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Council Connect: Highlights from the February 9, 2021 meeting 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 progress on the regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan. This planning process is intended to proactively address locally identified priority risks that contribute to crime, addiction, suicide and other negative outcomes. The plan will identify these risks and develop strategies to address them. Public consultation on the plan will begin on February 10 with the launch of an online survey closing March 15. An electronic Town Hall is scheduled for Tecumseh on Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Full details on the consultation and status of the project will be posted at Tecumseh.ca with links to the consultation opportunities.

Skyline Real Estate Holdings: Council approved the Site Plan Control Agreement for the Skyline Development at Tecumseh Road and Southfield Drive. The construction includes two four-storey, 71-unit apartment buildings totalling 142 dwelling units along with associated parking, landscaping and on-site services. The owners will also receive a \$100,000 Development Charges grant to be applied to total Development Charges of just over \$1.4 million payable for the project. This grant is the maximum available under the Tecumseh Community Improvement Program (CIP) for the project.

Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund: Council approved the creation of a by-law for the projects outlined in the Town's successful application to Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund previously announced in 2020. The project will see construction of a new consolidated Scully and St. Marks Pumping Station and Riverside Drive Trunk Storm Sewer. It will also see the decommissioning of the existing St. Marks Pump Station and construction of the new P.J. Cecile Pump Station. The Town's costs of \$16.05 million will be funded through a combination of Lifecycle Stormwater Reserves and debt, with up to \$15 million of debt incurred. Canada is providing up to \$10.7 million for the project.

Food and Organic Waste Collection: Council received an update on the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority's (EWSWA) plans for collecting food and organic waste in Essex County. As part of the province of Ontario's provincial policy statement, municipalities must meet certain waste diversion targets related to food and organic waste generated in single family dwellings in urban areas by 2025. For municipalities over 50,000 this would require a curbside collection with a target rate of 70% by 2025 and for populations of more than 20,000 but less than 50,000, a collection target rate of 50% by 2025. Throughout 2020, EWSWA met with the City of Windsor on how to proceed collaboratively to meet the 2025 date. A Regional Food and Organic Waste Management Plan was developed and an Oversight Committee struck. The Oversight Committee held its inaugural meeting on November 17, 2020 where they struck a Technical Working Group and approved a Project Charter.

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The Technical Working Group is comprised of representatives from the EWSWA, the City of Windsor and the County of Essex. The Group will invite and engage with representatives from the seven County municipalities to seek input and information. Two senior staff from the Town's Public Works & Environmental Services Department will represent Tecumseh. It is anticipated that an EWSWA Administrative report will be brought before the EWSWA Board in March 2021 with a recommendation of next steps. Administration will report to Council with updates as to the progress of the study as it moves forward.

2020 Water Distribution Report: Council adopted the Annual Summary Report for the Tecumseh (Water) Distribution System for the year 2020. The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Safe Water Act, O.Reg. 170/03. For 2020, there were no reported non-compliance issues and lead sampling showed no concerns. The full report will be posted at Tecumseh.ca/waterreports.

Water Inspection Report: As part of the year-end reporting on Tecumseh's water system, Council received the report on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Inspection of the Tecumseh (Water) Distribution System. The inspection was conducted on December 7, 2020 and covered the period January 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the inspection was conducted remotely by an Ontario Water Inspector and involved a telephone interview and email correspondence with the Town's Manager Water & Wastewater, who also fills the legislated role of Overall Responsible Operator for the Tecumseh Water Distribution System. The MECP inspector reviewed the Town's records and documented findings of its inspections; reviewed Water Services Division standard operating procedures; and, conducted independent telephone interviews with Water Services Division staff. Based on the results of both the reviews and interviews, the MECP inspector prepared his final inspection report that was received by the Town on January 14, 2021. The Town received a 100% inspection rating—the best possible rating achievable. Council commended the Town's water staff for continuing to provide high quality service and ensuring access to safe drinking water.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, February 23, 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, February 18, 2021.

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