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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Update # 26 - West Lincoln Response to COVID-19 – Township Facilities – What’s Open and What’s Been Modified**

Since March 2020, the Township of West Lincoln has continued to provide services to our residents and businesses. We’ve done so in a modified way to keep our residents and our staff safe and healthy as we navigate the changing Public Health protocols. This is a reminder of what’s open and what services have been revised.

**Township Municipal Office**

Select services by appointment only at the Township Municipal Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. We continue to encourage customers to conduct their business with the Township via telephone by calling 905-957-3346, by email or by downloading forms online from the Township’s website at <https://www.westlincoln.ca>.

**West Lincoln Community Centre Walking Track:**

The Walking Track is now open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Facility and Arena/Gymnasium**

Rental requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**Fitness Programs, Drop-In Programs:**

The Township is carefully considering how to move forward with Registered Fitness and Drop-In Programs. Please continue to get up to date information at <https://www.westlincoln.ca>.

**Public Skating:**

At this time, Public Skating will be unavailable. Please continue to get up to date information at <https://www.westlincoln.ca>.

**Programs to Open Beginning October 26:**

**Township Operated Hockey/Skating Programs:**

Ladies’ Shiny	–	Tuesdays 10:00 am to 11:00 am Fridays 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Men’s Shiny	–	Wednesdays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Preschool Skating	–	Tuesdays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Adult Skating	–	Tuesdays 2:30pm to 3:30pm

**West Lincoln Libraries:**

West Lincoln Public Library is now open regular hours at all branches for drop-in browsing and borrowing. Computer access and curbside pickup remain by appointment only at all branches. Library users accessing library services will need

to submit to passive screening, use of hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask and physical distancing from others. For more information, please visit [www.westlincolnlibrary.ca](http://www.westlincolnlibrary.ca).

As always, we recommend that everyone practice the health hygiene protocols:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Download the province's COVID alert app – <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covidalert>

Mayor Bylsma stated,

“It has been an ongoing challenge to respond to the ever changing Covid 19 reality with safe and effective protocols for staff and residents. Our staff and council remain in constant communication with regional public health and neighbouring municipalities to provide a consistent and appropriate service. Our township continues to function providing full services in all departments but with modified measures. Consult our website or call if you have any concerns or requirements.”

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