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## Council Connect: Highlights from the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

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

**Update on Town Services, Construction Activities and Staffing:** Council received two reports for information which provided an update on the continued services, staffing and construction activities during the COVID-19 pandemic and in light of the Province's move into Stage 1 of the "Reopening Ontario after COVID-19" plan. Taken together, these reports demonstrate that Administration has capably responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with modified work arrangements while largely maintaining the Town's service offerings and levels. Administration has also made staffing arrangements in line with the Provincial Emergency Orders and with public health regulations. These services, activities and staffing have also taken into consideration the additional community threat—inland lake flooding with ongoing planning and work in response to this potential emergency. Full charts on essential services and ongoing work/activities were appended for Council's information. Further details will be provided in future Council reports as the Provincial Orders are updated and future stages of the Province's Reopening Plan are put into effect.

**Arena Repairs:** Council authorized emergency repairs to the arena fire suppression and domestic water line at the Tecumseh Arena at a cost of approximately \$35,000 funded through the Arena Lifecycle Reserve Fund. The repairs are required as a result of a water leak that was discovered in the ice resurfacing room of Rink A. This written report follows a verbal report provided to Council on May 12 advising of the situation and the need for the immediate repair.

**2020 Three Month Permit Report:** Council received the 3-Month Building Permit Report from the Planning and Building Services Department. Building permits continue to be processed and issued by the Town as construction is considered an essential service under the current Provincial regulations. Over the first three months of 2020, total value of permits issued is \$5,206,667 which is 17% higher than this time last year. A total of 73 permits have been issued (26% higher). This includes 4 permits for new residential units, 5 permits for Backwater Valves, 20 permits for residential additions and improvements, and 24 permits for portable signs.

**11870 Tecumseh Road:** Council approved the Site Plan Control Agreement for the Gateway Tower developed by Valente Development Corporation to be built at 11870 Tecumseh Road, north of the intersection with Southfield Drive. Valente plans to construct a six-storey, 99 unit apartment building on the site. The developer also provided a site service plan, a lot and grading plan, an elevation plan, a landscape plan, a photometric plan and architectural renderings with the site control plan to assist in the assessment of the Site Plan. Council also approved a Community Improvement Grant of \$100,000 under the Development Charges Grant stream for the project.

**Waste Collection Following Flood Event:** Council approved a motion that authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works and Environmental Services to allow for additional waste recovery following a flooding event by increasing the number of bags/containers that may be placed for collection; temporarily permitting the collection of debris resulting from property damage due to flooding; and increasing the number of weekly collections or engaging additional debris collection services as necessary.

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**June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council:** Council approved a motion to hold an additional Regular Meeting of Council on June 9, 2020. At the Regular Meeting of Council on September 10, 2019, Council approved the cancellation of the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting due to a conflict with other municipal business. That conflict has now been removed and Council is able to meet on that date.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, June 9, 2020. 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, June 4, 2020. Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events is available at [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca), Twitter (@TownofTecumseh), and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh](https://www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh)).

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