



**TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MEETING NO. EIGHT

November 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

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

Staff: Mike DiPaola, Director, Infrastructure
Cindy Weir, Library CEO
Justin Paylove, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
Gerrit Boerema, Director, Growth and Sustainability
Katelyn Repovs, Director, Corporate Services
Tim Hofsink, Fire Chief
Jessica Dyson, Director of Legal and Legislative Services
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst
Cynthia Summers, Director, Community and Protective Services
Truper McBride, CAO

Attendees: Rob Cosby
John Ganann

1. CHAIR - Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Prior to commencing with the Corporate Services Committee meeting agenda, Chair Bradaric will note the following:

1. Comments can be made from members of the public for a matter that is on the agenda by advising the Chair during the "Request to Address an Item on the Agenda" Section of the agenda.
2. The public may submit written comments for matters that are on the agenda to jpaylove@westlincoln.ca before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting for consideration by the Committee. Comments received after 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Committee meeting will be considered at the following Council meeting. Comments submitted are included in the record.
3. This 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. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no change in order of Items on Agenda

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

There were no disclosure of pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest

5. APPOINTMENTS

5.1 ITEM CS64-25

Steven Soos

Re: Sex Offender Registry

Steven Soos explained that he would like to see West Lincoln Council support the Public Sex Offender Registry List for Ontario and International.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

NOTE: Procedural By-law Section 10.13(5) – General Rules

One (1) hour in total shall be allocated for this section of the agenda and each individual person shall only be provided with **five (5) minutes** to address their issue (some exceptions apply). A response may not be provided and the matter may be referred to staff.

Chair to inquire if there are any members of the public present who wish to address any items on the Corporate Services Committee agenda.

There were no members of the public present who wished to address any items on the Corporate Services Committee

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 ITEM CS65-25

Mayor Cheryl Ganann

Re: Strengthen Laws, Sentencing and Parole Restrictions

Moved By Mayor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

WHEREAS the City of Welland and the broader Niagara Region have been deeply shaken by the recent violent sexual assault of a toddler in Welland;

WHEREAS court documents confirm the accused was previously convicted of sexual assault of a minor, ordered to register as a sex offender, but was released from his original sentence months early with limited conditions;

WHEREAS the release of repeat sexual offenders into our communities poses an unacceptable risk to children, families, and public safety;

WHEREAS municipalities lack the authority to legislate sentencing and offender release policies, but the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada hold responsibility for ensuring that laws, sentencing guidelines, parole, and release practices protect the public from repeat violent

and sexual offenders;

WHEREAS Canada's existing criminal justice system has permitted offenders convicted of the most serious crimes, including crimes against children, to be released prematurely despite ongoing risks to the community, and such leniencies in bail, sentencing, and release conditions have contributed to repeat victimization of children and other vulnerable Canadians; and

WHEREAS Niagara South Member of Parliament Fred Davies is

presenting a petition to the House of Commons demanding changes to the Criminal Code to make bail and early release provisions more restrictive for repeat violent and child sex offenders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That West Lincoln Council FORMALLY CALL on the Governments of Ontario and Canada to review and strengthen laws, sentencing provisions, and parole eligibility for individuals convicted of sexual offences, ensuring that repeat offenders are not prematurely released into communities where they pose an ongoing threat;
2. That Township of West Lincoln Council REQUEST that the Province of Ontario establish stricter monitoring measures, including mandatory long-term supervision orders, GPS monitoring, and enhanced public safety provisions for all individuals convicted of sexual offences;
3. That Township of West Lincoln Council REQUEST that the Attorney General of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services report back to municipalities on steps being taken to address gaps in legislation, sentencing, and supervision of repeat sex offenders;
4. That Township of West Lincoln Council EXPRESS its support for amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to make bail, sentencing, and release conditions more restrictive for repeat violent offenders, particularly sex offenders, and that this support be communicated to MP Fred Davies for inclusion in his petition to the House of Commons; and;
5. That a copy of this motion BE SENT to:
 - The Premier of Ontario;
 - The Attorney General of Ontario;
 - The Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
 - The Prime Minister of Canada;
 - The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
 - The Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs;
 - All Niagara-area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

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- All local area municipalities.

	For	Against	Conflict
Councillor Jason Trombetta	X		
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	7	0	0

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Carried (7 to 0)

7.2 ITEM CS66-25

West Lincoln Age Friendly
Re: Minutes - October 3, 2025

Moved By Councillor Greg Maychak
Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

1. That, the minutes from the West Lincoln Age Friendly Committee dated October 3, 2025; be received

Carried

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 ITEM CS67-25

Director, Corporate Services/CFO (Katelyn Repovs)
Re: Recommendation Report T-18-2025 - Quarter 3 2025 Financial Update & Request for Approval of Budget Amendment (BA 2025-11).

Moved By Mayor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor Joann Chechalk

1. That, Recommendation Report T-18-2025, titled “Quarter 3 2025 Financial Update & Request for Approval of Budget Amendment (BA 2025-11)”, dated November 17, 2025, be received; and,
2. That, a new capital project be established in order for Administration to undertake the work required for the Planning and Development Engineering Fee Review project; and,
3. That, Budget Amendment BA 2025-11 for an amount of \$60,000, funded through the Planning Reserve, be approved by Council.

Carried

8.2 ITEM CS68-25

Fire Chief (Tim Hofsink)

Re: Information Report WLFDD-10-2025 - Monthly Update - October 2025

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

1. That, Information Report WLFDD-10-2025, titled “Monthly Update – October 2025” dated November 17, 2025, be received.

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 ITEM CS69-25

Members of Committee

Re: Verbal Updates from Members of Boards and Committees - If required

9.2 ITEM CS70-25

Members of Council

Re: Other Business Items of an Informative Nature

Mayor Ganann

Re: Tree Lighting November 26, 2025

Annual Parade

Opening of the West Lincoln Hospital – November 24, 2025

Councillor Chechalk
Re: Tree Lighting

Councillor Bradaric
Re: Thanked Cindy Wier, Interim CEO of the West Lincoln Libraries for her services.

10. NEW BUSINESS

NOTE: Only for items that require immediate attention/direction and must first approve a motion to introduce a new item of business. (Motion Required)

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There are no Confidential Matters

12. DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

13. 2026 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Mayor Ganann proposed the 2026 Draft Operating and Capital Budget.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:35 p.m.

JUSTIN PAYLOVE, MANAGER
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK

COUNCILLOR SHELLEY
BRADARIC, CHAIR