

**Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda**

Monday, April 16, 2018, 7:00 pm
Tecumseh Town Hall
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**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, February 12, 2018, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at the hour of 7:00 pm.

(CAAC 2-1)

ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

(CAAC 2-2)

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:	Manager Committee & Community Services	- Christina Hebert
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Absent:	Chair	- Marian Drouillard
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(CAAC 2-3)

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None reported.

(CAAC 2-4)

DELEGATIONS

None.

(CAAC 2-5)

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes

A. Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Meetings held January 15, 2018.

Motion:(CAAC-08/18)	Moved by	Member Dwayne Ellis
	Seconded by	Councillor Brian Houston

That the Minutes of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee meeting held January 15, 2018, be approved.

Carried

(CAAC 2-6)

REPORTS

None.

(CAAC 2-7)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Street Name Recognition

Discussion ensues respecting the Town's street listing and distinguishing which streets may be named in recognition of an individual.

In response to a query, Councillor Rita Ossington advises Labute Street was named after the Labute Family and Hayes Avenue was named in recognition of George Hayes.

The Committee suggests next researching George Hayes and Col. Paul Poisson as it relates to the significance of the naming recognition of Hayes Avenue and Poisson Street, respectively.

Member Ian Froese will inquire if the Tecumseh Area Historical Society has historical information respecting the above individuals.

Soirée Coffee House

The Manager Committee & Community Services advises the Auditorium at l'Essor High School is available the first three (3) Fridays in May for the Soirée Coffee House. Last year, the event took place on the second Friday in May. It is also noted the third Friday in May is the start of the holiday weekend.

The Members concur with establishing consistency for scheduling the event and select Friday, May 11, 2018 to host the Soirée Coffee House.

The 2017 Registration Form will be circulated to the Members to review and provide any comment/suggestions for updating for this year.

A suggestion is made to inquire with the BIA if interested in hosting the BIA Banner Ceremony, scheduled for the same evening, in conjunction with the Soirée Coffee House.

It is also recommended to continue with past practice and schedule twenty (20) minutes for each performance, with a five (5) minute interlude.

2021 100th Anniversary

The Members are encouraged to share ideas for ways to celebrate and commemorate the historic milestone of the 2021 100th Anniversary, in anticipation of future planning.

It is requested to continue to list the '2021 100th Anniversary' on the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Agenda for ongoing discussion.

(CAAC 2-8)

NEW BUSINESS

Outdoor Recreation Games

Member Ian Froese discusses a recent article in the Windsor Star for outdoor recreation games, such as ping-pong and chess/checker cement structures. The structures are typically located in parks to allow residents access.

The regulation-size cement tables are designed to be wheelchair accessible and have necessary safety features. Users provide their own equipment.

Discussion ensues respecting sponsorship opportunities, liability concerns and the potential to include the community in the artistic design of the structures.

Administration will consult with the Recreation Department regarding the feasibility of this initiative.

(CAAC 2-9)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm, in the Sandwich South Room, Tecumseh Town Hall.

(CAAC 2-10)

ADJOURNMENT

JMotion: (CAAC-09/18) Moved by Member Christopher McNamara
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That there being no further business, the February 12, 2018, meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Carried

Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair

Christina Hebert, Manager
Committee & Community Services

**Minutes of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee
for the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh**

A meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum. No discussion was held and no decisions were made.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Councillor	Rita Ossington
Chair	Marian Drouillard
Member	Ian Froese

Also Present:

Manager Committee & Community Services	Christina Hebert
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Absent:

Councillor	Brian Houston
Vice Chair	Rhonda Dupuis
Member	Dwayne Ellis
Member	Phil Kane
Member	Christopher McNamara

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations

- a. Director Parks & Recreation Services
Re: Outdoor Recreation Games

5. Communications

- a. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes held February 12, 2018

Motion: CAAC- 10/18

That the Minutes of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee meeting held February 12, 2018, be approved.

Carried

6. Reports

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Street Name Recognition
- b. Soirée Coffee House
- c. 2021 100th Anniversary

8. New Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Adjournment

Motion: CAAC- 11/18

That there being no further business, the March 19, 2018 meeting of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee be adjourned at pm.

Carried

Marian Drouillard, Chair

Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair

Soirée Coffee House – May 11, 2018				
ACTION	DETAILS	STAFF RESPONSIBLE	CONTACT NAME/PHONE	COMMENT
Registration Form				
• Draft Registration Form		Christina		Sent to CAAC/l'Essor for review ✓ Reg Form Finalized ✓
• French translation of Registration Form		l'Essor		l'Essor reviewed/confirmed ✓ Circulated to CAAC ✓ Posted ✓
Media				
• All advertising/promotion to be bilingual		Christina/l'Essor		Ongoing
• Post Registration Form to Social Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town Website ○ Facebook ○ Twitter ○ Shoreline Week ○ Essex Free Press 				Reg Form Posted to Social Media ✓ Advertised in Shoreline ✓ Advertised in Essex FP ✓
• Post French Registration Form		Christina		Posted ✓
• Event Poster		Dwayne		Drafted ✓ CAAC to review ✓ l'Essor to provide translation ✓ Posted ✓
• Media Releases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share with French Community ○ Shoreline Week ○ Essex Free Press ○ Le Rempart ○ Social Media 		Christina/ l'Essor		Reg Form ✓ Event Details
Program				
• Prepare Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English one side/French opposite side ○ Include Special Invitees 		Christina/Dwayne/ l'Essor		
• Itinerary for evening		Christina		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emcee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome/Greetings 	Lisette Leboeuf/Teacher = MC Mayor/l'Essor			Carole to confirm Lisette Leboeuf & Teacher Lisette/Marc not available MCs to meet at 6:00 pm for 'run' through
Performers				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listing of Registration Forms received 		Christina		Ongoing as reg forms rec'd ✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Performers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ltr to successful Performers Performance Playlist List to be provided 		CAAC/ Christina		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule rehearsal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Time 				Schedule each performer approx 20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange for Lighting/Sound Technician 	Myran Rivard			Giselle to confirm Myran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live Streaming 				l'Essor to inquire with Media Dept/School Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piano 		l'Essor		l'Essor to contact Long & McQuade Piano confirmed
Event				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare list of Town/l'Essor Special Guest invitees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record RSVP's Send Outlook Calendar invite 		Christina/l'Essor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility Use Permit 		l'Essor		Rec'd permit ✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Insurance 		Town		COI provided to l'Essor ✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town/l'Essor Pull Up Banners 		Town/l'Essor		Christina to arrange for banner l'Essor arrange for their banner
Refreshments/Set Up				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments 	TAHS – Popcorn Quotes Rec'd: Family Style Homestyle Bakery	CAAC/l'Essor		l'Essor Culinary Dept to provide hors d'oeuvres ✓ Town to obtain quotes for pastries/baked goods

	Sweet Revenge l'Essor – Hors d'oeuvres Town - Water/Coffee/Tea			Apps/pastries served by students Water purchased Coffee/Tea ordered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tables, tablecloths, etc. Paper tablecloths Crayons Centerpieces Floral Arrangements for stage 	May 11, 2018	Rita/Ian Parks		Use l'Essor buckets for centerpieces Arrange for flowers for buckets Parks to arrange for 2 floral pots
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l'Essor Janitors 		l'Essor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Camera 		Christina		Use Town Camera ✓

TECUMSEH'S FIRST MAYOR 1921-1924 -

Col. Paul Poisson M.D.K.S.G.

PAUL POISSON was born in Belle River, July 25th, 1887, son of Damase Poisson and Helene Diesbourg. He attended primary school in Belle River and completed his secondary education in 1905 at Patterson Collegiate in Windsor. He received a degree in medicine in 1909 from Western University in London. Dr. Poisson established a medical practice in Tecumseh on October 16th, 1910, a practice which endured until the late 1950's. He was appointed coroner in 1913 and chosen president of the Essex County Medical Society in 1927.

A keen interest in politics led Dr. Poisson to serve as councillor for the Township of Sandwich East in 1912-1913. In 1914, he enlisted in the military service and spent four years in France. He was awarded the Military Cross and promoted to the rank of major. Upon his return to Tecumseh, after the war, DR. POISSON renewed his involvement in the political arena. He became Tecumseh's first mayor in 1921 and held that position until 1924. In 1926, DR. POISSON was elected to the Ontario Legislature and became Minister without portfolio from 1931 until 1934.

In addition to his medical practice, DR. POISSON was involved in many service organizations and fraternal societies. Most often in

of leadership. During the Second World War , DR. POISSON served as President of the Medical Board at headquarters in Ottawa and later as commanding officer at the Montreal Military Hospital. He resigned from the army in 1945 after serving 41 years in every rank from private to colonel. From 1945 until 1959, DR. POISSON was the Registrar of Deeds for Essex County and gradually retired from his active medical practice.

DR. POISSON was totally committed to his community and to the church. In recognition of his faith and Christian leadership, DR. POISSON was invested as a Knight of St. Gregory-K.S.G. in 1956, by Bishop Cody - the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a layman in the Catholic Church. DR. POISSON married Gertrude Connor in 1911, and together they raised a family of eight children. DR. POISSON passed away in 1982.

The Royal Canadian Legion in Tecumseh honored DR. POISSON by naming their organization the Colonel Paul Poisson Branch 261. The Town of Tecumseh recognized Dr. Paul Poisson's many achievements and years of dedicated service in the community by naming Poisson Street in his honor.

TECUMSEH'S FIRST MAYOR

OUR FIRST MAYOR 1921 to 1924
COL. PAUL POISSON M.D.; K.S.G.

by Wm. Teno

There's a certain uniqueness in having the first mayor of Tecumseh help celebrate our 50th birthday. Unique in the sense that, at 84 years of age, after an entire lifetime devoted to serving people, his longevity and health still enables Dr. Paul to 'dwell amongst us' — to relive and review with nostalgia those humble beginnings. The only other living member of his council, during his third and fourth years, with whom he can share remembrances, is Mr. Edmond Drouillard, proprietor of Drouillard's Hardware.

Our first mayor was born in Belle River 1887; but he soon left the farm to pursue high-school studies in Windsor from 1900-1905 — where "the farm-boy with the high marks" immediately proceeded to take home all the trophies and hardware from the local teenagers — much to their chagrin. Apparently high-school studies weren't enough to keep this energetic young man busy; he joined the military unit in Windsor as a private in 1904 at age 17 — a "soldier" association he was to honour and cherish the rest of his life.

A vocation toward the healing arts put him on the train to London, and after four more years of intense study he graduated with honours from Western University in 1909 as a full-fledged Doctor of Medicine — the realization of another boyhood dream. We think it was while he was interning at St. Joseph Hospital in London that he met his first Waterloo — a sweet young nurse named Gertrude Connor. In the sweat and toil of establishing himself; first as an assistant in Essex, then a short term in Port Arthur with Dr. MacGready, he decided to hang a permanent M.D. shingle in Tecumseh on Oct. 16, 1910 — then he married the 'sweet young nurse' in 1911.

Another facet of his life emerged at this time — the urge to serve the community; and we see Dr. Paul sitting as a councillor for 2 years (1912-1913) in the old Township of Sandwich East. However, Kaiser Bill and his war rumblings across the sea were to delay any further political aspirations for another eight years. By this time he had advanced to Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, and he left Canada with the first contingent of 33 ships as Medical Officer to the Engineers. An oddity occurs here: after a training session at Folkestone England, he landed in France on Feb. 14, 1915 and left France four years later on the same day Feb. 14, 1919. We wonder if he remembered, as dutiful husbands do, to send his 'sweet young nurse' a Valentine on both occasions.

Destiny is an awesome thing. He suffered a shrapnel wound during the Courcellette campaign in 1915; but two of his men walking alongside died as a result of the same shrapnel burst. Destiny is indeed an awesome thing. Honours came to the young Doctor with a promotion from Captain to Major, and a decoration at Buckingham Palace by King George V in 1916. With hostilities over, he returned to medical practice in Tecumseh, and dug deep into the life of the community. Always a religious man, a heritage coursing through the entire Poisson family, to mention the numerous lay societies and charitable organizations to which he gave time and energies spanning a



lifetime would be superfluous. It suffices to mention only the 'topping on the cake', for the years of devotion to his faith and leadership in various religious, educational, and bilingual groups. It came in 1956 in the form of an investiture at St. Peter's Cathedral in London by Bishop Cody where he was invested with the Order of St. Gregory (K.S.G.) — one of the highest honours that can be bestowed upon a layman by the Catholic Church.

In the Windsor area, being completely fluent in both languages is a definite asset — none more so than in the political arena. Oh Yes! Dr. Paul loved a good clean fight! And in those depression years he ran into a few dandies! "When the Queen's Park bug bites — it bites good". So after his initial four years experience as First Mayor of Tecumseh, the political wings broadened and we find Dr. Paul winning the Sandwich East seat in the Ontario Legislature (1926) under the Conservative banner — then rose to Cabinet stature in 1931-1934 as Minister without portfolio.

As the years grew shorter another war became more imminent, and from 1940 to 1945 Dr. Paul turned to 'soldiering' for the last time — as President Medical Board M.D. No. 1, at Medical Headquarters Ottawa, as Officer Commanding Montreal Military Hospital. He resigned from the army in 1945 after serving 41 years — and in every rank from private to colonel. He then accepted an appointment as Registrar of Deeds for Essex County (retiring from this in 1959), and slowly began to phase out the medical practice begun back in 1909.

What an amazing diversity of careers — all oriented toward a 'desire for serving people'. Dr. Paul raised a family of 8 children — and now enjoys the unctious, ructions, and rambunctious of 36 more grandchildren, and 10 more great grandchildren. We remember with gaiety his 50th wedding anniversary at the French-Canadian Club 10 years ago, and we remember with sadness the passing of his 'sweet young nurse' a year ago last March.

We're proud to have you with us Dr. Paul. May you continue in good health, good humour, and good cheer.