

Welcome to Your Ward 1 Newsletter!

We are pleased to launch the first Town of Lincoln Ward 1 Newsletter, delivered directly to your mailbox. We will be sharing regular updates on projects that matter to you as a resident of Lincoln and Ward 1.

We hope you find this newsletter informative. As always, please feel free to reach out to either of your ward councillors directly if you have any questions or concerns.



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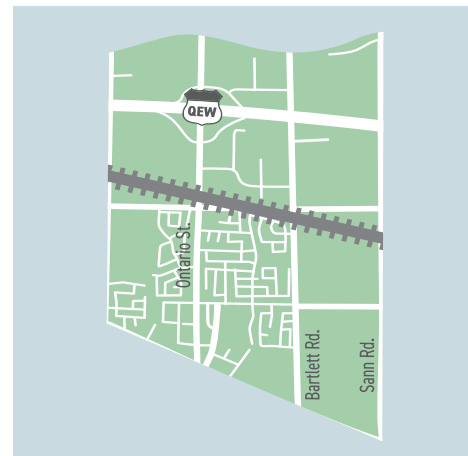
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Ward 1 Map



Rotary Park Development

Aligning with Council's Strategic Priorities for a Future-Fit Lincoln and the Town of Lincoln Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, the Rotary Park development is a multi-phased project that will form the Town of Lincoln's second destination park.

With phase I of the Rotary Park Development completed, Town staff are excited to announce that phase II of construction is underway with a target completion in Fall 2021.

As part of the Phase II construction, the skatepark and pump track will be temporarily closed from April 26 to June 30 inclusive. The Town appreciates your patience and apologizes for any inconvenience the temporary closure may cause.

lincoln.ca/rotary-park-project

speakuplincoln.ca/rotary-park

NRT OnDemand

NRT OnDemand is a ridesharing pilot project for communities in West Niagara run by Niagara Region. Residents can book a ride by using the OnDemand Transit App or by calling the customer service number. NRT OnDemand doesn't operate on a fixed route like conventional transit services. Instead, it lets riders request trips in real-time through the app or over the phone by selecting a pickup point and destination. niagararegion.ca/transit/on-demand/

Lincoln Museum & Cultural Centre Re-opening

We are pleased to announce that the Town has officially taken possession and occupancy of the new Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre: Home of the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty. Finishing touches are underway and staff are busy getting it ready for an official opening. Please stay tuned for more information. We're very excited for you to come visit. lincoln.ca/museum

Private Sign By-law

In October 2020, the Town's Planning and Economic Development Committee addressed some important changes to the Private Property Sign By-law. The purpose of the by-law was to streamline sign applications which serves the needs of the business community as well as to declutter the large amount of mobile and portable signs that were never lawfully authorized. The by-law came into effect on March 31, 2021, and finds a good balance between allowing business owners to promote their businesses, while also recognizing the Town's overarching goals for tourism and economic growth in Lincoln.

Jordan Village Improvement Project

The Jordan Village Improvement Project is a major undertaking by the Town of Lincoln to rebuild and improve the infrastructure in Jordan Village. The project will include low-impact development construction techniques and features to reduce factors of climate change. The project is expected to encourage active transportation and to enhance the area for residents, businesses and visitors. speakuplincoln.ca/jordan-village-improvement-project

Council reaffirms commitment to preserving parkland and green space

Earlier this month, Council passed a motion to maintain greenspace and preserve park lands in the community, as per the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. The motion also confirms that the Elizabeth Street property will not be sold and that the park will remain open for community use. Council is committed to preserving parkland and providing open spaces for the community to enjoy. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to stay active safely in Lincoln green spaces and parks during the pandemic and beyond.

Development in Ward 1

Here are some highlights of current and future developments in Ward 1:

- **5002 King Street** will consist of 36 residential and two commercial units on five floors, with underground parking. Construction began in 2020 and is anticipated to be completed in 2023.
- **4514 Ontario Street** will have 32 residential and four commercial units on five floors, with rear surface parking. Construction is beginning in 2021 with completion targeted for 2024.
- **5055 Greenlane** will be a multi-level building (up to six storeys), with 276 residential and two commercial units, including a condo fitness centre. Parking will be both underground and surface. Construction began in 2021 and should be completed in 2023.
- **4335 Ontario Street** will have six apartment units on three floors, with surface parking at the rear of the building. Construction is beginning in 2021 with completion anticipated for 2024.

Any potential applications to redevelop sites continue to be subject to both Town and Provincial policies and will be put through a public process to ensure community feedback is taken into consideration and compatibility with the community is evaluated. In most cases, upon the Town's receipt of a planning application, nearby residents will receive notification, as per the Planning Act. speakuplincoln.ca/development-in-lincoln



Traffic and Truck Safety

Traffic safety and speed reduction strategies are a high priority for the Town, and we continue to respond to residents' concerns about improving road safety throughout the community. This year the Town has implemented several new traffic safety initiatives including the installation of community safety zones, pedestrian crossovers, new speed humps, digital speed feedback signs, and more.

Council and staff are working closely with Niagara Region, key agencies and stakeholders on both long- and short-term solutions to address truck safety and divert traffic away from Downtown Beamsville, particularly on Ontario, King and Mountain Streets. The Town's Transportation Master Plan recommends that in the short term, Bartlett Road and Durham Road become bypass routes to redirect truck traffic out of the downtown area of Beamsville. In the long term, a new truck route known as the Niagara Escarpment Crossing will divert traffic along Park Road to Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby. We will continue to provide updates on this project.

Other recent traffic safety measures implemented in Ward 1 include a new all-way stop at Garden Gate and Greenlane and the installation of permanent speed humps: four on Garden Gate Terrace between Greenlane and John Street, and two on Central Avenue between John Street and May Street. Also, Serena Drive between Ontario Road and Alyssa Drive has been designated as a Community Safety Zone – a designated area of a roadway where public safety is of special concern. These zones are meant to modify driver behaviour to improve safety on these sections of road for all users.

To learn more about the traffic safety initiatives in Lincoln visit speakuplincoln.ca/traffic-safety



Spring Street Sweeping

The annual Spring Street Sweeping program is underway and is expected to run until June 2021. To help make the process of clearing the roads of winter maintenance debris more efficient please minimize street parking and use your driveway or garage whenever possible, remove any sports/play equipment from the edge of the road, and do not sweep your driveway and sidewalk debris into the road.



Broadband Strategy

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light that internet connectivity and adequate broadband access are essential for all in Lincoln. While most Lincoln residents and businesses currently have some access to internet, the speed, quality, reliability, and cost of each connection can vary significantly. As such, we are reaching out to the community to better understand internet use in Lincoln and where adequate broadband is lacking. Please complete our broadband survey at:

speakuplincoln.ca/broadband-strategy



Speak Up Lincoln

The Town has launched a new engagement platform, SpeakUpLincoln.ca. Here, we are sharing information and welcome your feedback on corporate initiatives that have an impact on our community. We want to hear from you, and this digital platform allows you to share your thoughts when it's most convenient for you. Please take a look and see what's happening in Lincoln!

Capital Roads and Infrastructure Projects – What’s Coming Up

There are several capital projects coming up in Ward 1 this year. Most notable are the Friesen Neighbourhood Watermain Replacement and resurfacing works and numerous traffic calming initiatives. Here are quick updates on some major projects coming up:

- Friesen Neighbourhood Watermain Replacement and resurfacing works: Works to begin mid Q2
- Traffic Calming measures: on-going
- Lincoln Ave Re-design: Works to begin late Q2
- Greenlane Rd Re-design: Final Design work to be completed in Q3
- Konkle Creek: Works to begin in Q2 (dependent on material availability)

Konkle Creek Phase 2 Naturalization Project

In 2020, The Town initiated Phase 2 of the Konkle Creek Naturalization Project. The goals of this project are to restabilize and reconstruct the failing creek, as well as expand our active transportation network via a new multi-use trail connecting Lincoln Square to Greenlane. The major earth works have been completed, including the reconstruction of the section of creek between Meadowood Park and Friesen Boulevard, commissioning the new naturalized widened creek from Phase 1, and grading for the new asphalt path. Trees were removed as necessary, and new trees, vegetation, and seeding have been added. The project is expected to be finalized this year. This will include the construction of fencing for residents along the creek who have requested them, as well as the completion of the asphalt path connecting Greenlane to Lincoln Square.

Off-Leash Dog Park

The Leash-Free Dog Park at Kinsmen Park has been a popular community facility since its opening as a pilot project in September 2019. Thanks to this overwhelming success, we are happy to announce that it will now become a permanent facility for the community to use and enjoy. The park is open from dawn until dusk and is the only off-leash dog park in Lincoln. Do you have a four-legged friend? Please remember to be respectful by keeping your dog on a leash unless in a designated leash-free area and picking up after your dog when walking.

Learn more about rules in effect for the Kinsmen Park Leash Free Dog Park:

lincoln.ca/dogpark



Ward 1 Virtual Town Hall – Thank you for attending!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Virtual Town Hall on April 15. We welcome your input and relish these opportunities to hear from you and answer any questions you may have about Town projects or initiatives. **We look forward to connecting with you again this year!**