak

1. That leave be granted to introduce By-Laws 2025-07, 2025-08, 2025-09, 2025-10, and 2025-11 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

19.1 BY-LAW 2025-07

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended of the Township of West Lincoln.
Backyard Chickens

19.2 BY-LAW 2025-08

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2023-54, being a By-law to regulate Animal Care and Control within the Township of West Lincoln.

19.3 BY-LAW 2025-09

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

19.4 BY-LAW 2025-10

A By-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln.
Steven Emslie

19.5 BY-LAW 2025-11

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

20. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:21 p.m.

JUSTIN PAYLOVE, DIRECTOR
OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES/CLERK

MAYOR CHERYL GANANN