

For Immediate Release

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Council Connect: Highlights from the June 8, 2021 meetings of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically this evening and here are the highlights:

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: Council received an update on the regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan. The update follows public consultation held by the regional team with residents across Essex County. 54 Tecumseh residents responded to the online survey and 14 attended the virtual open house. Responses indicated that the top priorities in Tecumseh are: Housing and Neighbourhoods; Education; and, Financial Security and Employment. Tecumseh residents' comments included in the presentation to Council outlined a request for more affordable housing and more signs/public service announcements reminding people where to walk, bike and park—especially where there are no sidewalks. The regional team will be finalizing the report with an expected deadline in November 2021.

Retail Cannabis Stores: Council received a follow up report from the April 13, 2021 meeting where they moved to reconsider their earlier decision to opt out of retail cannabis in Town. At this evening's meeting, Council heard from the Ontario Cannabis Store which is a Crown Corporation of the Ontario Government. The presentation outlined how retail cannabis is managed in Ontario and the delegation answered questions of Council members. The report from Administration included information on provincial and regional retail cannabis, including available statistical data. A letter from the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit was also considered. Council voted to opt-in/allow retail cannabis in Town.

Rural Broadband Committee: Council received a report on the applications for the Town's Rural Broadband Committee and selected four individuals from the six applications received to be appointed to the Committee. The Clerks Department will notify the selected members and prepare a by-law for the next Council meeting to formally appoint the members for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Fire Route Designation on Marine Drive: Council adopted By-Law 2021-47 to execute agreements between Essex Condo Corporations 21, 27 and 40 to designate Marine Drive as a Fire Route. This By-Law follows a request from the Condo Corporations in March 2021 related to concerns about parking on both sides of Marine Drive which severely constrains road passage at times. Representatives from Public Works and Environmental Services and Fire Services inspected the area and Fire Services provided an opinion that the road should have a fire designation to ensure emergency services have adequate space to access residences. The designation restricts all parking in the area and Public Works will install signs accordingly.

Essex Power Proxyholder: Council approved the appointment of Mayor McNamara as the appointed proxyholder for the Town to cast the shareholder's (Town's) votes at the upcoming Essex Power Corporation 2021 Shareholders' Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Tom Burton is the alternate should the Mayor be absent from the meeting.



Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation: Council adopted By-Law 2021-44 to authorize the Director of Financial Services and the Mayor to execute an Amending Agreement between the Town and the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation. The agreement relates to funds the Town borrowed to finance the North Talbot Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area construction costs. Charges have been imposed on property owners benefitting from the provision of sanitary sewers in the North Talbot Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area under By-Law 2011-103 passed in 2011. The original agreement was amended in July 2017 with a termination date of June 30, 2021. The agreement will be extended to December 31, 2021 in order to complete landowner financing arrangements.

Briday Development/Former Victoria School Site: Council received a report on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments for the 2.29 hectare (5.66 acre) parcel of land situated on the South Side of Dillon Drive approximately 40 metres east of the intersection with St. Pierre Street (12433 Dillon Drive and Former McColl Street Right of Way). Following discussion on the matter, Council moved to defer consideration of the application and directed staff to discuss with the proponent a reduction in height to a maximum of 2 storeys as well as overall reduction in density of the development with a report back to Council as soon as possible.

Signage Inventory and Assessment: Council received a report on a community sign inventory and assessment conducted within the Town in 2020 and approved including the recommendations in the Annual Roads Budget. The inventory and assessment project was undertaken as a result of inquiries about replacement of some aged signs and requests for new signs at various entry points to the Town. The report outlined that the Town has 26 entrance/welcoming signs with 21 in good condition, three in fair condition and two in poor condition. As a result, the signs on Brighton Road at the VIA Rail tracks and Tecumseh Road at Pike Creek will be replaced and a new sign will be installed on County Road 9 at South Talbot Road. An additional sign was requested for County Road 8 and Manning Road.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, June 22, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at www.tecumseh.ca. The agenda for the Regular meeting will be made available on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

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