



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

Date to Council: October 22, 2019

Report Number: CAO-2019-08

Subject: 20th Anniversary of Amalgamation Project

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CAO-2019-09 20th Anniversary of Amalgamation Project **be received;**

And that a storyboard be created to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the January 1, 1999, amalgamation of the former Township of Sandwich South, Town of Tecumseh and Village of St. Clair Beach, which together now form The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh as it is today;

And further that the funds in the amount of \$4,000 in the 2019 Budget to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the amalgamation, **be carried** forward to the 2020 Budget for the cost of the storyboard design and production.

Background

January 1, 1999, the three former municipalities of the Township of Sandwich South, Town of Tecumseh and Village of St. Clair Beach, were effectively amalgamated into the 'new' The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (Town).

Since that time, efforts have been made to recognize the diverse communities that came to make up the Town as it is today, and its geographical configuration.

During the 2019 Budget Process, Council approved \$4,000 to be used for recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the amalgamation. A desire to acknowledge the anniversary was reiterated at the 2019 Strategic Priorities setting session.

Comments

Administration has reviewed different ways of celebrating the Town's 20th Anniversary and determined that the unique make up of the Town and its history should be highlighted in front of the renovated Town Hall building. This will include a storyboard of the past 20 years, showing elements of the three municipalities that became the Town in 1999.

A public campaign will be launched on the Town's website and social media to encourage residents and businesses to submit information and photographs that could be used as part of the storyboard. Following the close of submissions, Administration will seek out assistance from the Town's Cultural and Arts Advisory, Heritage, Youth Advisory and Senior Advisory Committees, as well as the Sandwich South and Tecumseh Historical Societies to choose the images that will be displayed on the storyboard. Text for the storyboard will be written by the Manager Strategic Initiatives with input from the Committees and Societies as well as the local Indigenous community.

The storyboard will be designed by local artist Scott Hughes who has designed a number of other storyboards for the Town, with final design approved by Council.

The storyboard will be placed outside near an entrance of the renovated Town Hall so visitors can see the storyboard and learn about the history of our community. An image file of the approved storyboard will also be placed on the Town's website and shared out on social media when complete. An official unveiling will be scheduled upon completion of the renovated Town Hall and installation of the storyboard sign.

Consultations

Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Services & Clerk
Parks & Recreation Services
Financial Services

Financial Implications

Design and manufacture of the sign is expected to cost \$4,000. Additional funds for installation are expected to be minimal and will be covered in the 2021 budget when the cost is expected to be incurred.

The \$4,000 allocated in the 2019 budget will be carried forward into 2020.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
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- Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
- Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
- Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
- Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
- Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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