

For Immediate Release April 14, 2020

Council Connect: Highlights from the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

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

Delegation of Authority: Following the delegation of authority report to Council on March 24, Administration provided an update to address ongoing closures and financial impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Council approved extending the delegation of authority as well as further changes with respect to tax, water and dog licensing fees. In effect, Council approved: the waiving of “non-sufficient funds” charges on property tax payments through to June 30, 2020; the removal of late payment charges/penalties or interest on water/wastewater accounts through to June 30, 2020; and, the extension of the Dog Tag/Licence fee of \$20 and the Kennel License fee of \$100 to June 30, 2020. The update also authorizes the waiving of fees related to the use of Tecumseh Transit which has already been put in place.

CIP Grants: Council approved \$12,366 in two grants for parking area improvements and building façade improvements for 1033 Lesperance Road operating as Desjardins Insurance.

2020 Tecumseh Corn Festival: Council received a presentation and report from the Parks and Recreation Department on the Future Direction of the Tecumseh Corn Festival. The report follows public consultation on the festival and outlines changes for the 2020 event as a result of these public comments. Changes for this year’s festival are as follows:

- Removing the admission fee which will be offset through reducing staff, policing and entertainment costs
- Modifying the vendor charges to be in line with other regional events
- Moving the Miss Tecumseh Pageant off-site to L’Essor High School Theatre
- Working with local community groups to incorporate more local bands/entertainment, interactive activities and the agricultural community

The festival is scheduled for August 27 to 30 and will include the Classic Car show on Sunday, August 30. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, should restrictions or public health advice on social gatherings and physical distancing and current limitations on non-essential workplaces continue to be in effect as of June 30, the 2020 festival will be cancelled for 2020.

A special meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. for Council’s consideration of flood protection measures. The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Both of these meetings are 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, April 23, 2020.

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