

1. **C-2026-119**
Correspondence received May 6, 2026 from the Township of West Lincoln respecting Notice of Passing for Zoning By-law Amendment.
2. **C-2026-120**
Correspondence dated May 6, 2026 from the Town of Lincoln to the Town of Fort Erie respecting a resolution of support for their correspondence responding to the provincial proposal on Regional Governance.
3. **C-2026-121**
Correspondence received May 8, 2026 from the Township of West Lincoln respecting a Notice of Public Meeting - Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan Amendment.
4. **C-2026-122**
Correspondence received May 8, 2026 from the Township of West Lincoln respecting a Notice of Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for Fulton Rural Employment Lands.
5. **C-2026-123**
Correspondence dated May 12, 2026 from Community Connect Ontario respecting a request for fee waiver for a community event to be held in February 2027.

Notice of Passing for Zoning By-law Amendment By the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln

TAKE NOTICE that Council passed By-law 2026-20 to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, on April 27, 2026, under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*.

LOCATION: Township of West Lincoln

FILE NUMBER: 1601-012-25

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-70 was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln on June 26, 2017. This By-law amends Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, to address issues and opportunities that have become apparent during implementation.

A Public Meeting was held on February 9, 2026. All written and oral submissions received in response to the applications were considered in making an informed recommendation and decision.

APPEAL INFORMATION:

The last day for filing an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) is **May 26, 2026**.

HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL:

Only the Minister, the applicant, specified persons (as defined under Section 1(1) of the *Planning Act*), public bodies, and the registered owner of the land to which the by-law would apply, as defined in the *Planning Act*, may appeal the decision of Council to the OLT.

The notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk or submitted through the OLT's e-file portal (olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service), by selecting "West Lincoln (Township) : Clerk" as the approval authority, must set out the reasons for the appeal, and be accompanied by the fee required and paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario. More information on fees can be found on the OLT's website: olt.gov.on.ca/fee-chart. The decision of the Township of West Lincoln is final if filing of an appeal is received after 4:30 p.m. May 25, 2026, in person or electronically, and will be deemed to have been received the next business day. If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to the Township of West Lincoln, 318 Canborough Street, PO Box 400, Smithville, ON, L0R 2A0.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

About this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact below.

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Date of this Notice: May 6, 2026



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Received May 6, 2026
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May 6, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerk@forterie.ca

Town of Fort Erie
Peter Todd, Town Clerk
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Fort Erie, ON, L2A 2S6

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 4, 2026, endorsed the attached correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie, dated April 16, 2026, regarding a Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2026:40

Moved by: Councillor Mike Mikolic; Seconded by: Councillor Adam Russell

That Council receive and file as information and endorse Item 1.7 of the Council Information Package week ending April 17, 2026, pertaining to correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie, dated April 16, 2026, regarding Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance.

CARRIED (5 to 4)

In Favor (5): Councillor Brunet, Councillor Mikolic, Councillor Pachereva, Councillor Rintjema, and Councillor Russell

Opposed (4): Mayor Easton, Councillor Reimer, Councillor Timmers, and Councillor Murre

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: The Premier of Ontario
The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Niagara MPPs
Region of Niagara
Local area municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Durham Region
Halton Region
District of Muskoka
Peel Region
Region of Waterloo
York Region
Simcoe County



Legal and Legislative Services

April 16, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026 passed the following resolution:

Whereas Canada is one of the oldest and most stable democracies in the world; and

Whereas Ontario is the most populous province in Canada; and

Whereas one of the hallmarks of a democracy is the right to elect its leaders by popular vote; and

Whereas another hallmark of democracy is rule by the majority as exercised through elected representatives; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has introduced legislation, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, that will alter governance in the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County; and

Whereas the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* proposes the appointment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the Chairs of those Regional Councils and the Warden of Simcoe County; and

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Whereas those unelected, appointed Regional Chairs and County Warden will also be given the power to veto decisions made by the popularly elected members of those Councils, which represents a significant departure from established democratic practices and undermines both the right of residents to elect their leaders and the principle of majority rule; and

Whereas significant changes in local governance should be informed by evidence, financial analysis, sound justification and public consultation, none of which has been the basis for the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*.

Now therefore be it resolved,

1. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove from the pending legislation any provision that grants to an appointed Regional Chair and County Warden extraordinary (“strong”) powers, including the power to veto decisions made by the majority of the popularly elected mayors or members of those Regional or County Councils; and
2. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ensure that any weighted voting process imposed on the Niagara Region Council respects fair representation by population and ensures that every local municipality has a meaningful voice reflecting the geographic diversity of the Region and the needs of both urban and rural communities; and
3. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reconsider appointing Regional Chairs and the Simcoe County Warden in favour of direct election by the residents or election by a majority of the members of the Council which they represent; and
4. **That:** The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing consult the local municipalities in Niagara before establishing any weighted voting system in Niagara or proceeding with “Strong Chair” powers for the appointed Chair in Niagara; and
5. **That:** The Mayor and Town staff provide comments to the Provincial Government during the commenting period for the proposed *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*; and

6. **That:** This resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Niagara's four MPPs, the Niagara Region, all local area municipalities in Niagara, the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for support.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

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Notice of Public Meeting
Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan Amendment
By the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln

The Township of West Lincoln is initiating an amendment to the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. This amendment will consider the introduction of a Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) program to support housing development within the Township.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The purpose of this amendment is to enhance the existing Affordable Housing CIP by introducing a potential TIEG program to help offset upfront infrastructure costs associated with development.

The amendment process will assess how a TIEG program can be effectively structured and implemented to complement the Township's existing incentive framework. It will support the continued goal of increasing the supply and diversity of housing options while addressing key barriers to development. The amendment will be undertaken in alignment with the Township's Official Plan and applicable provincial legislation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Township of West Lincoln is seeking your comments on the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan Amendment.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION:

DATE: June 8, 2026

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers Town Hall, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS & NOTIFICATION: If you would like to be notified of the Township Council's decision with respect to any planning application, or if you are unable to attend please submit your written comments or request to be notified to the Township Clerk, Justin Paylove - contact information below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The documents and background material for this application can be made available by contacting West Lincoln's Growth and Sustainability Department – contact information below.

APPEAL INFORMATION:

Only the Minister, the applicant, specified persons, public bodies, and the registered owner of the land to which the by-law would apply, as defined in the *Planning Act*, may appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

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The Township anticipates presenting the proposed CIP amendment to Council for consideration in July 2026. **Copies of the Staff Report will be available Friday June 5th, 2026 after 4:00 PM on the Township's website www.westlincoln.ca**

Contact:

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Justin Paylove
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Additional information regarding the Housing CIP amendment will be available on the Township of West Lincoln's website at <https://www.westlincoln.ca/en/build-and-invest/affordable-housing-community-improvement-plan>.

Date of this Notice May 8, 2026



**Notice of Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for
Fulton Rural Employment Lands (Fulton Hamlet Settlement Area)
By the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln**

The Township of West Lincoln has initiated the Fulton Rural Employment Land Use Study and requires an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 22 and Section 34 of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended.

LOCATION: Fulton Hamlet Settlement Area (2973, 2931, 2915 S. Grimsby Rd. 19, 9185, 9177, 9159, 9127, 9103, 9057 Regional Road 20, & Part Lot 34, Concession 8, West Lincoln)

FILE NUMBER: Official Plan Amendment File No. 1701-002-26
Zoning By-law Amendment File No. 1601-003-26

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The Study Area is comprised of approximately 36 hectares (89 acres) of land within the Fulton Hamlet Settlement Area located west of South Grimsby Road 18, east of South Grimsby Road 19 and north of Regional Road / Highway 20.

The Study Area was added to the Township of West Lincoln settlement area boundary through the Niagara Official Plan and Township Official Plan Amendment No. 62. An Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is required to establish land use designations, policies and zoning regulations for a designated Rural Employment Area within the Subject Area and that can be applied to other settlement areas for rural employment in the Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Township of West Lincoln is seeking your comments on the proposed Official Plan land use designation and policies as well as the proposed Zoning By-law permitted uses and regulations for Rural Employment Uses. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for public input prior to Council making a decision.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION:

DATE: Monday June 8, 2026

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers Township Office, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS & NOTIFICATION:

If you would like to be notified of the Township Council's decision with respect to this planning application, or if you are unable to attend, please submit your written comments or request to be notified to the Township Clerk, Justin Paylove - contact information below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The documents and background material for this application can be made available by contacting West Lincoln's Growth and Sustainability Department – contact information below or on the Township's webpage link [Fulton Rural Employment Area Land Use Study - West Lincoln](#).

APPEAL INFORMATION:

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Study Area – Hamlet of Fulton



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Copies of the Staff Report will be available Friday June 5, 2026 after 4:00 PM on the Township's website www.westlincoln.ca

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Date of this Notice: May 7, 2026

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Received May 12, 2026
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May 12, 2026

Town of Wainfleet Council

Re: Request for Facility Fee Waiver – Community Dance Event February 13, 2027

Dear Members of Council,

On behalf of Community Connect Ontario, I am respectfully requesting consideration for a fee waiver for our upcoming community dance event scheduled for February 13, 2027, in Wainfleet. Community Connect is a registered charity dedicated to providing inclusive, barrier-free programs and social opportunities for individuals throughout the Niagara Region. Our events are designed to foster social connection, community participation, and accessible recreation in a safe and welcoming environment. The February dance event at Firemen's Memorial Hall is part of our community interactive dance tour initiative, which encourages individuals of all abilities to engage socially and build meaningful community relationships. We anticipate welcoming about 150 attendees. This includes participants, caregivers, and support workers. We aim to keep admission costs affordable and accessible for families and individuals while relying on community support, sponsorships, and volunteers to operate our events successfully. A waiver of the facility rental fees would significantly assist us in directing more resources toward programs, accessibility, events, and participants. We believe this event aligns with the Town of Wainfleet's values and we would be extremely grateful for the Council's consideration and support.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our request. We would be happy to provide any additional information and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the Town of Wainfleet in making this a successful and enjoyable community event.

Sincerely,

Kristen Levac
Event Coordinator
Community Connect