

Township of West Lincoln

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Update # 16 - West Lincoln - COVID-19 Updates – Starting to Plan for Recovery.

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The Township of West Lincoln continues to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. While enforcement and education around restrictions continues, the Township is turning its attention to planning and preparing for a potential lessening of the restrictions. A staff recovery team has been struck now to thoughtfully develop our approach and to provide our Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) team and Council with recommendations. It will ensure that when it is safe to do so, we are fully prepared to reopen facilities and resume business and programming in whatever phased approach the Province puts in place. .

Information and expanded frameworks have been developed and released by the Province of Ontario, with details still to be assessed and shared as it relates to overall operations for government and business.

Fireworks Update:

As we head into the long weekend, we remind residents that the Provincial Emergency orders for social distancing and no groups greater than 5 are still in place and will be enforced. Everyone enjoys fireworks. But, fireworks can be very dangerous and therefore are regulated to safeguard our citizens, especially our children. The Setting off of Fireworks Bylaw is still in effect, visit the Township website for the Bylaw regulations.

Canada Day Update:

The Township has made the decision to not proceed with Canada Day activities at the Leisureplex. Staff are being creative and working with the other Niagara municipalities to create a virtual Canada Day Program that residents will be able to watch and celebrate at your home.

Summer Camp Update:

Due to the uncertainty posed by COVID-19, Summer Camp Registrations have been put on hold. Please note that Summer Camp programming will be dependent on the direction provided by Public Health and the Province. The new directions may cause changes to dates, group sizes, trips and possibly more. Please continue to watch the Township of West Lincoln website (www.westlincoln.ca) or our Recreation FaceBook page (Township of West Lincoln Recreation Services) for updates.

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated:

“The Township is turning the page and has begun to turn its attention to the ways it can respond to the Province’s “Framework for Reopening our Province”. We want a plan in place so that we can be ready. I also feel the same strong desire to get back to community functions but we must proceed responsibly. Our citizen’s patience and cooperation is commendable.”

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