



TOWN OF LINCOLN

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Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of Town of Lincoln Council News!

We are pleased to share our first Council News update of the year! This newsletter is delivered directly to mailboxes throughout the community and provides updates on Town projects and initiatives in your ward and across all of Lincoln.

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



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Across Town

Ward Updates

and More!



Mayor's Message

Spring is upon us, and Town Council and staff are hard at work delivering the high-quality programs and services Lincoln residents have come to expect and deserve.

Lincoln is a community on the move, and the economic and social advantages in our community are many. Council remains laser-focused on our vision of creating a complete community for everyone to **Grow, Prosper and Belong**.

In this newsletter, you'll get updates on projects we announced last fall as part of the 2022 Town of Lincoln Budget, as well as many other programs and initiatives that support Council Priorities of being a **Welcoming, Connected, Vibrant and Resilient** community. Thank you for taking time to learn about the exciting things happening now in your community and what's to come in the next several months.

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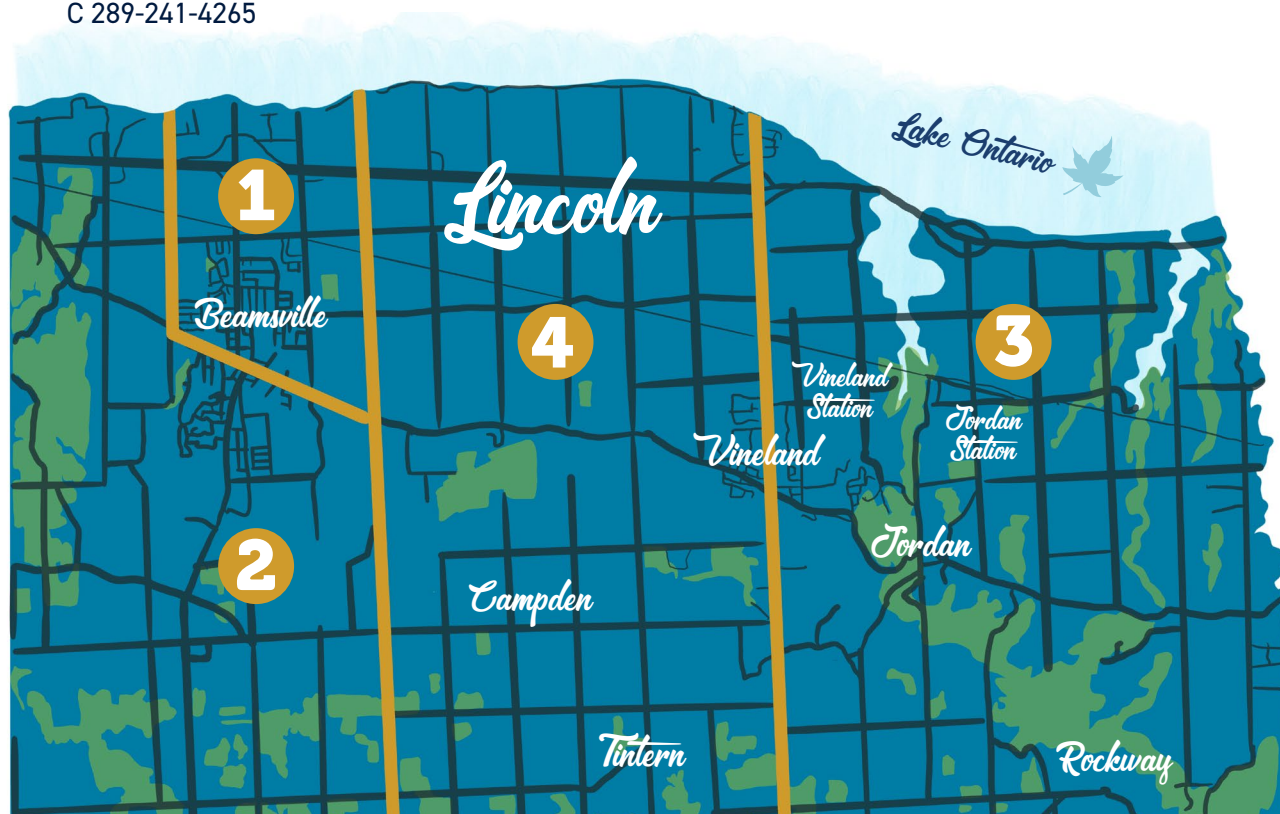
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Across Town



NIAGARA BENCH LANDS



Town Launches Niagara Benchlands Tourism Brand

The Niagara Benchlands tourism destination brand was officially launched at the inaugural 2022 Niagara Benchlands Tourism Summit on February 22. Stakeholders in attendance shared ideas for new tourism experiences and products that the destination could consider. This year, the Town and partners will look to activate and reinvigorate the Niagara Benchlands destination to help recovery from the pandemic and further promote Lincoln as a premier tourist destination in Niagara, Ontario and internationally.

To stay up to date on all the exciting activities happening in the Niagara Benchlands, visit the website, and follow at Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

www.niagarabenchlands.ca



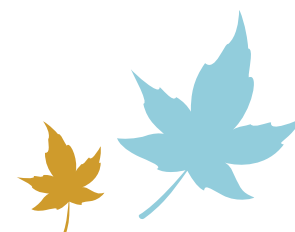
Community Improvement Plans

The Town is reviewing our Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) to reflect the current needs of the Lincoln community. The Town currently has five Council-approved CIPs that provide grants for various projects ranging from restoration and improvements for designated heritage buildings, to grants for investment attraction and job creation, as well as one focused on mixed-use and residential intensification. The focus of the review is the Beamsville, Vineland and Mixed-Use CIPs.

Council approved a staff report in February recommending that as the financial analysis is underway, there will be a pause on CIP applications.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys earlier this year. To stay up to date on this project, visit:

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/community-improvement-plans





Youth Skills Studio Offers Continued Training Opportunities

The Youth Skills Studio (YSS) is a work-integrated learning environment that provides paid employment to youth aged 15-29 to work on technology-based projects for local businesses. The program is designed to support youth retention and talent attraction here in Lincoln, while also supporting our local businesses to grow and enhance their digital presence. Businesses get access to digital services; while youth gain access to both soft and hard skills needed on the job.

If you are a business or youth interested in participating in the Youth Skills Studio, please contact Cameron Rotz at crotz@lincoln.ca.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/youth-skills-studio



Sustainable Lincoln or Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan – Upcoming Initiatives

In Spring 2021, Council approved the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan and passed a motion to declare a climate crisis in Lincoln. Council recognizes the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the Town's commitment to protecting Lincoln's economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change. The Climate Change Adaptation Plan outlines specific actions to take – both corporately and as a community – to address climate change. In 2022, the Town will begin developing:

- A **Single-Use Plastics Reduction Strategy**
- A **Corporate Mitigation Plan** addressing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the Town's infrastructure, assets, operations, and services.
- A **Community Low-Carbon Resilience Plan** aiming to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions (mitigating climate change) and vulnerability to climate change impacts (adapting to climate change).

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/climate-adaptation-plan



Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update

The Town of Lincoln is preparing a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law – the Town's primary tool to regulate the use of all land in the Town. The Zoning By-law divides land into various zone categories (i.e. residential, commercial, employment) and establishes what uses are permitted and where buildings can be located on a property.

Staff are currently in the process of reviewing community and stakeholder feedback and are preparing the final Zoning By-law document that is expected to be presented to Council for approval in summer 2022.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/zoning-by-law-review

YOUTH SKILLS STUDIO



Across Town



Sustainable LINCOLN



Across Town



Development Charges Review

Development charges (DCs) are fees collected from builders and developers at the building permit stage to help pay for the cost of infrastructure required to provide municipal services to new development, such as roads, fire protection, parks and recreation services, library services, water services, wastewater services and storm-water drainage services.

The Town of Lincoln is undertaking an amendment to the 2018 Development Charges By-law to address changes to the Development Charges Act. [SpeakUpLincoln.ca/development-charges-in-lincoln](https://www.lincoln.ca/development-charges-in-lincoln)

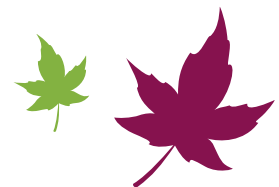


Lincoln and Pelham Libraries Merge

The Lincoln and Pelham Public Library have recently begun operations as one system – with its shared staffing complement providing excellent services and resources throughout the Lincoln and Pelham areas. Restructuring the organization enables the new library system to dedicate more resources towards front-line staffing and initiatives and less on administration. This is one more way the Town of Lincoln is finding efficiencies while continuing to provide an exceptional level of service for residents.

The libraries officially joined on April 1, 2022.

lincoln.library.on.ca



Beamsville GO Station Initial Business Case

Metrolinx completed the Initial Business Case in partnership with the Town of Lincoln, Region of Niagara, and a third-party partner for a proposed GO Station in Beamsville. The proposed station would be located on the Niagara Extension between the proposed Grimsby GO Station to the west and the existing St. Catharines GO Station to the east. Metrolinx's Transit Oriented Communities program aims to deliver public transit infrastructure by leveraging third-party investment to connect more people and places to transit.

While the announcement does not lay out timelines or confirm the construction of a GO station, it does mark a positive step towards expanded access to GO service in Lincoln.



Construction Starting Soon on West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Redevelopment

EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare has been selected as the preferred proponent to design, build and finance the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH) redevelopment project. Infrastructure Ontario and Hamilton Health Sciences are working to finalize contract details this spring, with construction scheduled to begin shortly thereafter.

Town Council has been advocating for a new, rebuilt hospital for some time and truly believe it is a necessary investment that will serve the needs of local area residents.

A public fundraising campaign is also underway. For details and to learn how you can contribute, visit: www.wlmhfoundation.ca



Seasonal Operations

Spring is here and our seasonal maintenance program is underway in Lincoln.

- **Street sweeping** in urban areas is expected to get underway the week of May 2, 2022 and will take approximately 10 weeks to complete (pending weather conditions). Rural areas will commence mid-April, weather permitting and will continue until completed. Please keep parked cars off the roadways so crews can properly access them. Signage will be posted in the week prior to sweeping in each neighbourhood.
- **Hydrant flushing** is performed annually in the spring for the general maintenance of the water distribution system and is essential work that maintains our hydrants and ensures good working condition for fire services. Flushing got underway earlier this month and covers the Beamsville, Vineland and Jordan serviced areas.
- **Pothole repairs** get underway in the spring once temperatures remain consistently mild for several days and the Town can access the material to make proper asphalt repairs. During winter months, only cold patch (temporary) repairs are possible due to cold conditions.



Keep Our Community Beautiful and Safe

We have a collective responsibility to ensure Lincoln is a safe and inviting community in which to live, play and visit. Did you know that you can tell staff about potholes, damaged streetlights, damaged signs and other safety concerns you may notice through our online form? **Find a link to the form at: SpeakUpLincoln.ca/active-transportation-network**



2022 Municipal Election

The next municipal election will be held on October 24, 2022. Offices to be elected are Mayor, Local Councillors, Regional Chair and School Board Trustees. The Nomination period begins on May 2, 2022.

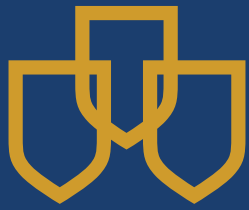
For information and updates on the municipal election, visit Lincoln.ca.



Road Rehabilitation and Resurfacing Program

The 2022 Resurfacing and rehabilitation program is anticipated to get underway early this summer. Our approach includes hot mix asphalt and surface treatment (tar and chip) to keep roads in good state of repair and address roads in poor condition.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/road-rehabilitation-program



Ward 1 UPDATES



Dianne Rintjema



Adam Russell



Ontario Street Urban Design Vision and Streetscape Master Plan

The Town is working with Niagara Region to prepare an Urban Design Vision and Streetscape Master Plan for Ontario Street (Regional Road 18) in Beamsville. The project aims to incorporate relevant Town, Regional and Provincial policies, plans and guidelines, and best practices in urban design to establish a guiding vision for the anticipated growth and intensification along the corridor.

The collective vision will consider future improvements and traffic calming measures along the corridor, and guide policy to facilitate higher density residential development and office, commercial, and employment uses as part of a transit-oriented design and complete community approach.

Community consultation is an important part of this process. Thank you to everyone who attended the public open house in February, participated in surveys or visited our Speak Up Lincoln page to learn more about this project. Look for updates and further opportunities for public input at:

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/ontario-street-study



Rotary Park Official Opening – June 4, 2022

Rotary Park has been a welcome addition to Ward 1 and the entire Lincoln community since it opened for community use in October 2021. Further enhancements are currently underway including completion of the butterfly garden.

We're excited to share that an official grand opening and community event will be held at the park and is scheduled for June 4, 2022. In addition to Council's commitment to building Rotary Park, funds were also received from the public and private sectors and community members, who will be formally recognized at the grand opening. More information about the event will be shared in the coming weeks – stay tuned at:

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/rotary-park



Bartlett Road Reconstruction – Design

The Town's Transportation Master Plan identified Bartlett Road as a key north-south transportation corridor to better manage traffic growth and to provide a future truck route in Beamsville. Detailed design work is expected to be awarded in the early summer, and we will be reaching out to community members and stakeholders for your input on this design process. Design is expected to be completed in early to mid-2023 with construction starting as soon as 2024.

Greenlane Road Reconstruction – Detailed Design

This project will be divided into three phases – the first phase consisting of rural road section between Lincoln Avenue and King Street (Ward 2), and the second and third phases consisting of the urban section from Lincoln Avenue to Bartlett Road (Ward 1).

- **Phase 1** - Design plans are near complete. Thank you to everyone who participated in our virtual Public Information Centre at Speak Up Lincoln. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will help us determine next steps. We anticipate tendering the construction phase of the project this summer.
- **Phases 2 and 3** – Design visioning for the urban section between Lincoln Avenue and Bartlett Road is underway, in conjunction with the Ontario Street urban design project to ensure overall consistency and alignment with the collective vision for this neighbourhood. Detail design is scheduled for 2023.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/greenlane-improvements-with-multi-use-path





Ward 2 UPDATES



John (JD) Pachereva



Tony Brunet



Investing in Roads and Infrastructure to Support Our Growing Community

The 2022 Town of Lincoln Budget includes several infrastructure projects in Ward 2. These investments support growth in Lincoln, especially in high-growth areas such as Ward 2. Here are some updates:

- **Aberdeen Road and Hillside Drive** Reconstruction Project - Design work will continue through 2022 and will include provisions for Active Transportation infrastructure and improved road safety. Thank you to everyone who visited Speak Up Lincoln and participated in our survey to share your feedback on this project. **Look for updates at SpeakUpLincoln.ca/aberdeen-road-reconstruction-project**
- **Lincoln Avenue** (King Street to South Service Road) Road Reconstruction and Watermain Replacement – this work requires full road reconstruction to current standards, including watermain replacement and the construction of active transportation facilities. The Town has issued a request for proposals for detailed design, and a consultant is expected to be chosen in the coming weeks.
- The **Frost Road Bridge** was removed in 2019 due to its poor condition and had been closed to traffic approximately 17 years prior. The Town is proposing to evaluate cost effective design options to reinstate a bridge crossing. Detailed design work is expected to be completed in the spring/early summer. Public engagement and stakeholder consultation will be held later this year to review replacement options.
- **Durham Road** – This road has been identified as a corridor on the Town's future truck route in Beamsville. The roadway will be reconstructed to a standard that can accommodate heavy truck traffic. Design work is expected to be completed later this year in preparation for construction to begin in 2023.
- **King Street** (Beamsville) Improvements – This is a Niagara Region project to widen and reconstruct King Street between Lincoln Avenue and Greenlane, with the goal of improving safety for all road users. There is a focus on improved intersection safety at Mountainview Road and Thirty Road. Wider paved shoulders are proposed to further support active transportation in the area. Detailed design is near complete, and construction is expected to begin in 2023.
- **Greenlane** – this is a multi-phase project that spans Wards 1 and 2. See the Ward 1 section on pages 8 and 9.



Ashby Park Upgrades This Summer

Enhancements began on this 2.5 acre park at 4079 Ashby Drive in Beamsville and will continue through 2022 until completion. Here's what's coming up this summer:

- Installation of walkways, seating areas and site furniture
- Installation of bicycle playground
- Installation of fitness equipment
- Installation of additional play equipment and rubber surfacing

Once all hardscaping has been installed, we will then be creating an absorbent landscape along with our final installation of trees in the Fall. This low-impact development work is a collaboration between the Town and the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre to better capture rainfall, increase environmental restoration, boost climate change resilience, manage stormwater on-site and mitigate flooding.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/ashby-drive-park-enhancements

Enhancements Coming to Angelina Macri Prokich Park!

Enhancements are planned this year for this recently opened park in Ward 2, and we want to hear from you! When Lincoln residents engage and weigh in on park design, it enables us to build better parks so that community members can enjoy and care for places they helped make. **Please take our survey at:** SpeakUpLincoln.ca/park-enhancements

Cherry Heights Park

In the Fall, we provided an update on Cherry Heights Park in central Beamsville, the second developer-built park in Lincoln. We are pleased to report construction is expected to get underway in the upcoming weeks, with an anticipated completion date of late Summer 2022.

This neighbourhood greenspace will be a passive and serene park to include interpretative signage, pathways, landscaping, a shade structure and a small, naturalized playground to enhance this outdoor area. The park's design will encourage families and children to use their imaginations while learning more about the history and cultural significance of the site. We will work collaboratively with the Indigenous Community to share the history of the site and those who first inhabited it.





Ward 3 UPDATES



Paul MacPherson



Mike Mikolic



Jordan Village Improvement Project

Construction is underway in Jordan Village! On April 4, we held the official groundbreaking ceremony for this transformational community project.

The tentative construction schedule is as follows:

- March 2022 to May 2022 | Wismer Street Reconstruction (from Twenty-First Street to Nineteenth Street)
- May 2022 to October 2022 | Nineteenth Street Reconstruction (from Fourth Avenue to King Street)
- October 2022 to December 2022 | Snure Lane New Road Construction (from 19th to Main Street)
- March 2023 to August 2023 | Main Street Reconstruction (from 21st to 19th Street)
- August 2023 to December 2023 | King Street Intersection (from east of 19th to west of Main Street)

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Jordan-village-improvement-project

Jordan Lions Park

Many thanks to all the community members who participated in our public and stakeholder consultation for the redevelopment of this important park in Jordan. Staff are currently reviewing community feedback and will report to Council in the coming months on project next steps.

This project also aligns with plans to enhance active transportation in Lincoln, especially with the adjacent Jordan Village Improvement Project mentioned above.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/jordan-lions-park

Jordan Hollow Indigenous Cultural Park Update

A report was shared with the Committee of the Whole in late April with updates on the redevelopment of this park in Jordan Hollow. **Learn more at:** SpeakUpLincoln.ca/jordan-hollow-park

Development in Red Maple Neighbourhood

The developer has tendered storm sewer design and plans to begin construction this spring. The development of the new neighbourhood is expected to get underway later this year.



Prudhommes (Jordan Road) Watermain

This project involves upgrading the municipal water servicing to support the Prudhommes Development site, along Jordan Road from Fourth Avenue to North Service Road, and North Service Road from Jordan Road to Prudhommes. The project scope also includes the option of replacing the old ductile iron watermain crossing the QEW on Victoria Avenue. This is a unique and challenging project requiring specialized expertise and equipment.

The detailed design is near complete. Next steps include finalizing CN permit approvals and the Development Charge Study Project cost update in the late spring or early summer. This project is largely funded through development charges and will take approximately a year to complete once approvals and funding are in place.

Prudhommes Development Site

The Town continues to review proposals in respect to density and heights to ensure alignment with the review of the Town's Zoning By-law that is currently under review, as well as the Regional Official Plan Review and the Town's existing Official Plan.

Regional Road 81 Twenty Mile Bridge Replacement

Niagara Region is nearing completion of a Schedule C Environmental Assessment study for the replacement of the Twenty Mile Bridge in Jordan Hollow. Plans for the bridge include a multi-use path for walking/cycling use – an important step in moving towards safe active transportation through the hollow.

A temporary bridge will be constructed to handle EMS, Fire Services and traffic during the construction of the new bridge. More details will follow in future publications.

King Street (Jordan Valley) Active Transportation Feasibility Study

The Town has entered into a partnership agreement with the Niagara Region to conduct a feasibility study for the inclusion of active transportation facilities along King Street through the Jordan Hollow area connecting Jordan to Vineland. Niagara Region will be leading this study – more details to come later in 2022.

Enhancements Coming to Vineland Neighbourhood Park!

Enhancements are planned this year at Vineland Neighbourhood Park! We want to know what you would like to see in your park. We value input from community members who will be enjoying these open spaces in Lincoln.

Please take our survey at: SpeakUpLincoln.ca/park-enhancements



Ward 4 UPDATES



Lynn Timmers



Greg Reimer



Shoreline Protection – Lakeshore Roads West of Martin Road North

The Environmental Assessment Study is underway to identify the preferred alternative for roads adjacent to the shoreline, located west of Martin Road North. Background studies are ongoing, and the Town continues to engage with stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who attended PIC #1 October 5, 2021 presenting proposed alternatives and PIC #2 presenting preliminary preferred alternatives on December 7, 2021.

The Environmental Study Report is expected to be completed this summer, and Town staff are expecting to initiate conceptual designs in the coming months. An important component of this project will be a flood preparedness public education campaign to ensure resilience and preparedness in the face of climate change. This is expected to take place later this year.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/lakeshore-roads-thirty-road-martin-road



Rittenhouse Road Reconstruction

Work is ongoing to reconstruct Rittenhouse Road to a full urban standard from King Street to Victoria Avenue including:

- New sidewalks and enhanced safer crosswalks
- Traffic calming measures to help reduce speed
- Share the road cycling route
- New road base and paving
- New storm sewers, concrete curbs, and gutters
- New storm outlet structure



Construction is expected to be completed later this year.

SpeakUpLincoln.ca/rittenhouse-road-reconstruction-project

Enhancements Coming to Rittenhouse Park!

Enhancements are planned this year at Rittenhouse Park, and we want to hear from you! It is truly the people who use these spaces who help define them as places the community can enjoy spending time in. **Please take our survey at:** SpeakUpLincoln.ca/park-enhancements



King Street Urbanization Project

This project spans both Wards 3 and 4. King Street in Vineland between Vinehaven Trail and Twenty-Third Street will be reconstructed by the Niagara Region. This is a joint cost share project initiative with the Town and involves significant construction work including sewer and watermain upgrades, underground hydro conversions, local drainage improvements, a fully reconstructed road surface, landscape beautification elements, streetlighting and upgraded active transportation facilities.

Detailed design and public consultation will take place in 2023, with construction slated for 2024.

Changes Coming to Rittenhouse Branch Library

Plans are underway on a “Rittenhouse Reimagined” project that will see renovations to update and enlarge the branch and better serve our growing community.

Already a gazebo and greenhouse have been installed on the site to provide opportunities for outdoor programming. These are but a glimpse of what’s to come at this community hub and amenity in Vineland! Public consultation will help shape the future of this important community amenity – stay tuned for opportunities to share your input at SpeakUpLincoln.ca in 2022. A fundraising campaign is also planned to be launched in Fall 2022.

Cherry Avenue

Geotechnical testing of sub soil conditions and design of Cherry Avenue from Fly Road to King Street will take place in 2022. The road is proposed to be rehabilitated with shoulder strengthening on the hill sections and resurfaced as part of the 2023 Roads Resurfacing Program. Staff will be evaluating innovative road rehabilitating strategies to provide a smoother riding surface for cyclists, since this section of road has been identified as a cycling route as part of the Town’s Active Transportation Strategy Plan.





Celebrating **LINCOLN** *in Bloom*

during the Official Year
of the Garden

Town of Lincoln Council has proclaimed 2022 the Year of the Garden! This is a nationwide celebration of everything garden and gardening related in Canada. In this commemorative year, the Town of Lincoln is resuming our participation in the annual Communities in Bloom program that challenges communities to enhance green spaces, in partnership with the Lincoln Garden Club and Horticultural Society.

Participate in the "Lincoln in Bloom" Garden Competition

Do you know an individual or group that go above and beyond to beautify the streets of Lincoln? Nominate them today! Categories include residential, wineries, commercial/business and church/school. Contest closes June 17, 2022.

Learn more at: SpeakUpLincoln.ca/year-of-the-garden



speak up **LINCOLN**

Stay engaged at **Speak Up Lincoln!**

Have you checked out our public engagement site, SpeakUpLincoln.ca? Launched in 2021, the site is a hub of information on current Town projects and 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. See what's happening in Lincoln! SpeakUpLincoln.ca

