

**Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

Monday, June 5, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Tecumseh Town Hall  
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**RE:** Storyboard Request - Harold Rindlisbacher

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Town of Tecumseh (Town) implemented Storyboard Policy No. 88 (Policy) to provide a streamlined process and guideline for the approval and placement of Storyboard Plaques when the Town receives requests for a Storyboard Plaque to commemorate a significant historical event, person, date, or a physical and natural feature.
- The Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee (CAAC), at the November 21, 2016 reviewed the Storyboard Policy.
- In accordance with the Policy, it is the responsibility of the Applicant, for consideration of a Storyboard Plaque, to provide the following:
  1. Applicants must submit a written request to the Director Corporate Services & Clerk for review.
  2. The request should outline the purpose and reason for commemoration, and details on size, material, design and instructions on mounting the Plaque.
  3. Relevant specifications should be attached with photographs, drawings and any related information to the request submission.
  4. Requests should indicate the desired and proposed location of the Plaque in Public Open Space.
- Following receipt of a written submission outlining the purpose and detailed description of the content, design and location of the Plaque to the Director Corporate Services & Clerk, including evidence of background research relevant to the subject of the Plaque, the Director Corporate Services & Clerk will work with other departments to review the submission and consult with committees.
- Following consultation, the Director Corporate Services & Clerk will make recommendations for consideration which will formulate a report to Council for final approval.

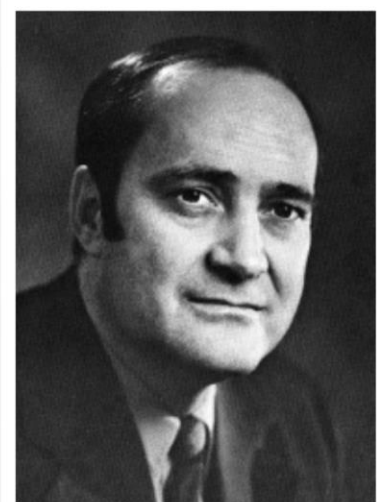
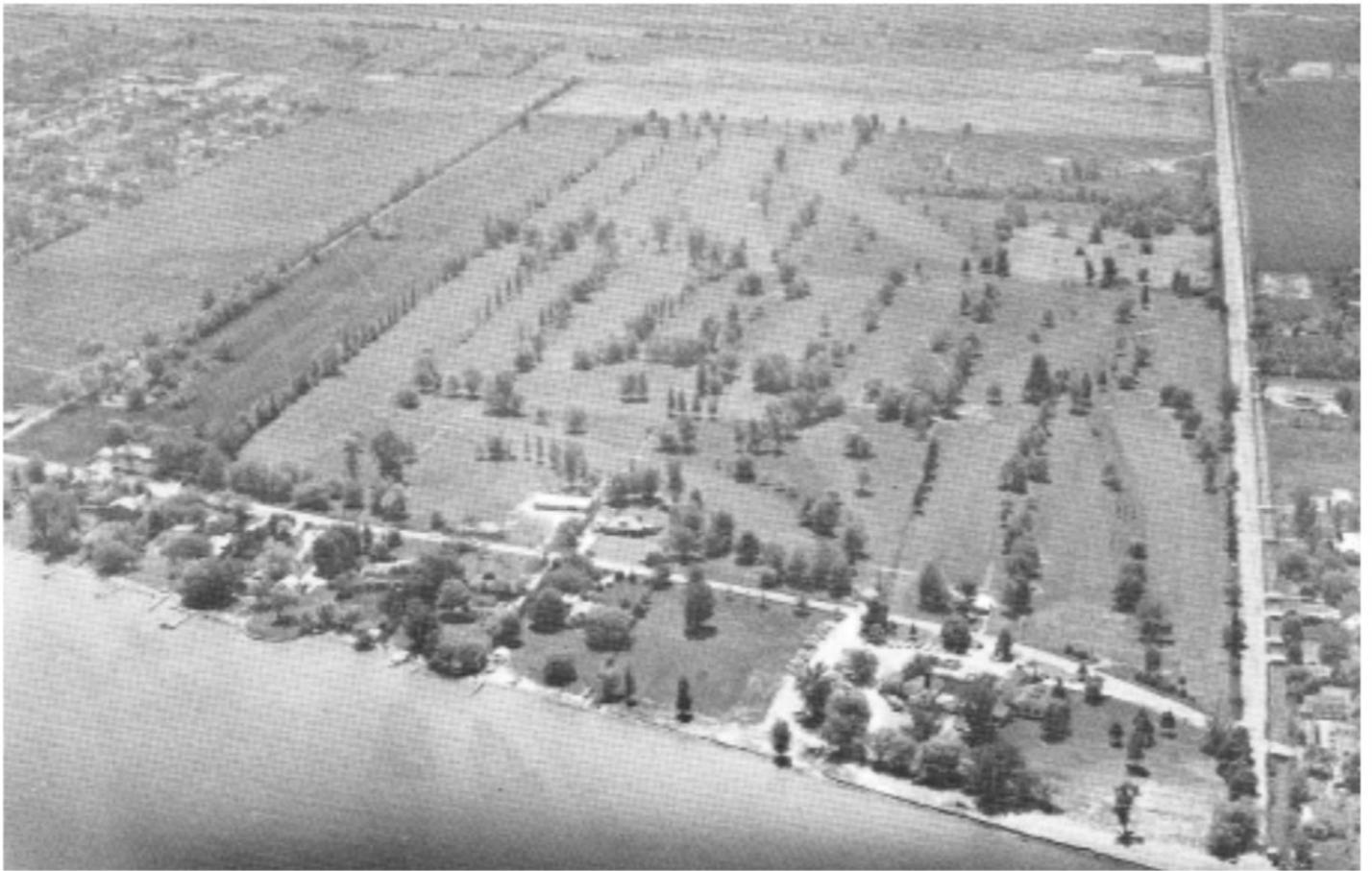
## COMMENTS:

- The Family of Harold Rindlisbacher has submitted a written request for a Storyboard Plaque.
- The submission included the necessary information, in accordance with the Policy, as follows:
  - **Sources of information:**  
Tribune, Shoreline, Windsor Star,  
St. Clair Beach 75 Years by D. Eng, past election flyers and personal/family recollections
  - **Desired Location for story board:**  
Lakewood Park North
  - **Why?**  
Most difficult challenge, biggest battle, The only success of the final fight  
Our father was very pleased with the lakefront park and we feel he would have wanted it there.
  - **Title:**  
" Harold Kept Our Community Green " or "He Kept Our Community Green "
- The proposed story, submitted by the Rindlisbacher Family, is attached. [Appendix 1](#)
- Consultation is being held with the Planning & Building Services Department and Parks & Recreation Services Department.
- Following full consultations and review, a report and recommendation will be given to Council.
- The cost of the Storyboard is the responsibility of the Applicant.

## ACTION REQUIRED:

- The proposed Storyboard Plaque, as attached, is provided for consultation by the CAAC.

**Rindlisbacher** moved to the St. Clair Beach/Tecumseh area with family in 1966. He loved the green space and view of the Lake. Having grown up in the dry desolate prairies, during the Great Depression, he had a special appreciation for trees, planting thousands over the years. Very early on, he identified with the civic importance of the Lakewood lands to the community.



In 1972, the Spencer family sold the golf course to Sifton Properties of London. When plans quickly arose for development, Harold gathered a group of concerned residents to oppose; they started a petition, collecting hundreds of signatures. Realizing the need for a stronger voice, he ran for council, and won a seat, for the 1973 -74 term. Within time, Sifton was persuaded to drop the plans. The golf course was sold to Joel Jones in 1979. Quietly, Jones talked about partial development during the early

1980's but nothing formal emerged.

Several years later, Jones filed a formal proposal for subdivision of five parcels on Lakewood land (1990). The council of the time compromised in an effort to save the remaining lands as a 9 hole course. But, the north shore (old clubhouse land) was slated for three, six storey, high density, towers. For years, adjoining communities had



prohibited commercial development on the lakeside. Harold and concerned residents mounted an Ontario Municipal Board challenge against Jones and the Village regarding all five parcels. This split the community, with confrontations and bitter feelings.

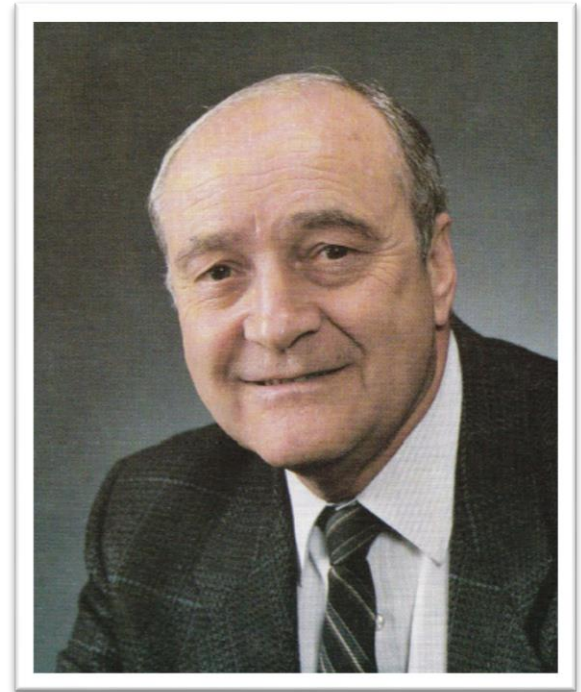
Harold and the group hired a planner, engineer and one of the finest city lawyers. After three weeks of OMB hearings spread over several months, the final report arrived in the fall of 1992. The only victory; a maximum of three stories on the waterfront weakening the financial viability, no high-rise plans proceeded. When the final bills for the citizens group had to be paid, despite several fund raising efforts, private money had to cover the bulk of costs. Harold's wages were garnisheed for a portion of the costly legal fees. He was re-elected as deputy reeve for his final term 1993 - 94, but it was cut short by open heart surgery with complications. After a long recovery, his family had difficulty keeping him out of the garden and pruning trees in his yard.

Lakewood was sold in 1997, but Jones retained the lakefront property. Tecumseh and St. Clair Beach merged under provincial mandate (1999). Jones pushed ahead with plans for a luxury residential development on the waterfront in 2004. After sometime, the project folded and a portion of land was sold for the Retirement

residence. Tecumseh purchased the remaining land on the north shore, and the majority of the course for public parkland in 2010.

With two terms as councillor and three as deputy reeve, old copies of Harold's election flyers show a consistent platform; ***Lakewood must be saved as green space for the community.*** Rindlisbacher maintained that firm vision, and worked tirelessly for what he believed in.

After repeated attempts to develop it, spanning three decades, surely no one could have imagined parkland for public use – Lakewood Park North, Lakewood Park South. Although he had no actual involvement in its purchase and improvement, without Harold and many hard working residents' early efforts to challenge Lakewood developers, it is very unlikely any of this could have been possible.



Thanks to the vision and actions of Mayor McNamara and Tecumseh town council to acquire this parkland, preserving green space and a beautiful view of the Lake.





## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL & ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF TECUMSEH**

A meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at the hour of 7:00 pm.

(CAAC 5-1)

### **ORDER**

The Vice-Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

(CAAC 5-2)

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:	Member	- Ian Froese
	Vice-Chair	- Rhonda Dupuis
	Councillor	- Brian Houston
	Member	- Phil Kane
	Member	- Dwayne Ellis

Also Present:	Deputy Clerk	- Christina Hebert
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Absent:	Member	- Jerome Baillargeon
	Councillor	- Rita Ossington
	Chair	- Marian Drouillard
	Member	- Ashleigh Neal

(CAAC 5-3)

### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None reported.

(CAAC 5-4)

### **DELEGATIONS**

None.

(CAAC 5-5)

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Minutes**

a) Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held April 10, 2017

Motion: (CAAC-13/17) Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Member Dwayne Ellis

**THAT** the Minutes of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee meeting held April 10, 2017, be approved.

Carried

(CAAC 5-6)

### **REPORTS**

None.

(CAAC 5-7)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Soirée Coffee House**

The Deputy Clerk reviews the Event Matrix and provides updates respecting the Soirée Coffee House.

#### **Media**

- Advertisements with event details have been placed in the Shoreline Week, Essex Free Press and Le Rempart.
- Event details continue to be promoted on the Town's social media, as well as shared with the French community.
- The Members suggest a hashtag be used for social media promotion of the event and for future events. #tecumseharts is suggested.



### Program

- Member Dwayne Ellis reviews the draft program with the Members. A few grammatical/formatting suggestions are noted.
- l'Essor will be providing the French translation.
- Confirmation of Dignitaries and l'Essor representatives are pending and will be forwarded to Member Dwayne Ellis once received.
- Tim Byrne sent regrets as he is unable to emcee the event. The Members concur with Lisette Leboeuf emceeing in both English and French.

### Performers

- The Members review the draft itinerary of performers and provide no further changes to the performance order.
- It is noted one of the featured performers has withdrawn from the event due to an injury.
- l'Essor is inquiring if the media students would be able to assist with live streaming the event.
- The dress rehearsal has been scheduled for 3:00 pm on May 12. Arrangements have been made for the school bands to rehearse earlier in the day, in order to accommodate busing transportation and class times. Member Phil Kane will rehearse while the Committee is setting up.
- Further to the email update, l'Essor has made arrangements for a piano for the performers use.

### Refreshments/Set Up

- The Deputy Clerk advises coffee and tea have been ordered from Tim Horton's, along with pastries from Homestyle Bakery.
- Member Rhonda Dupuis offers to pick up the coffee/tea and pastries.
- Water has been purchased and will be delivered to l'Essor on May 11 to be chilled in the fridge.
- The Town's black tablecloths are suggested for the pastry/coffee table.
- l'Essor's Culinary Department will be providing the hors d'oeuvres.
- Member Ian Froese will be setting up the popcorn late afternoon on May 12.
- Councillor Rita Ossington and Member Ian Froese are arranging for the paper tablecloths and crayons for artistic doodling.
- l'Essor has confirmed the Arts Department will provide the table centerpieces.
- The Parks Department will be delivering floral arrangements for the stage.
- The Members are reminded set up is scheduled for 12:30 pm.

### Canada 150 Mosaic Project

The Deputy Clerk advises the workshop locations have been determined for the Canada 150 Mosaic Project.

The workshops will be held at the Tecumseh Arena on Monday, June 19, 2017 and at Tecumseh Vista Academy on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

Invitations have been sent to area schools to participate in painting the tiles, as well as the community involvement.

Continued planning is underway and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

Volunteers are needed during the workshops to assist with set up, replenishing supplies, clean up, etc. Members who are interested in volunteering are asked to email their availability to the Deputy Clerk.

As well, the Members are asked to provide suggestions of 'celebrity' individuals within the community who should be extended an invitation to paint a tile.

A reminder is provided that the Town is seeking feedback for selecting the location of the mural once permanently assembled.

The Members suggest contacting the local MP and MPP's Office to inquire about Canadian paraphernalia, such as flags and pins, for the participant's 'giveaways'.

(CAAC 5-8)

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

(CAAC 5-9)

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:00 pm, in the Sandwich South Room, Tecumseh Town Hall.

(CAAC 5-10)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: (CAAC-14/17) Moved by Member Ian Froese  
Seconded by Member Phil Kane

**THAT** there being no further business, the May 8, 2017, meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Carried

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Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair

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Christina Hebert, Deputy Clerk

**RE:** Tecumseh Area Historical Society Feather Project - Phase 2

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee (CAAC), in February 2014, was apprised of a grant received by Ms. Julie Butler in cooperation with the Tecumseh Area Historical Society (TAHS) for the creation of wooden feathers.
- The grant application, submitted by the TAHS to the Business for the Arts Program [artsVest] and funded by the Government of Ontario, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Canadian Heritage, was for monies to assist in the creation of wooden feather sculptures depicting specific designs which would be used as markers at significant locations throughout the Town.
- Ms. Butler was successful in obtaining the grant for nine (9) wooden feathers, standing 8' tall, constructed at a cost of approximately \$400 to \$500 for each feather. Local artist Ron Dufault created the feathers. Designs submitted by students from grades 6, 7 and 8 at St. Gregory's School were affixed to the feathers via a shrink-wrap process. Costs affiliated with having the feathers shrink-wrapped were approximately \$3,000.
- Assistance from the Town for the installation of the feathers was requested.
- The CAAC, at the April 28, 2014 meeting, passed the following motion:

**THAT** the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee recommend to Council endorsement of the Feather Sculpture Project;

**AND THAT** the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee give consideration to including in their annual budget, dollars for the sponsorship of a Feather Sculpture;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Parks and Recreation Services install the Feather Sculpture at the following locations;

Ward 1:           Town Hall - L'Essor - BIA Parkette  
                      Tecumseh Area Historical Society - Lacasse Park  
Ward 2:           Lakewood Park Waterfront  
Ward 3:           McAuliffe Park  
Ward 4:           St. Mary's Park - Heritage Park

**AND FURTHERMORE THAT** the costs affiliated with the installation of the Feather Sculptures be paid for out of the Parks and Recreation Services budget;

**AND FURTHERMORE THAT** an Unveiling Ceremony be hosted by the Parks and Recreation Services Department along with the Cultural & Arts

Advisory Committee, for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the public to view the sculptures and to acknowledge the efforts of all parties involved in the project;

**AND FURTHERMORE THAT** a reception be held in conjunction with this unveiling to acknowledge the designation of the Smith Cemetery;

**AND FURTHERMORE THAT** the Director Parks and Recreation Services provide the Committee with the design and verbiage of the plaques to be installed for their review.

- The nine (9) original feathers were installed at the above-noted locations and an unveiling ceremony was held at Lakewood Park in September 2014.

#### **COMMENTS:**

- At the January 16, 2017 CAAC meeting, the Members were informed that the TAHS has grant funds remaining, which will be utilized for additional feathers, anticipated to be completed by the Spring 2017.
- Seven (7) additional feathers are in the final stages of completion.
- The location for the additional seven (7) feathers needs to be determined.
- The Town will continue to provide an in-kind contribution for the installation of the feathers, funded by the Parks & Recreation Services Department.
- The TAHS will allocate remaining grant money to any maintenance costs incurred.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Taking into consideration well-light, high traffic areas for visibility and deterrence from vandalism, the seven (7) new feathers be placed at:
  - Ward 1: Fire Station No. 1  
OPP Station  
Tecumseh Arena
  - Ward 2: Parks Building – Manning Road  
Green Acres Park
  - Ward 3: Rocheleau Park
  - Ward 4: Fire Station No. 2 – Walker Road