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## Council Connect: Highlights from the April 13, 2021 meetings of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically for an In-Camera Meeting, two Court of Revision Meetings and the Regular Meeting of Council. Here are the highlights:

**Retail Cannabis Operations:** Council heard from two delegations imploring them to reconsider their decision to opt out of retail cannabis sales in Town. Following the discussion, Council moved to reconsider its earlier decision prohibiting retail cannabis and requested Administration to report back on data and experience with retail cannabis facilities in other jurisdictions as well as updated Public Health information. Concurrently, Administration will initiate an on-line public conversation on retail cannabis on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform over a 30-day period. Council will be able to follow the conversation on Placespeak during that time. Administration will bring a report with a recommendation for consideration by Council to a meeting in June 2021.

**Delegation of Authority:** Council delegated authority to the Director Planning and Building Services to exercise discretion on fines and penalties through the Town's By-Law Enforcement Officers at legal proceedings in relation to the Reopening Ontario Act or any other provincial legislation or Municipal By-Law. The Town's By-Law Enforcement Officer has issued tickets for violations under the Reopening Ontario Act which are subject to challenge through the courts. Under this delegation, the By-Law Enforcement Officer will be authorized to attend all legal proceedings in relation to tickets issued and make decisions on fines and penalties when appropriate.

**Medical Tiered Response Enhancements:** Council received a report from Tecumseh Fire Services on equipment required for service under the tiered medical response with Essex-Windsor Emergency Services (EMS). Under certain circumstances, Fire Services is dispatched with EMS units to calls for service where a patient has experienced cardiac or respiratory arrest. In these instances, the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief or Fire Prevention Officer are often one of the first to respond at the incident scene. In order to improve Tecumseh Fire Services response, Tecumseh Fire Services is redeploying medical equipment from one apparatus at each station to the Chief's and Deputy Chief's vehicles with an additional set of equipment to be purchased for the Fire Prevention Officer's vehicle. This equipment purchase has been provided for in the 2021 Fire Services budget. Additionally, Essex Windsor EMS provides a grant of \$1,000 for such equipment.

**Fence By-Law:** Council approved deviating from the Town's Fence By-Law for a fence replacement at Carita's Court at Brighton Road and Old Tecumseh Road. The project involves replacing the existing five (5) foot tall wood fence that is deteriorating with a seven (7) foot tall vinyl fence. The request allows for the higher fence to provide additional privacy and attenuation from light and noise generated by traffic and commercial uses in the vicinity of the complex.

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**11957 Tecumseh Road:** Council approved a Building and Property Improvement Grant to 11957 Tecumseh Road where construction of a three-storey, 32-unit apartment building is underway. The grant is to offset property tax increases associated with the development for a period of five years. The amount of the grant will be determined based on the incremental increase in the portion of property tax that would result from the development. The grant is expected to be in the order of \$146,760 in total over the five-year period.

**Site Plan Agreement:** Council approved site plan drawings for SCWI Enterprises/2545 North Talbot Road for construction of two industrial buildings, each having a building area of 1,352 square metres (14,552 square feet), along with associated on-site works such as parking spaces, curbing and stormwater management measures. The subject property is located in the Business Park designation of Oldcastle.

**Zoning By-Law Amendment:** Council adopted Zoning By-Law 85-18 following a public meeting held in 2020. The Zoning By-Law amendment has the effect of rezoning properties currently zoned Agricultural Zone (A) within identified settlement areas to a restrictive Agricultural Zone. This restrictive Agricultural Zone would allow agricultural uses with the exception of livestock intensive agricultural uses, mushroom operations and greenhouse operations. Small-scale, accessory greenhouses would continue to be permitted.

**5605-5635 Roscon Drive:** Council authorized a by-law executing a site plan agreement for construction of a 1,538 square metre (16,555 square foot) industrial building, along with associated on-site works, at Briadco Tool & Mould located on the west side of the southerly terminus of Roscon Industrial Drive (5605 and 5635 Roscon Industrial Drive) in Oldcastle. Council further authorized the merger of two properties into one for the purpose of the construction and the lifting of a holding zone to permit the development.

**2021 Asphalt Paving Tender Award:** Council approved the award of an asphalt paving contract to Coco Paving Inc. for the 2021 work, in the amount of \$956,300. The following streets are included in the 2021 Asphalt Paving Program:

- Baseline Road (11th Concession to City of Windsor)
- Estate Park (Talthorpe to Talthorpe)
- 8th Concession (County Road 46 to City of Windsor)
- Gauthier Drive (Little River to Cedarwood)
- Chene Court (Full Extent)
- Gouin Street (Herbert to Shawnee)
- Shawnee Road (Gouin Street to Maisonneuve)
- Lesperance Road (County Road 22 to Arbour)

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- Green Valley Drive (Tecumseh to Meadowland)
- Harvest Lane (Full Extent)
- St. Gregory's Road (Manning to Green Valley)

**2021 Tar and Chip Program:** Council approved the award of the annual Tar and Chip tender to Shepley Road Maintenance in the amount of \$198,050.

**Manning Road Phase 2:** Council approved an award for Phase 2 improvements to Manning Road to SheaRock Construction Group Inc. in the amount of \$4,467,500. The work includes underground servicing; enclosure and redirection of the East Townline Drain to the recently constructed Lakewood Park Channel; filling the existing drain; watermain replacement; and, construction of a new local storm sewer on the west side of Manning Road. Funding for this project will come from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and various Town Reserve funds.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca). The agenda for the Regular meeting will be made available on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

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