

For Immediate Release

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Council Connect: Highlights from the June 22, 2021 meetings of Council

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

Committee of the Whole

Rodent Control Subsidy—Summary of Municipal Programs: Council received a report summarizing Rodent Control Subsidy programs offered by other municipalities in Ontario and heard from two delegations on their experience with rodents on their property. The report follows a motion by Council in January 2021 requesting that Administration review other municipal rodent control programs and report back. The report summarized programs offered in Windsor, St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Lincoln, the Region of Peel and a program formerly offered by Sault Ste. Marie. Council directed Administration to prepare a report for Council's consideration on a Rodent Abatement Subsidy Program, including potential funding in the 2022 Budget, and staff resources.

Procedure By-Law Review: Council accepted recommended revisions to the Procedure By-Law (2020-13) put forward by the Procedure By-Law Review Subcommittee. The by-law governs the proceedings of Council and its committees/local boards, the conduct of members and the calling of meetings. Recommended revisions include: allowing for electronic participation when there is not a declared emergency, proxy voting for members, implementation of an electronic voting module, and provisions for delegation speaking time and Council communications.

Open-Air Burning By-Law: Council received a report on the review of the Town's Open-Air Burning By-Law and approved an amending by-law during the Regular Council Meeting. The Open-Air Burning By-Law establishes what is permitted to be burned and requirements for backyard fires. Since the by-law was originally adopted, calls for service to Tecumseh Fire Services revealed the need for more clearly defined permitted activities, restrictions with respect to the location of open-air fires and enforcement options to better address violations of the terms of the by-law. The recommended changes include more clearly defined terms, including the addition of leaves and grass as prohibited materials, and the addition of a minimum four (4) metre setback from structures, fences and property lines. The proposed changes also include the ability to lay a ticket and ensuring residents know what the potential fines are when they contravene the by-law, with the intent always being education prior to enforcement.

Public Meeting of Council

Proposed New North Shore Elementary School: Council held a public meeting to hear public comment on the proposed amendments the Tecumseh Official Plan and St. Clair Beach Zoning By-law 2065 for portions of property on Tecumseh Road to be re-designated from "Residential" to "Community Facility" and rezoning it from "Residential Type Two Zone (R2)" to "Institutional Zone (I)". The application submitted by the Greater Essex County District School Board is for the eastern 0.6 hectare (1.48 acre)

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portion (13810 and 13814 Tecumseh Road) of a 2.33 hectare (5.75 acre) parcel of land (13800, 13810 and 13814 Tecumseh Road) situated on the north side of Tecumseh Road, approximately 60 metres (200 feet) west of its intersection with Arlington Boulevard and will be home to the future North Shore Elementary School, should the applications be approved. Administration will bring a final report and recommendation to Council at a later date on the matter summarizing public comment.

Regular Meeting of Council

Grant Funding Update: Council received a report from Financial Services about grant funding provided to date from the Federal and Provincial Governments in support of municipal operations impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs and eligible funding announced to date for Tecumseh totals \$1,697,289 through the following programs: Safe Restart—Municipal Stream (\$788,100); Safe Restart—Transit Stream (\$106,432); Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID 19 Stream (\$342,607); 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities (\$449,850) and the Fire Safety Grant (\$10,300). Subject to qualification by and award to the Town, funds will go to offset operating costs and financial impact due to the pandemic.

Windsor Dispatch Services: Council received a report on the dispatch services provided to Tecumseh Fire Services by the City of Windsor and approved continuing to receive dispatch services from Windsor. The dispatch services are provided for a fee and the agreement expired in January 2020. A new agreement was provided by Windsor in May 2021 and has been reviewed by Administration and the Town's Solicitor. The agreement covers services retroactive to January 2020 and the fee for 2021 remains the same as 2019 and 2020. The fee will increase in 2022 from \$1.85 per capita to \$1.94 and the increased cost of approximately \$2,091 will be requested in the Fire Services Operating Budget.

5648 North Talbot Road: Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on July 27, 2021 to amend the Sandwich South Zoning By-Law 85-18 by rezoning a 0.78 hectare (1.93 acre) property situated on the north side of North Talbot Road approximately 110 metres (360 feet) west of its intersection with the 9th Concession Road from "Agricultural Zone (A-33)" to "Hamlet Residential Zone (RH)" in order to facilitate the creation of one new residential lot and the future construction of one single-unit dwelling.

Briday Development/Former Victoria School Site: Council received a follow up 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). This follows the deferral of a decision on this matter at the June 8, 2021 meeting and the direction to Administration 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. On June 15, the owner provided a revised plan for the development which removed the third-storey on the stacked townhouse in the centre of the proposed development. This change reduces the number of units in that building to 16 from 24 and the overall total units to 55 from 63. The overall density of the development is now 26 units per hectare from 29. The owner also removed 10 parking spaces and increased the landscape open space to 55.9%. Council approved the development, with these revised changes. The development will also be subject to site plan control, approval of which will be considered at a future meeting of Council.



Riverside Drive Trail: Council received a report outlining the final review and recommendations on the Riverside Drive Trail. This report follows a Special Meeting of Council held on April 8, 2021. At that meeting, it was agreed that an additional public consultation period would be held with details on the project posted on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform for comment. The Town received 168 comments from 63 members of the public on PlaceSpeak. Of the 63 members, 23 had participated in the Special Meeting on April 8 by either submitting written comments or appearing as a delegation. Administration also received 18 emails from 16 members of the public and of those submissions, nine (9) had posted comments on Placespeak and eight (8) had participated in the Special Meeting of Council on April 8 by either submitting written comments or appearing as a delegation. The comments were provided to the Town's consultants for review and response. The consultants provided a follow-up letter and presentation to Council regarding the public input. The consultant recommendation remained consistent to proceed with the detailed design and construction of a 2.4m – 3.0m wide asphalt, in-boulevard multi-use pathway along the south side of Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road. Council adopted the recommendation of the development of the trail along the south side of Riverside Drive and directed that the project proceed to detailed design with a report back to Council on completion of detailed design. The detailed design process will include discussions with utility companies and individual property owners who have landscaping or irrigation systems within the Town's right-of-way or where the Town may require property or easements.

Retail Cannabis Stores: Council approved a motion to have Administration develop a policy to expand on the limited restrictions imposed by the province for the protection of the Town's vulnerable populations and sensitive land uses such as daycares, parks and youth and mental health centres to further influence the location of retail cannabis stores. This was recommended by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU), and with their consultation, a proposed policy will be developed and provided to Council for consideration at the next Policies and Priorities Committee meeting. The motion follows the decision at the June 8, 2021 where Council voted to opt-in/allow retail cannabis in Town.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, July 13, 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, July 8, 2021.

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