
Township of West Lincoln

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Update # 6 - Council Supports Measures to Help Residents During COVID-19 Crisis

West Lincoln, Ont. – March 25th – A Special Council Meeting via electronic means was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. A copy of the agenda can be found on the Township’s website. Additionally, this meeting was audio and video recorded and consistent with our current practice, the recording will be available shortly via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpXjnv5GCXU4F0bGYNwER8g>

Council approved a Delegation of Authority By-law and by-law to temporarily waive certain late fees, penalties, and fees and charges. A business continuity plan is in place to assist staff to continue to provide essential services to the community.

Council approved the following effective March 17, 2020 to May 31, 2020:

- The waiver of penalty for non-payment or late payment of taxes levied and charged in 2020;
- The waiver of penalty and any other associated fees for non-payment or late payment of water bills issued in 2020;
- The waiver of penalty on Accounts Receivable amounts past due;
- The waiver of NSF (non-sufficient funds) charges; and,
- Water services will not be disconnected for non-payment of the first quarterly water bills, which will be due on May 1st, 2020.

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated,

“The first 2 days of this week continue to be fluid and changing. A remote Regional Mayors meeting followed by a West Lincoln Emergency Response Team meeting, concluding with an inaugural Council teleconference have been key advances in information and strategy. This will not be a sprint but a marathon and Council has recognized that important adjustments are needed to meet the challenges ahead. Your Municipal Council responded with unanimous support for 2 key by-laws and resolutions enabling services to move forward and providing flexibility for ratepayers.”

Some good resources for up to date information include:

Niagara Region: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/default.aspx>

Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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