

COUNCIL CONNECT: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 25, 2019 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Tecumseh Town Council held several meetings this evening. Here are the highlights from those meetings:

Local Government Week Winners & Senior of the Year:

- Three local students were recognized as part of Local Government Week with area schools. Winners of the two contested were Emerson Forrest (Flag Design) and Isabella Larking and Raeanne Laporte (Poetry Contest).
- Rita Ossington was recognized as Senior of the Year. The award is given to a Tecumseh resident, over the age of 65, who has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community. Rita was recently Councillor for Ward 1 and continues to be a part of the Heritage Advisory and Cultural Arts Advisory Committees in Town.

Regional Hospital Site Support

- Council approved a motion in support of the County Road 42 Regional Hospital Site as it is the best site to fairly serve the majority of residents of Windsor and Essex County now and in the future.

Storm Drainage Master Plan

- At the Special Meeting of Council, Dillon Consulting presented the Storm Drainage Master Plan study that was completed this spring. The study, underway since 2017, looked at surface flooding during significant storm events and identified recommended infrastructure improvements. The study included 2-D modeling of high volume and high intensity storms—the first time modeling of this type was used regionally for a large municipal area. Several recommended infrastructure improvements were noted in the study aimed at preventing surface flooding during major storm events. These include: pump station improvements, increased capacity at existing pump stations, new sewer lines and roadway improvements. Estimated costs of these are approximately \$107 million. Following the 30-day public review of the report, Administration will bring forward an additional report to have the study formally adopted.

Del Duca Property

- In 2016, the owners of Del Duca Industrial Park Ltd. applied to the Town for a zoning change for a 21.6-hectare property located at the 8th Concession and North Talbot Road intersection to facilitate industrial use.
- The approval of this change was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in 2017. The OMB reserved a decision and encouraged the owners of the property, the Town and local residents appealing the zoning decision to work together on an alternative land use plan.
- Over the last year, the Town undertook several meetings with the property owner, impacted land owners in the area and members of the public to discuss land use on this property. As a result of these discussions, Administration developed an alternative land use plan to be presented to the OMB. The plan includes 20.5 hectares to be used for various residential housing types; 0.75 hectare for a commercial parcel; areas for a potential stormwater management pond and a stormwater management corridor; a 30 metre strip of land to separate the commercial/industrial areas from the residential areas; and, a multi-use path that would connect to Weston Park and the area trails. As part of this meeting, Council endorsed the Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments for the mixed use of this area. The land use plan will now be submitted to the OMB for final resolution.



New Bus Stop

- Council approved the installation of a new bus stop for Tecumseh Transit at the new Food Basics on Manning Road scheduled to open this week. The new location will replace the stop being removed at the Sobeys Plaza.

New Multi-Use Trail

- Council approved the construction of a new Multi-Use Trail on Mulberry Drive from the City of Windsor limits to Southfield Drive. The trail extends the trail constructed by the City of Windsor within their limits from Banwell Drive. Construction for the Town portion of the trail is estimated at \$35,000.

2018 Year End Variance

- Financial Services reported a 2018 Year-End surplus of \$761,000, which will be transferred into the Town's Infrastructure Reserve. The surplus is a result of increased residential and industrial property assessment, reduced tax adjustments from property tax appeals and commercial vacancy rebate program, reduced electricity costs and several successful grant applications.
- The Infrastructure Reserve is used to fund new capital projects. The funds are held in an interest bearing account until required for capital projects such as pump station improvements, multi-use trails and splash pads.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is July 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. Full agenda details will be available on the Town's website Thursday, July 4.

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