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## Township of West Lincoln

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Update # 18 - West Lincoln Proceeding with Recovery in a Phased Approach**

#### **West Lincoln, Ont. - May 20, 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 however our attention has turned to recovery.

As of now Township facilities will be closed until July 2, 2020. This will be adjusted as we learn more from the Province. However, we will begin a phased approach commencing with the Smithville Public Library.

#### **West Lincoln Public Library Service Update**

The Government of Ontario released a detailed list of Stage 1 openings on May 14, which indicated that public library services may resume for pickup/delivery as early as May 19, 2020.

In order to ensure our staff and patrons' health and safety, West Lincoln Public Library is taking a phased approach to reopening the library. This will allow for the full development of procedures to make sure that the library is a safe place for everyone.

In preparation for the resumption of library borrowing, we are asking any patrons who have kept items out during closure to return them to the library at their earliest convenience. Drop boxes are open 24/7 at all branches. In the meantime, we are preparing to offer curbside pickup; details for this service will be provided in the coming days.

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated:

“Little by little township staff are making the necessary adjustments to allow our community to return to normal. This work is ongoing and requires thorough vetting and consideration from a public health and safety perspective. There are considerable challenges to overcome but a brighter spring is emerging because of the patience and diligence of our residents.”

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