

## TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA

### MEETING NO. TWO

Monday, March 2, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

**NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** All Cell Phones, Pagers and/or PDAs to be turned off. Members of the public who are attending and participating virtually are reminded to keep their microphones muted until they are acknowledged to speak. Additionally, for your information, please be advised that this meeting will be livestreamed as well as recorded and will be available on the Township's website.

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#### 1. CHAIR - Councillor William Reilly

Prior to commencing with the Operations Committee meeting agenda, Chair Reilly noted 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](mailto: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**

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

**5. APPOINTMENTS**

There are no appointments/presentations.

**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 Infrastructure Committee agenda.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

There are no communications.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 ITEM IC07-26**

Manager, Operations (Tray Benish) and Director, Infrastructure (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Recommendation Report I-07-2026 - Revised Approach to Heavy Truck Restrictions – Introduction of Local Access Exemptions

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Recommendation Report I-07-2026, titled “Revised Approach to Heavy Truck Restrictions – Introduction of Local Access Exemptions,” be received; and,
2. That Council approve amendments to By-law 89-2000, as outlined in the draft amending by-law attached as Schedule “A” to this report; and,
3. That Council approve amendments to Schedule “S” of By-law 89-2000, including revisions to the heavy truck restriction chart, to implement heavy truck restrictions on Young Street (between Regional Road 14 and Regional Road 12), South Grimsby Road 8 (between Regional Road 20 and Twenty Road), and South Chippawa Road (between Regional Road 63 and Regional Road 2).

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 ITEM IC08-26**

Members of Council

Re: Other Business Items of an Informative Nature

**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. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of [time]

**DATE:** March 2, 2026

**REPORT NO:** I-07-2026

**SUBJECT:** **Revised Approach to Heavy Truck Restrictions – Introduction of Local Access Exemptions**

**CONTACT:** Tray Benish, CRS-S, Manager of Operations  
Mike DiPaola, P.Eng., Director, Infrastructure

**OVERVIEW:**

- In September 2025, Administration presented Report O-17-2025 recommending the introduction of heavy truck restrictions on Young Street, South Grimsby Road 8, and South Chippawa Road in response to significant pavement deterioration and safety concerns
- During the Committee meeting, residents and business owners attended and expressed concerns that the proposed restrictions could negatively affect local operations, deliveries, and agricultural activities.
- As a result of this feedback, the original recommendation was not approved and administration was directed to return with a revised approach that would protect Township infrastructure while clearly permitting access along the affected corridors and businesses/industry operating within West Lincoln.
- This report presents that revised approach. It maintains the objective of discouraging non-local through heavy-truck traffic but introduces a formal exemption framework and a weight-classification table to provide clarity for the public and for enforcement agencies.

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**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Theme #1**

- **BUILD** – A safe and connected, caring, and active community

**BACKGROUND:**

The Township of West Lincoln maintains a rural road network that serves a mix of residential, agricultural, and commercial users. Certain road segments were not originally designed to accommodate sustained volumes of heavy truck traffic. Following the winter of 2024/2025, Administration observed accelerated surface failures on:

- Young Street (RR14 to RR12)
- South Grimsby Road 8 (RR20 to Twenty Road)
- South Chippawa Road (RR63 to RR2)

These concerns formed the basis of the original recommendation, to restrict heavy truck traffic, presented September 8, 2025 in report O-17-2025.

At the September 2025 meeting, residents and business owners advised that:

- some local businesses rely on these road corridors to complete their daily operations, and use these roads to receive local deliveries,
- agricultural operations require seasonal access, and
- the proposed wording could be interpreted as prohibiting trucks servicing properties on the roads themselves.

Council therefore referred the matter back to administration to develop a model that protects the roads without unintended impacts to the local community.

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Administration has reviewed practices from neighbouring municipalities and is recommending adoption of an exemption model. The intent is to restrict through movements only, while allowing legitimate local access.

**Proposed Exemptions**

The restriction would not apply to:

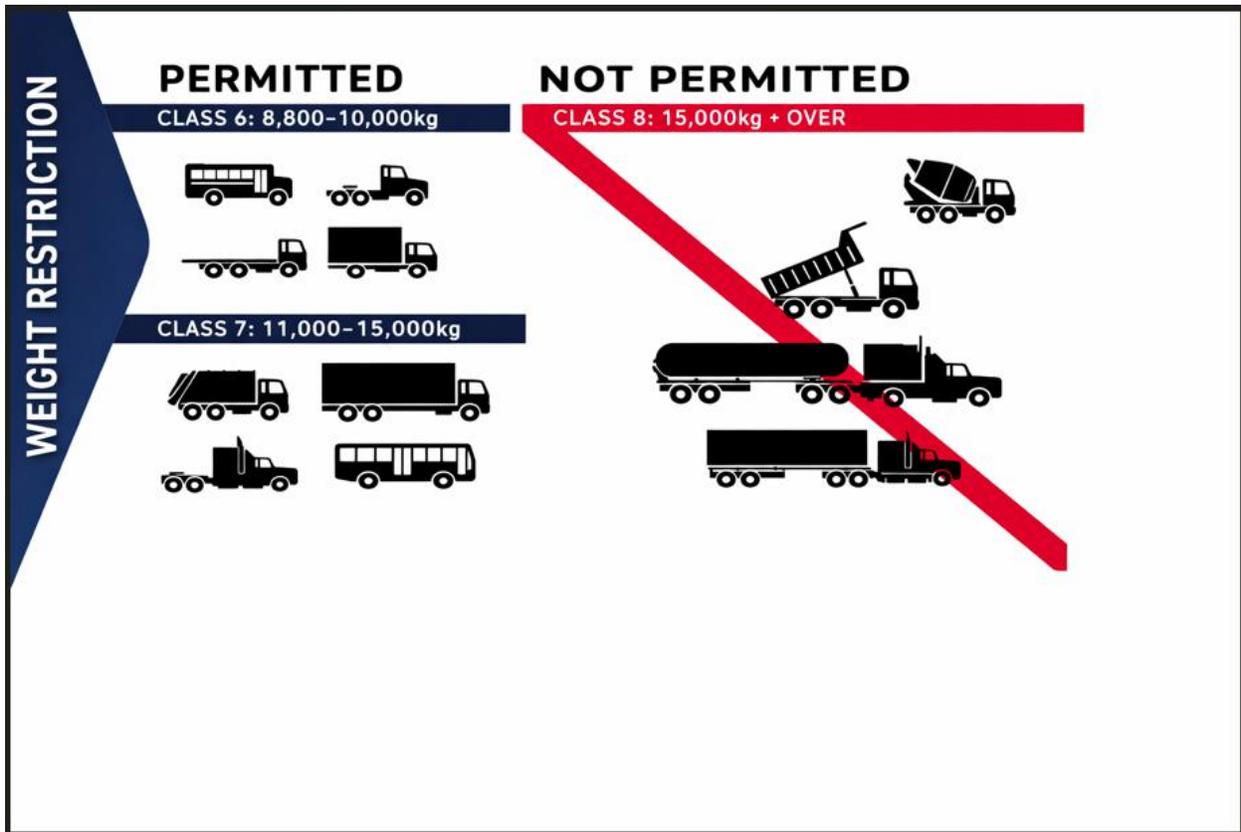
- Emergency vehicles
- Municipal and public-utility vehicles
- School buses
- Farm machinery and agricultural service vehicles
- Recreational vehicles
- Heavy vehicles in excess of the limit that require access to any premise, business, or lands located on the restricted sections of roadway
- Vehicles making local deliveries or pick-ups

- Heavy vehicles operated by a business located within the Township for the purpose of delivery, pickup, servicing, construction, or other legitimate business activity, provided that such vehicles only use the portion of the Highway necessary to reach their destination and return by the most direct route.

### Weight Classification Guide

The heavy truck restrictions are proposed to be implemented through Schedule “S” of By-Law 89-2000. The proposed over 15,000 kg Registered Gross Weight (RGW) by-law, along with the installation of appropriate signage, will effectively deter heavy trucks from using these road corridors. For a clearer understanding of the 15,000 kg weight limit for trucks, please refer to Figure 1.

Figure 1.



Additionally, these exemptions would permit emergency vehicles, municipal vehicles, school buses, farm and utilities vehicles to access these roads. All properties and businesses located within this area would be permitted to have large heavy trucks attend and service their properties as necessary. These proposed by-law restrictions are intended to restrict those heavy vehicles using these routes to get to other areas of the region.

Administration is recommending that the draft amending bylaw as attached as Schedule A to this report be accepted, including amending Schedule “S” of By-Law 89-2000 outlining the road segments, and their limits, as attached as Schedule B to this report. The additional road segments being added are:

- Young Street – Between Regional Road 14 (Thirty Rd) and Regional Road 12 (Grimsby Rd)
- South Grimsby Road 8 – Between Regional Road 20 and Twenty Road
- South Chippawa Road – Between Regional Road 63 (Canborough Rd) and Regional Road 2 (Caistorville Rd)

A map highlighting these recommended road segments has been attached as Schedule C to this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Signage restricting heavy trucks will help mitigate any future repair costs. Heavy truck restriction signage will need to be installed on each road segment at an approximate cost of \$500-\$750 per road section.

There are sufficient funds in the 2026 Approved Budget to cover this cost.

### **INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:**

This report has been reviewed by the CAO, the Director of Corporate Services/CFO, and the Director of Legal and Legislative Services.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Council’s decision to refer the original recommendation back to Administration provided a valuable opportunity to better align the proposed heavy truck restrictions with the needs of the community. The feedback received from residents and business owners demonstrated the importance of ensuring that any regulatory changes protect Township infrastructure without unintentionally limiting access for those who live, work, operate a business/industry, and farm along these corridors.

The revised approach presented in this report maintains the original objective of reducing non-local, through heavy-truck traffic on Young Street, South Grimsby Road 8, and South Chippawa Road, while introducing clear and enforceable exemptions for local residents, businesses, agricultural operations, and essential service providers. By adopting language consistent with neighbouring municipalities and incorporating a weight-classification guide, the Township can implement a balanced framework that is both practical and easily understood by the public and enforcement agencies.

Should Council approve the amended by-law, staff will proceed with appropriate communication, signage updates, and coordination with the Niagara Regional Police Service to support a smooth transition. This measured approach will help preserve the structural integrity of these vulnerable roadways, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and continue to support the economic and rural character of West Lincoln.

**SCHEDULE(S)**

**SCHEDULE A** – Amending By-Law 2026-XX – To amend By-Law 89-2000

**SCHEDULE B** – Proposed Schedule “S” Updated Table to By-law 89-2000

**SCHEDULE C** – Township Map Showing Restriction Locations

**Prepared & Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

**Tray Benish, CRS-S**  
Manager, Operations

**Truper McBride**  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Mike DiPaola, P.Eng**  
Director, Infrastructure

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

**BY-LAW NO. 2026-XX**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 89-2000 WHICH  
REGULATES TRAFFIC AND PARKING ON TOWNSHIP  
ROADS**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln enacted By-law 89-2000 to regulate traffic and parking on Township Roads;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln now deems it necessary to amend By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, being a by-law to regulate traffic and parking on Township roads, to include the provision as outlined below;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That "General" of By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be further amended by modifying the following definition to change the weight restrictions:

"large motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle having a registered gross vehicle weight (RGVW) greater than **15,000 kg**"

2. That "General" of By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

101.01

"Registered Gross Weight (RGW) (Reg. Gross Wt.)" means the weight for which a permit has been issued under the *Highway Traffic Act*, and which is based on the weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and load.

3. That "Part VI" of By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

603.01.01

**Exemptions**

Section 603.01 of this By-Law does not apply to:

- Vehicles less than the RGW restriction on the said Highway.
- Ambulances, fire department vehicles and emergency response vehicles.
- Public Utility Vehicles.
- School Buses.
- Vehicles operated on behalf of the Township or any other authority having jurisdictions on the Highway.
- Farm Vehicles.
- Recreation Vehicles.
- Heavy vehicles in excess of 15,000 kg that require access to any premise or premises or lands located on that section of the Highway as prohibited and set out in Schedule S to this By-Law.
- Heavy vehicles operated by a business located within the Township for the purpose of delivery, pickup, servicing, construction, or other legitimate business activity, provided that such vehicles only use the portion of the Highway necessary to reach their destination and return by the most direct route.

4. That, By-law No. 89-2000, as amended, be further amended by removing Schedule S (Heavy Vehicles Prohibited on Highways) and replaced with the attached revised Schedule S:

Schedule S – Heavy Vehicles Prohibited on Highways

By adding:

Young Street (between Regional Road 14 and Regional Road 12),  
South Grimsby Road 8 (between Regional Road 20 and Twenty Road),  
South Chippawa Road (between Regional Road 63 and Regional Road 2

5. That, the numbering of sections, subsections, clauses, and schedules of the By-law be renumbered as necessary to give effect to this amendment, and that all subsequent numbering be adjusted accordingly, including any internal cross-references

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD  
TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026.**

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**MAYOR CHERYL GANANN**

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**JUSTIN PAYLOVE, CLERK**

**SCHEDULE "S"**  
**(By-law 89-2000)**  
**HEAVY VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON HIGHWAYS**

<b>COLUMN 1</b>	<b>COLUMN 2</b>		<b>COLUMN 3</b>			
<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>BYLAW #</b>	<b>BYLAW DATE</b>	<b>repealed by</b>
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Dufferin Street	St. Catharines Street (Regional Road 20)	the north end of Dufferin Street	ALL	2009-126	Dec 14/09	
St. Ann's Road	Regional Road 20	Regional Road 69	ALL	2003-98	Jul/28/03	
Young Street	Regional Road 14	Regional Road 12	ALL	2026-XX	23-Mar-26	
South Grimsby Road 8	Regional Road 20	Twenty Road	ALL	2026-XX	23-Mar-26	
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# Township of West Lincoln



## Legend for Smithville Inset

-  Arena
-  Township Offices
-  Public School
-  Separate School
-  School

## Inset- Smithville

