



TOWN OF LINCOLN COUNCIL NEWS

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Welcome to the Spring 2024 edition!

In this first edition of the year, we are pleased to report on the initiatives, services and projects in your Ward and across all of Lincoln.

This newsletter is delivered directly to mailboxes throughout the community and is available at Town of Lincoln facilities. We hope you find this newsletter informative. As always, please reach out to Mayor Easton or your Ward Councillors directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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Mayor's Message

Greetings to the entire Lincoln community as spring blooms around us! We are already a quarter of the way through the year and are making progress in several key areas. This includes the first steps in framing the future of the BDSS property, progress in the review of our Official Plan, as well as several important environmental projects.

On behalf of Council, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who actively engaged with us throughout the past year. Whether you contributed through our Budget Survey, attended our engaging events, or voiced your thoughts on **SpeakUpLincoln.ca** on a variety of projects and initiatives, your involvement continues to be invaluable.

Our journey toward realizing the strategic goals set by Council continues with intention. If you haven't had the chance to peruse this guiding document, I encourage you to visit **Lincoln.ca/Priorities** or pick up a copy from one of our facilities.

As the season blossoms, I wish everyone a vibrant and joyful springtime.

Mayor Sandra Easton | seaston@lincoln.ca | 905-563-2799 ext. 248



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Council and Committee Meetings

Council meets regularly to discuss the Town's business as representatives of the public. Most meetings start at 6 p.m., are open to the public, and are live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. A calendar of meetings, including agendas, minutes, and how to get involved, can be found at Lincoln.ca/Meetings

Questions?

Contact Legislative Services at:
clerks@lincoln.ca or
905-563-2799



Learn more about legislative services provided by the Town on page 14

Across Town



\$ 2024 Budget

The Town's 2024 Budget was approved in late 2023 and balances solid and sustainable financial management with continued investment in the community. During Budget deliberations, Council passed a motion to have staff investigate multi-year budgeting, and another to investigate the viability and impacts of offering a property tax rebate or discount for low-income Seniors and households.

Key project highlights are listed in each of the ward sections in this newsletter. For more information, visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Budget2024



WORK IN LINCOLN

Employers - gain access to top qualified job seekers in the area. Post your job openings to reach qualified candidates. Browse through our resume database to find your perfect candidate.

Job seekers - upload your resume, view job openings, and access resources to help you advance your career in the Town of Lincoln!



Work in Lincoln

In 2023, the Town of Lincoln's Economic Development Office, in partnership with the Employment Help Centre, launched the Work in Lincoln program to help connect local employers to talented job seekers in the area and support our local economy.

- » **Job Fairs** - The Town's Economic Development office, organized its third job fair on March 27, marking the first of 2024. The event proved highly successful, facilitating immediate connections between employers and job seekers, with individuals being hired on the spot. This job fair is funded through the Skills Development Fund.
- » **WorkinLincoln.ca** allows local employers to create an account and submit job postings at their own leisure, while allowing job seekers to apply for job postings and join the resume database.



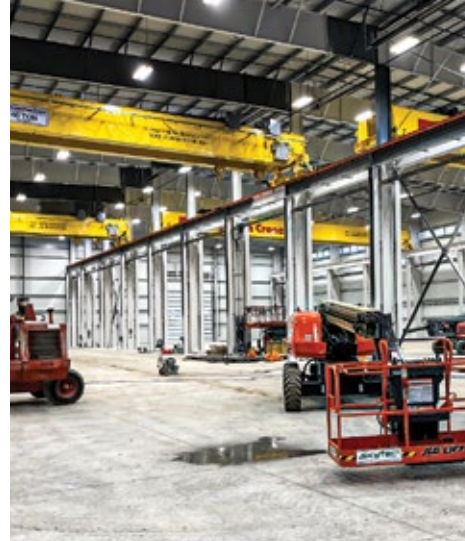


Town's Manufacturing Sector Gets A Boost Through AMSI's New Facility

The Ontario Government recently announced a \$2.1 million grant to support AMSI's new facility here in Lincoln. Back in 2022, Economic Development staff met with AMSI to bring the company to Lincoln, helping to secure the over \$20 million investment, creating over 70 jobs for our community through the building of the new 67,000 square-foot manufacturing facility.

AMSI inc. designs and constructs e-houses, a prefabricated building that houses electrical equipment for a wide range of industries including power generation, mining, industrial automation, hydro and electrical distribution, oil and gas, public transportation, biomass and the environmental sectors.

Welcome to Lincoln, AMSI!



Short-Term Accommodations: Licensing and Application Framework

The Town is making progress developing a Licensing and Application Framework to regulate the operations of Short-Term Accommodations (STAs) in the municipality. Thank you to all community members who have shared their input through open houses, public meetings, and surveys to date. This comprehensive Licensing and Application Framework allows for a balance between enabling private individuals to engage in part-time innkeeping while establishing a structure that acknowledges the effects on neighbouring residents and the community at large.

The proposed Licensing By-Law will:

- » Require all STAs to obtain a license from the Town
- » Implement a standard STA Licensing application process
- » Implement a Demerit Point and Administrative Monetary Penalty System
- » Establish a registry of all STAs within the Town

Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Short-Term-Accommodations for more information and further opportunities for public consultation in the coming weeks.



Beamsville District Secondary School (BDSS) Site Update

Town staff developed a business case for Council in late 2023 on a future plan for the former BDSS site. The Town has since expressed its intent to purchase the surplus property, from the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN). Collaborative efforts are underway with the DSBN to solidify the acquisition. More information and public engagement opportunities are tentatively planned for Q3 2024.



Across Town



Urban Forest Management Review Aims to Enhance Lincoln's Green Spaces

The Town of Lincoln is excited to announce the establishment of a working group to review tree-related Town practices and policies. The goal of this Urban Forest Management Review is to develop a Tree Management Strategy for the Town. This will include developing tree inventory, risk assessment, and community engagement. By prioritizing sustainable practices, we aim to preserve our natural heritage while fostering a greener, healthier environment for the community.

An Earth Day event will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Fleming Centre (foyer). Learn about the important work of the group and purchase a tree for \$10 each (while supplies last).

Look for information on the Town's tree giveaway and rain barrel sale later this year. Visit [SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Urban-Forest](https://speakuplincoln.ca/Urban-Forest) for more details and to find out how you can participate.



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations Available Throughout Lincoln

All new EV charging stations are available for use. Each location includes a minimum of one accessible parking space. Accessibility signage will be installed once pavement marking is completed in the spring.

This project was made possible with funding support of \$105,000.00 from Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP). By providing EV charging stations at key locations across the community, we aim to support local economic and community development through zero-emission infrastructure in our Town, while preserving and protecting surrounding ecosystems.

Please visit [Lincoln.ca/EVChargers](https://lincoln.ca/EVChargers) for more information, including user fees and the EV charging locations.





Tourism Updates

Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)

In December 2023, Council approved a By-law to institute a Municipal Accommodation Tax in Lincoln. The new MAT will apply a 4% tax on overnight stays in the town at hotels, motels, and inns as of April 1, 2024, as well as short-term accommodations, as of July 1, 2024.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our public engagement sessions and the MAT survey in 2023. The Town is now in the process of onboarding all local partners in the accommodations sector for the MAT program. Visit [Lincoln.ca/MAT](https://lincoln.ca/MAT) for more information and ongoing updates.

Creating a new Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the Town of Lincoln

Tourism is a major economic driver in Lincoln, creating hundreds of jobs and contributing millions of dollars to our local economy every year. Over the last two decades, the Twenty Valley Tourism Association (TVTA) has been our local DMO. While the TVTA had successes throughout the years, in 2019 and 2020 it became clear that a new DMO model was needed to attract more visitors and grow our local economy, by promoting the Niagara Benchlands as a premier tourism destination. When visitors spend money in our community, it creates wealth and jobs for our local residents.

In December 2023, Council passed a motion creating a new DMO for the community, in collaboration and partnership with the City of St. Catharines. Once formalized, the new DMO will promote the Niagara Benchlands to both leisure and corporate travel, helping to bring more people into the community to support our local businesses. While 2024 is a transition year to this new organization, we have already seen successes in our joint marketing with St. Catharines. We will continue to provide updates throughout the year. If you have any questions, please connect with Britnie Bazylewski, Tourism Development Officer, at bbazylewski@lincoln.ca.

**Registration for
summer camps opens:**

APRIL

8

9 a.m.

Open to Lincoln residents

APRIL

25

9 a.m.

Open to all



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Across Town



Regional Public Works Projects in Lincoln

Please visit NiagaraRegion.ca for more information and updates on these projects or visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Regional-Projects which will serve as a central hub for all Regional public works projects within the Town of Lincoln.



Ontario Street Watermain Replacement

Niagara Region is actively replacing the Ontario Street watermain from Greenlane Road to King Street due to its overall age, poor condition, and break frequency. The Town is partnering with Niagara Region to upsize the sanitary sewer capacity, in response to new development growth. Throughout this project, all businesses remain open, and we encourage the community to continue supporting them. The Town is collaborating with Niagara Region to keep local community members and businesses informed on the project, and to minimize disruption to this high-traffic area of the community.

King Street (Vineland) Improvements (this project spans Wards 3 and 4)

King Street in Vineland between Vinehaven Trail and Twenty-Third Street is to be reconstructed by Niagara Region. This is a joint cost share project 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 to better connect neighbourhoods and amenities. Niagara Region is planning to host a Public Meeting in 2024.

Victoria Avenue Watermain Replacement

Niagara Region is upgrading a watermain on Victoria Avenue between King Street and Moyer Road in Lincoln. The watermain was installed in 1969 and was made of ductile iron and transitions to cast iron. The work involves replacing the watermain, valves, and connections. Since the watermain is beneath Victoria Avenue, the road will be partially closed for excavation and watermain work. Lane restrictions, lane closures and road closures resulting in travel delays are expected. Alternate routes around the construction zone will be shared. Construction is planned to start in March and last until June 2024.



King Street Jordan Hollow

Niagara Region will make improvements on King Street within the defined study zone spanning from Nineteenth Street to Twenty-Third Street. Recognizing the ecological significance of Jordan Hollow, a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is ongoing in collaboration with the Town to ensure environmentally responsible measures. This EA will assess options for road enhancements aligned with Complete Streets principles, alongside the retaining wall replacement. Niagara Region is planning to host a second Public Information Centre (PIC) in late 2024.

King Street Improvements

King Street from Lincoln Avenue to Greenlane Road is being widened and reconstructed to improve road safety. There is a focus on improved intersection safety at Thirty Road and Mountainview Road. Wider paved shoulders are proposed to further support active transportation in the area.

Vision Zero Road Safety Initiative

Niagara Region initiated a Vision Zero Road Safety Initiative in partnership with the Town of Lincoln and other local municipalities. The goals of the initiative are to: reduce all traffic fatalities and severe injuries; increase safe, healthy and fair mobility; consider all active modes of transportation, such as driving, walking and cycling; and reduce all collisions by promoting major road safety initiatives across Niagara. In Lincoln, a red light camera has been installed at Ontario Street and South Service Road in Beamsville, and designated community safety zones are established at:

- » Victoria Avenue between Frederick Avenue and King Street (a Municipal Speed Camera is also being installed at this location)
- » Mountain Street between Edelheim Road and Beam Street



Total Solar Eclipse in Lincoln

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a Total Solar Eclipse will take place that can be viewed across the Niagara Region. Visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Eclipse-2024 to learn how you can observe this rare phenomenon safely.



Do you know of a citizen or group of citizens who give unselfishly for the betterment of Lincoln?



Nominate them for a Good Citizen Award!

This award celebrates achievement, commitment, and excellence in individuals/groups who have served the community through volunteerism or simply embody the qualities of a good citizen. Visit Lincoln.ca/GoodCitizen to submit a nomination!

Nominations close April 4, 2024



Across Town



Share Your Thoughts on the Proposed Hospital Renaming

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH), a Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) hospital, is being rebuilt to accommodate the growing health care needs of west Niagara's communities. Public support for the new hospital has been overwhelmingly positive, as residents acknowledge this important endeavour and have demonstrated unwavering commitment to this redevelopment project.

We've received feedback from community members across Lincoln, Grimsby and West Lincoln, and are grateful for your passion and care towards the hospital as a cherished resource for our communities.

Some have expressed desire for more comprehensive public consultation about the request to rename WLMH, and we are refining the strategy to extend the public engagement period. The collective goal is to have a site name that best serves the public interest and the role of the hospital providing excellent patient care. The public's engagement in this process is vital to achieving this goal.

Please visit [SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Hospital-Renaming](https://speakuplincoln.ca/Hospital-Renaming) to share your comments, and for more information on the hospital redevelopment.

Responsible Dog Ownership in Our Parks and Greenspaces

Our parks and greenspaces are for everyone! Follow these tips to keep them clean and beautiful for all.

LEASH UP!

Please keep your furry friends on-leash at our parks and greenspaces.

CLEAN UP!

Please pick up after your furry friends every time, everywhere and use garbage receptable to dispose of waste.



Discover Kinsmen Park: Did you know that Kinsmen Park features an off-leash dog area? Before reaching the off-leash zone, please keep your pets leashed.





Traffic Safety and Traffic Calming Initiatives

Traffic Safety in Lincoln

The Town of Lincoln places a high priority on traffic safety and traffic calming initiatives. The 2023 Roadside Safety Program focused on pedestrian crossover (PXO) safety, speed humps, digital speed feedback signs, guiderail improvements, community safety zones and other traffic calming strategies to address speeding concerns. These vital initiatives will continue through 2024.

Here are some updates from the past several months:

- » 40km/h Area Speed Reduction – the 2023 reduction areas were signed and completed in November 2023. Staff are preparing resident communications and materials for the final phase.
- » Frederick Avenue and John Charles Boulevard all-way construction completed, with ongoing maintenance.
- » 2024 Traffic Safety Programs for “Black Cat” radar speed studies and digital feedback signs are ready for installation in the spring.
- » John Street (Ontario Street to Bartlett Road) traffic calming concept has been completed, with the project out for tender.
- » Actively monitoring the traffic calming construction works on Stadelbauer Drive and Connor Drive through maintenance period.
- » 2024 temporary speed humps, including Cedarbrook Lane and Drake Avenue, are ready for installation in the spring.
- » 2024 traffic calming devices are ready for installation in the spring (reboundable signs, silhouette signs, etc.).
- » The Region has installed a new community safety zone on Mountain Street.
- » Five truck safety blitzes were successfully completed in 2023 in partnership with the MTO and Niagara Region.



Development Charge By-law Review

The Town of Lincoln is updating its Development Charges By-law under the Development Charges Act, 1997, and associated regulations. The Town's current by-law will expire in April 2024. A Development Charge Background Study must be completed, and a new Development Charge By-law must be adopted for the collection of DCs to continue beyond April 2024. We thank all community members who attended and provided feedback at our Public Meeting and stakeholder meeting in February. Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Development-Charges-In-Lincoln for more information.



Pedestrian Crossovers

A pedestrian crossover is a type of crossing that requires vehicles to stop and allow pedestrians to cross the road.

At a pedestrian crossover, pedestrians have the right-of-way. Drivers and cyclists must stop behind the yield line and wait until the pedestrian has completely crossed the road and is safely on the sidewalk before proceeding. All road users (pedestrians, motorists, cyclists) must obey pedestrian crossover rules at all times.

Visit Lincoln.ca/TrafficSafety to learn more.



Across Town



Lincoln Pelham Public Library

Get a Free Library Card: Did you know it is free to join the library? Stop by the Fleming Branch in Beamsville, the Rittenhouse Branch in Vineland, or sign up online and receive your library card by mail.



One Book, One Niagara

One Book, One Niagara (OBON) is a community-wide read that encourages everyone in Niagara to read the same book. The 2024 title is *In the Upper Country* by Kai Thomas, winner of the 2023 Atwood Gibson Writers' Trust Fiction Award. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library. Listen to Kai discuss his book at the OBON finale on April 23 at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Get free tickets and learn more at onebookoneniagara.ca

PressReader

Get unlimited daily access to more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines from around the world. All you need is a library card! PressReader offers access to local, national, and international newspapers and magazines with 60 different language options. Inclusive reading allows customers to enjoy content with assistive technology.



Spring Maintenance

- » **Hydrant Flushing** is performed annually in the spring for the general maintenance of the water distribution system and covers the Beamsville, Vineland and Jordan serviced areas. You may experience temporary low-water pressure during flushing and/or cloudy or discoloured water conditions after flushing is completed. Running your taps for about 10 minutes will typically clear any cloudiness or discolouration.
- » **Street Sweeping** is performed twice a year, in Spring and Fall. The Town's urban areas are divided into eight sections which will take approximately 10 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Rural areas commence April and will continue until complete.

Visit Lincoln.ca/SpringMaintenance to learn more.



Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre

The Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is celebrating the unveiling of two new exhibits on display until July 2024. Both exhibits explore the story of Japanese Canadians during and post-WW2: Exiles in our Own Country and Generations of an Archive.

The museum is also mounting a Red Dress installation for National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people (MMIWG2S+) in Canada, from May 3 to 13, 2024. Red dresses, symbolizing justice, will be displayed in public spaces across the country, visually representing the pain and loss felt by the families of victims and highlighting the alarming number of people who go missing or are murdered each year.

May is also Museum Month, aligning with International Museum Day on May 18. We invite Lincoln residents to visit the museum in May and experience how museums can educate, inspire, and create a sense of community while preserving and showcasing history.

Visit [LincolnMuseum.ca](https://lincolnmuseum.ca) to learn more.



Lincoln
Museum & Cultural Centre
Home of the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty

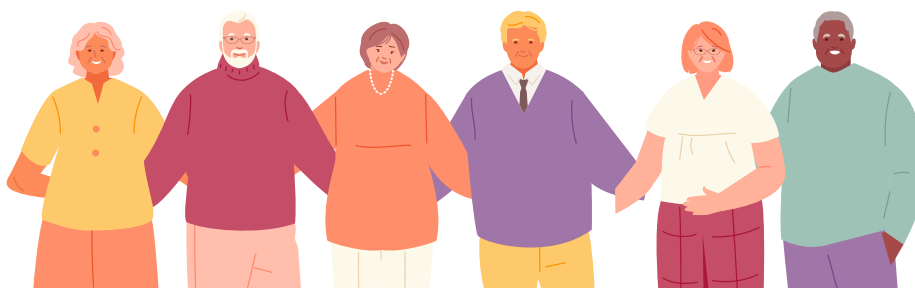


Did you know the Town has a Lincoln Seniors' Club?

Adults 55+ and older are invited to join the Lincoln Seniors' Club at the Lincoln Community Centre. The Lincoln Seniors' Club offers social and recreation activities including billiards, bridge, carpet bowling, euchre, exercise, line dancing, pickleball and more.

The annual \$20 membership fee provides opportunities to participate in daily activities. Membership can be purchased at the Lincoln Community Centre, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please call **905-563-2799 ext. 441** or email recreation@lincoln.ca for more information. Visit lincoln.ca/Programs to learn more.



Across Town

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP IN

Lincoln

Help beautify the Town of Lincoln during the month of April! Form a group of family, friends, or neighbours, and choose an area to pick up waste.

Visit lincoln.ca/CommunityCleanUp to reserve your kit!



Across Town



Be a good neighbour

**Dispose of fats, oils and grease
properly to keep our pipes clear**



How you dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can have a serious impact on both your home and the environment. If FOG is poured down your sinks, drains or toilets, it will cool, harden, and clog the pipes that take the wastewater from your house to the treatment plant.

What can you do?

- ✓ FOG is organic waste and should be placed in your green bin.
- ✓ Before washing pots, pans, and dirty dishes, wait for FOG to harden.
- ✓ Wipe with a paper towel or scrape it into the green bin.



Legislative Services

Did you know that in addition to overseeing services related to Council and Committees and open governance, the Legislative Services Team offers a variety of services:

- » **Marriage Licenses:** We issue marriage licenses that are necessary before being married in the Province of Ontario. It is valid anywhere in Ontario for 90 days from the date of issuance. An appointment is required for this service.
- » **Civil Ceremonies and Renewal of Marriage Vows:** We are pleased to offer civil marriage ceremonies and renewal of marriage vows for those seeking a simple, non-religious ceremony. These ceremonies can be performed at Town Hall or an offsite location within Lincoln, as approved by the Town Clerk. Appointments are required for these services.
- » **Oaths and Declarations:** We provide commissioning for a variety of documents including pension documents (proof of life). A full list of documents that the Town can commission is available at [Lincoln.ca/Oaths](https://lincoln.ca/Oaths). An appointment is required for this service.
- » **Licensing:** We issue a variety of lottery licenses for lottery and gaming events in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. This service also includes Designation of Municipal Significance (Special Occasion Permit) applications required for some public events.
- » **Municipal Elections:** The next Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. Residents can use the Register to Vote portal to verify and update their information for these elections. Resident's school support designation can also be updated via the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's online portal at mpac.ca
- » **Council Information Packages:** Council Information Packages ('CIPs') contain a variety of news releases, updates and correspondence from municipalities, other levels of government and organizations across Ontario. CIPs are published every Friday and can be found at [Lincoln.ca/Meetings](https://lincoln.ca/Meetings)

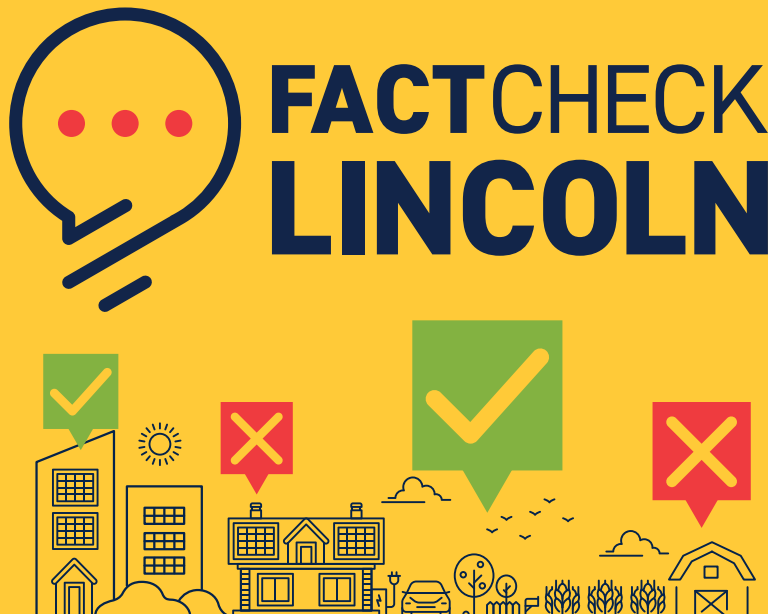


» **Cemeteries:** The Town owns and operates 5 active and 15 inactive cemeteries in accordance with Provincial and Municipal legislation. Staff understand that dealing with loss or considering making arrangements for yourself or a loved one can be an emotional process. Staff can assist and provide a number of options and create the memorable tribute you wish to have such as planning ahead, scattering, cremation and burial, monuments and markers, and personalization.

Blue / Grey Box Changes

As of January 1, 2024, Niagara Region's residential recycling program is no longer managed by the Region and responsibility for the program is taken on by Circular Materials. Circular Materials will administer and manage contracts to collect Blue / Grey box material, in accordance with the province's new Blue Box regulation.

Replacement Blue / Grey boxes are NO LONGER available at Lincoln Town Hall or at other municipal facilities in Niagara region. To obtain or exchange Blue / Grey boxes in Lincoln, residents can contact GFL Environmental Inc. at **1-855-769-3760**.




FACTCHECK LINCOLN

Separating **FACT** from **FICTION** in Lincoln

In the digital age, information flows through our community like a river. However, not all currents are clear, and amidst the stream of data, truths often intertwine with falsities. That's where we come in – Fact Check Lincoln is your guide in the sea of information, dedicated to separating fact from fiction when it comes to all things related to the Town of Lincoln.

Learn more at SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Fact-Check-Lincoln




Our facilities are for everyone!

Town of Lincoln facilities are welcoming, safe and inclusive spaces for all. We've recently installed signage at Town Hall, Fleming Centre, Lincoln Community Centre and Jordan Lions Arena to promote our spaces. In addition to recreation programming, drop into our facilities for:

-  **Information**
-  **WiFi**
-  **Water**
-  **First Aid**
-  **Warming/Cooling Spaces**
-  **Washrooms**

Learn more at Lincoln.ca/Facilities





Ward 1 UPDATES



Dianne Rintjema



Adam Russell



Bartlett Road Reconstruction and Watermain Replacement

The Town's Transportation Master Plan has identified Bartlett Road as a crucial north-south transportation corridor aimed at managing traffic growth in Beamsville. This roadway, between King Street and South Service Road, will be reconstructed to better accommodate heavy traffic. The Town also intends to create an in-boulevard multi-use pathway to enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Please visit [SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Bartlett-Road-Reconstruction-Project](https://speakuplincoln.ca/Bartlett-Road-Reconstruction-Project) for more information and updates on this project in the coming weeks.

Watermain Work in 2024

The Town has officially completed the proactive replacement of the watermain on Bartlett Road from Union Road to Hinan Drive. The replacement took place due to the old cast iron piping that had a higher frequency of breaks. Federal funding supported this initiative through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.



Greenlane Road Reconstruction (King Street to Konkle Creek – Ward 2)

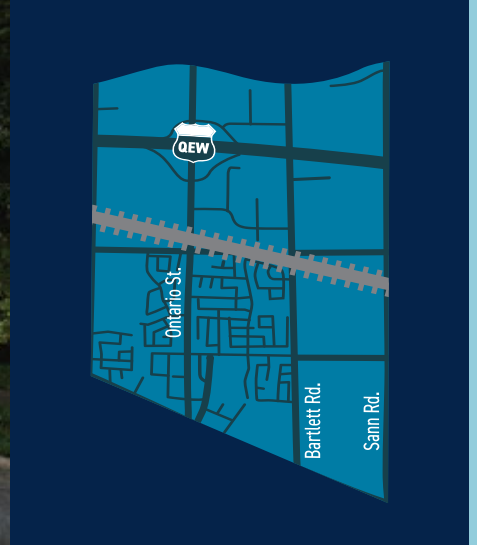
This is a multi-phase project that spans both Wards 1 and 2.

Greenlane Reconstruction Phases 1A and 1B (King Street to Konkle Creek – Ward 2)

Phase 1A works involve upgrading Greenlane to a full urban standard east of Lincoln Avenue to the new Konkle Creek multi-use trail connection. It will also provide a new key linkage to the Konkle Creek multi-use trail entrance on Greenlane and is required to support active transportation connectivity.

Phase 1B of the project involves widening and reconstructing the rural section of Greenlane from Lincoln Avenue to King Street to new rural standards. Similar to Phase 1A, this section of road is also proposed to include separate cycling and pedestrian facilities in the form of a boulevard multi-use path which will continue along King Street and connect to the new West Niagara Secondary School (WNSS).

Design plans are near completion for Phase 1A. The Town will finalize the detailed design package throughout 2024 in preparation for construction in 2025. Public engagement is planned in 2024 to share the new design

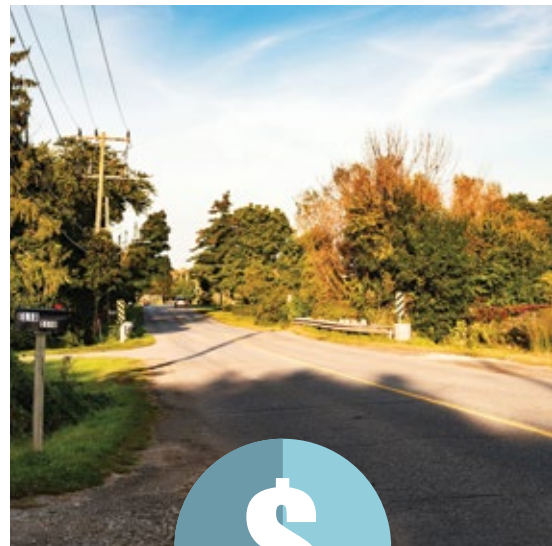


plans with residents. The design will be modified as necessary in response to resident feedback. The detailed design package for Phase 1B is nearly complete. This design phase will now be paused until the year prior to construction, which is yet to be determined.

Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Greenlane-Improvements-With-Multi-Use-Path to learn more about this project.

Greenlane Reconstruction Phases 2 and 3 (Konkle Creek Trail to Bartlett Road – Ward 1)

Greenlane within Beamsville's urban boundary (Konkle Creek trail to Bartlett Road) is experiencing significant infill development growth. This roadway will be upgraded to a Complete Streets urban standard, by providing dedicated space for all modes of transportation. The Schedule "C" Environmental Assessment is ongoing, with the first Public Information Centre (PIC) held in February. The primary objective of the PIC was to introduce the study and gather community feedback. A second public engagement session will be held later this year to share the final results of the study. Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Greenlane-Phases2-3 to engage with us and learn more about this project.



2024 Project Highlights WARD 1

- Tamarac and West Avenue Pedestrian Bridges
- Roadside Safety Program – John Street Traffic Calming Measures
- Accessibility Doors and Strobes
- Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction (spans Wards 1 and 2)
- Ontario Street Sanitary Sewer Upsizing and Replacement - Greenlane to King Street

For more information on the 2024 Budget, visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Budget2024

ECOSERIES: Tree Canopy 2: Tips for Tree Keepers

Discover the key to the healthiest and happiest trees. Learn about optimal planting, species selection, maintenance and the importance of biodiversity. Join this presentation for a guide to cultivating a thriving and economically efficient tree canopy.

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Fleming Centre | 5020 Serena Dr., Beamsville
7 - 8 p.m. | 6:30 p.m.: doors open

Brought to you by the Val Fleming Butterfly Garden and Rotary Club of Lincoln



Learn more about Regional Public Works projects in Lincoln on page 8



Ward 2 UPDATES



John (JD) Pachereva



Tony Brunet



William Street Neighbourhood Reconstruction

William Street and surrounding neighbourhood streets (Highland Park Drive, Glenwood Drive, Robbie Burns Drive, and Charles Street) will be fully reconstructed to meet current standards, including watermain and sanitary sewer systems. The design will also review opportunities to improve traffic calming, streetlighting, and connectivity of the community.

We plan to host a Public Information Centre (PIC) in late 2024 / early 2025 to provide opportunity for members of the public to engage with the project team, ask questions, and review the preliminary design drawings. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2026.

Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/William-Street-Reconstruction for more information and updates on this project.



Frost Road Bridge Replacement

The Frost Road Bridge was removed in 2019 due to its poor condition and had previously been closed to traffic for approximately 17 years. Public consultation and detailed design is now completed. Project construction will be subject to funding availability. Visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Frost-Road-Bridge-Replacement to learn more.



Durham Road Reconstruction

The Town's Transportation Master Plan has identified Durham Road as a key north-south transportation corridor to provide a future alternate truck route in Beamsville. The project is currently in the final design phase, and tendering and construction are scheduled for 2024, pending the progress of other watermain construction works in the area. Visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Durham-Road-Reconstruction-Project to learn more.



Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction

Lincoln Avenue, from King Street to South Service Road requires full road reconstruction to meet current standards, including watermain replacement and the construction of active transportation facilities. The detailed design phase is nearing completion, and the Public Information Centre (PIC) has concluded, sharing detailed design plans with the community. Project tendering is planned for 2024. Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Lincoln-Avenue-Road-Reconstruction-Project for ongoing updates on this project.



Aberdeen Road and Hillside Drive Reconstruction Project

Aberdeen Road and Hillside Drive require full road reconstruction from Ashby Drive to King Street, including active transportation improvements. Detailed design work and tendering has been completed. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Please visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Aberdeen-Road-Reconstruction-Project for ongoing updates on this project.



Thirty Road Reconstruction

Thirty Road from King Street to the south Town limit requires full road reconstruction to improve road user safety, proactively address potential slope erosion concerns and accommodate increased traffic in the area. This project involves completion of the detailed design package and contract documents in advance of construction. Detailed design is underway, with expected completion in 2025.

Visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Thirty-Road-Reconstruction-Project to learn more.



Gavora Ditch Municipal Drain Maintenance

Maintenance of the Gavora Municipal Drain has been completed. Staff are working with the drainage supervisor on submitting all information to OMAFRA for Municipal Drain Maintenance Grants. Once the final costs of construction have been determined, staff will issue a by-law to Council to levy all costs to the properties assessed on the Gavora Municipal Drain. Learn more at Lincoln.ca/Drains



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2024 Project Highlights WARD 2

- Durham Road Reconstruction
- Aberdeen and Hillside Slope Stabilization and Reconstruction
- Lincoln Avenue Road Reconstruction – King Street to South Service Road
- New sidewalk links on Mountain Street from Cassandra Drive to Connor Drive and Hixon Street from Barry Drive to Hillside Drive

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Ward 3 UPDATES



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Leave your mark in Jordan Village.

The **Jordan Village Public Realm Donation Program** gives businesses and residents the opportunity to provide street furniture in newly renovated Jordan Village. Donations will be subject to the following:

- ✓ Donations can be made toward a bench or bike rack located within a specified area of Jordan Village.
- ✓ Each will include a personalized donation plaque.
- ✓ Staff will work with donors to determine a specific location, installation and maintenance of the amenity for a predetermined lifecycle.

Learn more at
[Lincoln.ca/JordanVillageDonations](https://lincoln.ca/JordanVillageDonations)



Progress on Jordan Village Improvement Project

The Jordan Village Improvement Project is a multi-year reconstruction project that involves all of Jordan Village, north of King Street. The main goals of this project are increased safety at the intersections of King Street / Main Street / Nineteenth Street, increased pedestrian connectivity, environmental improvements and a beautified neighbourhood embracing local heritage for residents and visitors alike. Remarkable progress was made in 2023. The final phase of the project, Phase 5 (signalization of the King Street intersection), is set to be completed in Summer 2024. Learn more at SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Jordan-Village-Improvement-Project

Sho'arishon Park (formerly Jordan Hollow)

Lincoln has a history of human inhabitation that dates back at least 12,000 years. The village of Jordan is an important Indigenous settlement site in Southern Ontario, with recent archaeological evidence confirming settlement by the Attawandaron or 'Neutrals' dating to the early c.1600. A Neutral Nation archaeological site showing evidence of multigenerational settlement sits less than 500m from the park. The Town worked with Indigenous advisors to recognize and honour this history through the redevelopment and renaming of the park in Jordan Hollow. Lincoln Council approved the re-naming of Jordan Hollow Park to Sho'arishon (So-ah-ree-son) Park on June 26, 2023. The goal of renaming the site is to acknowledge and celebrate the Indigenous connections to the land, in particular that of the Neutral Nation.

Project construction is now anticipated to begin in 2025 due to tender submissions exceeding our approved budget. We want to assure the community that we are actively seeking additional funding opportunities and collaborating with the Region to address this delay. We thank the community for your understanding and remain optimistic about completing the park next year. Learn more at SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Shoarishon-Park



Prudhommes Development and Supporting Infrastructure

Commercial development progresses as the Town continues to review engineering details, ensuring alignment with the Town's Zoning By-law, the Regional Official Plan Review and the Town's existing Official Plan. To support the Prudhommes Development, the Town is upgrading municipal water servicing, involving watermain upgrades along Jordan Road from Fourth Avenue to North Service Road and along North Service Road from Jordan Road to Victoria Avenue, including the Victoria Avenue QEW crossing. Construction is anticipated to begin later this year.

In anticipation of the Prudhommes Landing Subdivision, the Town is upgrading the sanitary sewers on Dustan Street and Laurie Avenue, along with the installation of new sewers. Construction of these upgrades is ongoing and nearing completion, with median restorations and final road paving to follow in Spring 2024. Niagara Region plans to tender the Sewage Pumping Station upgrade project within the next few months.

To stay up to date on this exciting project, visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Prudhommes-Development



Minister Calandra, Mayor Easton and MPP Oosterhoff discuss growth-related infrastructure to support the Prudhommes development site.



2024 Project Highlights WARD 3

- Mini-Rescue Fire Truck Replacement
- Jordan Lions Arena Chiller Replacement
- Jordan Village Improvement Project
- Haynes Street Road Rehabilitation
- Glen Elgin Neighborhood Area Resurfacing

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Red Maple

The storm sewer installation and paving on Bridgeport Drive and Red Maple Avenue is complete. The Jordan Station road reconstruction is tentatively scheduled for 2029.



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Ward 4 UPDATES



Memory Lab Coming to Rittenhouse Branch of Lincoln Pelham Public Library

A Memory Lab is coming to the Rittenhouse Branch in Vineland this Spring! This community space houses specialized equipment to convert photos, videos, and cassettes to a digital format, preserving these important memories for years to come. At the Memory Lab, you can:

- » Convert 8 mm film, Super 8 film, VHS, slides, photo negatives, and photos to a digital format
- » Restore/improve the quality of old photographs
- » Print photos
- » Design family trees

While the equipment is free to use, people must supply their own media storage device (ie. USB, DVD, etc.). No library card is required.

The public is invited to the Memory Lab launch on Saturday, April 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. Members of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Niagara Peninsula Branch and the Friends of Lincoln's History will be onsite with information about researching your family tree and local history resources. Families can also make a family tree craft.

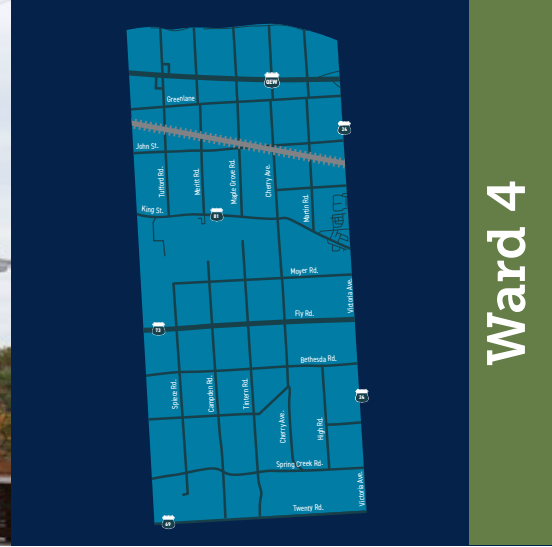
The Memory Lab is made available for community use through the generous support of the Rittenhouse Trust. For more information, visit lppl.ca



Lakeshore Roads and Shoreline Protection

In 2022 and 2023, The Town of Lincoln completed two Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) studies to develop long-term solutions to address continued flooding and erosion damage along the Lake Ontario shoreline between Thirty Road and Victoria Avenue. High water levels and isolated flooding events since 2017 have eroded the shoreline and damaged the roads along it significantly.

Beyond requiring a solution to halt the long-term erosion of the Lake Ontario shoreline, the affected roadways play a vital role in providing access to both private properties and public viewing areas of the lakefront. Ensuring the maintenance of these roadways is crucial to provide safe access for residents, visitors, and emergency services. Together, the EA studies recommended various solutions to remediate areas along the shoreline and



either repair or relocate five local roads including Lakeshore Road, Lakeside Drive, Sandy Cove Drive, Thirty Road, and Verity Lane.

Both EAs have produced a preferred solution, and the project will be designed and constructed in phases. The Town has recently retained Associated Engineering (Ont.) Ltd. to prepare the detailed design plans for the project. Visit SpeakUpLincoln.ca/Lakeshore-Roads-And-Shoreline-Protection-Project for more information.



Cherry Avenue Road Rehabilitation

The Cherry Avenue Road Rehabilitation project has been successfully completed, linking key tourism destinations such as wineries, Ball's Falls, and other sites in Lincoln. Using an innovative bonded wearing course, the road has been resurfaced to provide a smoother riding surface for cyclists, aligning with the Town's Active Transportation Action Plan. Culverts have been replaced, and asphalt padding was laid, with milling and paving work completed on three hill sections. Next, the final surface was laid, accompanied by line painting for improved safety and navigation. Additionally, a flashing beacon has been installed near Moyer Road to enhance route safety and usability.



Greenlane Watermain Replacement (West of Victoria Avenue)

The old ductile iron watermain on Greenlane from Victoria Avenue to 400m west of Victoria Avenue is nearing the end of its useful life and requires replacement. This project is planned to be designed in 2024 and constructed in 2025 to align with ICIP grant funding timelines.



2024 Project Highlights WARD 4

- Squad Fire Truck Replacement
- Greenlane Watermain Replacement
- All Lakeshore Roads Shoreline Protection Environmental Assessment Studies – Long-term Review
- Cemetery Monument Restoration – Mennonite Mountain Cemetery
- Dutch Lane Road and Culvert Rehabilitation

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