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## Township of West Lincoln

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Update # 13 - West Lincoln response to COVID-19 matters – Township Essential Services,**

**West Lincoln, Ont. – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Township of West Lincoln Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to be partially activated in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Niagara Region.

Closures will remain in effect until May 12<sup>th</sup> in keeping with the Provincial Declaration of Emergency.

All Township buildings are closed to the public, though Township staff are still operating using telephone, digital capabilities and online presence to provide vital services to our community. The following essential services, including but not limited to, will be maintained and consistent with COVID-19 best practices:

- Water Quality Compliance including water sampling and flushing, to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water, in compliance with the applicable Ministry of the Environment regulations, and the Township's Water Quality Management System.
- Emergency water and sewer repairs.
- Road network maintenance in accordance with Minimum Maintenance Standard (MMS) including road patrolling, emergency roadwork, pothole filling, winter maintenance and regulatory sign repair. Under the MMS, roads are classified by their traffic volume and posted speed limit. Road work will follow the MMS and be focused on the higher road classes or roads with the highest traffic volume first.
- Emergency and maintenance activities related to severe weather, such as downed trees limbs and/or trees.

#### **Regional Road 20 Reconstruction:**

After winter shutdown, remobilization to the site for the reconstruction of Regional Road 20 by the Niagara Region is scheduled to commence the week of April 20, 2020; with an anticipated completion date the end of October 2020.

The works will include reconstruction of the Station Street & West Street intersection to a signalized intersection; watermain replacement within the reconstruction limits; as well as the construction of 2 roundabouts: 1) at Regional Road 20 and Townline Road; and 2) Regional Road 20 and South Grimsby Road 6. This Regional project will also include minor landscaping; upgraded street lighting and sidewalk; including

the addition of cycling facilities for active transportation within Niagara Region's right-of-way.

Any questions or concerns related to this project can be directed to the Niagara Region Project Manager: Stephanie Huppunen at 905-980-6000 Ext. 3552 or by email at [stephanie.huppunen@niagararegion.ca](mailto:stephanie.huppunen@niagararegion.ca)

More information regarding this Project can be found on the Niagara Region's website:

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/regional-road-20/default.aspx>

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated,

“It's hard to imagine that it's been just over a month since this crisis swept across the world. The EOC was activated Friday, March 13th and staff have capably transitioned to provide essential municipal services safely for both themselves and our community. I'd like to thank them for the stamina they're exhibiting as one of the countless frontline and essential services being provided to keep us functioning.

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