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Council Connect: Highlights from the January 14, 2020 meetings of Council

Here are the highlights from the Meetings of Council this evening:

Zoning Application—Tecumseh Road and Southfield Drive: Council held a public meeting to receive public and agency input on the applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment filed by Skyline Real Estate Holdings for a parcel of land located southeast of the Tecumseh Road and Southfield intersection. The proposed development consists of two, 4-storey apartment buildings, totaling 150 units. The proposed development would be located south of the existing apartment buildings located on the south side of Tecumseh Road, immediately east of Southfield Drive. A follow-up Administrative Report is being prepared to summarize and comment upon issues raised at the public meeting and to recommend the next steps in the process.

2019 Council Meetings: Council received the annual report on the total number of Council Meetings held last year. In 2019, Council held 20 Regular Meetings, 18 Public Meetings, 10 Special Meetings and nine In-Camera Meetings. The number of meetings is on pace with previous years Council meetings save for an increase in Public Meetings. Public Council Meetings (PCM) are generally held to receive public comment on drainage and planning matters as required under the relevant acts. The Special Meetings of Council (SCM) numbers were higher due to budget meetings being pushed into 2019 as a result of the 2018 Municipal Election. Overall the number of meetings is not out of the ordinary for the period of Council from 2015 to 2018.

Arena and Pool 5-Year Capital Works Plan: Council approved spending approximately \$816,000 million on various projects as part of the 5-year Capital Works Plan. The Plan also includes approximately \$55 million for the Multi-Use Sportsplex project however the funds will not be required unless the grant application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Recreation Stream* is successful. The arena and leisure pool works for 2020 are as follows:

- Arena: Environmental Control Systems for the building; spectator netting replacement; brine pump and chiller replacement for Rink A; new door for referee rooms; HVAC upgrades; second floor kitchen renovations and other general repairs as needed over the year.
- Leisure Pool: pump replacement; tot pool refurbishment and replacement of the lap pool heater.

CIP Grants: Council approved two separate grants under the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for owners at 11865 Tecumseh Road and 11957 Tecumseh Road as follows:

- The owners of 11865 Tecumseh will receive \$3,000 under the program for building façade and parking lot improvements.
- The owners of 11957 Tecumseh Road will receive \$100,000 under the (CIP) program for the construction of a 3-storey, 32 unit apartment building approximately 50 metres west of Shawnee Road. The grant funding comes from the Development Charges Grant Program portion of the CIP and provides a rebate on the development charges paid for this project. Total development charges incurred by the owners for this number of apartment style dwelling units is approximately \$294,000, of which \$100,000 will be granted back to the owners upon completion of the project. The \$100,000 rebate provided by the Town represents the maximum amount allowable under this part of the CIP.

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These two grants bring the total amount of funding awarded under the program to approximately \$500,000. Details on the CIP program, area of application and how to apply for a grant are available at www.tecumseh.ca/CIP.

Site Plan Agreement: Council authorized a by-law executing the site plan control agreement with 2253746 Ontario for their 3-storey apartment building at 11957 Tecumseh Road. Council had previously adopted amending the Official Plan and Tecumseh Zoning By-law 1746 to permit the use of the property for an apartment building in May 2017. The project was altered from the original proposal of a five-storey, 43-unit condominium due to insufficient sales of the units. The updated design will have 24, two-bedroom units with the remaining eight one-bedroom. The parking area has also been reduced and the entire project is now being marketed as rental units instead of condominium units which the owners believe will have a more positive response and uptake in the housing market.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the **Tecumseh Arena, 12021 McNorton Street** in the **Horwood Room**. The agenda will be made available on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

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