

Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Arena - Horwood Room, 1st Floor
12021 McNorton Street
Tecumseh, ON N8N 3C7

Present: Mayor, Gary McNamara
Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti
Councillor, Bill Altenhof
Councillor, Andrew Dowie
Councillor, Brian Houston
Councillor, Rick Tonial

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans
Director Parks & Recreation Services, Paul Anthony
Director Public Works & Environmental Services, Phil Bartnik
Director Fire Services & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy
Director Information & Communication Services, Shaun Fuerth
Director Planning & Building Services, Brian Hillman
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Committee & Community Services, Christina Hebert
Manager Strategic Initiatives, Lesley Reeves
Deputy Treasurer & Tax Collector, Zora Visekruna

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

Motion: SCM - 03/20

Moved By Councillor Andrew Dowie

Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That Councillor Tania Jobin and the Director Corporate Services and Clerk, Laura Moy, **be granted** to electronically participate by telephone to listen only in the Special Council meeting.

Carried

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There is no pecuniary interest declared by a Member of Council.

D. Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Town's response to the declaration of COVID-19 being a pandemic.

E. Delegations

There are no delegations presented to Council.

F. Communications

There are no communications presented to Council.

G. Reports

1. CS-2020-07 COVID-19 Tecumseh Response - Personnel Matters

Motion: SCM - 04/20

Moved By Councillor Rick Toniai

Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That CS-2020-07 entitled COVID-19 Tecumseh Response – Personnel Matters, **be received;**

And that all employees who left the country on or before March 14, 2020 and have since returned to Canada within the last 14 days, be required to remain away from Town offices for the balance of a period of 14 days following their return, as recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada, with pay;

And further that all employees who left the country on or before March 14, 2020 but have not yet returned to Canada, **be required** to remain away from Town offices for a period of 14 days following their return, as recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada, with pay;

And furthermore that all employees choosing to ignore the Public Health Agency of Canada notice of March 14, 2020, recommending avoiding all non-essential travel outside of Canada, also **be required** to stay away from Town offices for 14 days following their return, and to use either, or a combination of sick leave, vacation leave or unpaid leave for hours not worked.

And further moreover that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to make accommodations to assist employees with childcare requirements during the two-week period following March break on the advice of the Department Director.

Carried

2. CS-2020-08 COVID-19 Tecumseh Response - Dog Tag Program

Motion: SCM - 05/20

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That the 2020 Dog Tag License fee of \$20.00 and the Kennel License fee of \$100.00 **be extended** until April 30, 2020;

And that Council delegate the authority to the Chief Administrative Officer if necessary, to extended the Dog Tag and Kennel License Fee deadline and allow the public sufficient time to obtain renewals in consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

3. FIRE-2020-03 COVID-19 Response

Motion: SCM - 06/20

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That the report of the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) & Fire Chief regarding the COVID-19 response and incident management presented in the Fire & Rescue Services Department Report FIRE-2020-03 **be received**.

Carried

4. PRS-2020-11 Tecumseh Recreation, Culture Facilities and Transit Operations

Motion: SCM - 07/20

Moved By Councillor Andrew Dowie

Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That Council for the Town of Tecumseh **authorize closure** of all Town facilities of a recreational nature including the Tecumseh Arena, St. Clair Beach Community Centre, Golden Age Club, and both the Tecumseh Historical Society Museum and the Sandwich South Cultural & Resource Centre on a temporary basis, and that a delegation of authority be granted to the Director of Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, to determine when to reopen Town facilities, effective immediately

And that the Tecumseh Transit Service remain in service and unaffected by other service adjustments at this time.

Carried

Motion: SCM - 08/20

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That refunds **be given** to all programs that have been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

H. Adjournment

The Mayor calls a recess at 1:00 pm to watch the Prime Ministers press conference on COVID-19 and the Federal government measures.

Councillor Dowie leaves the meeting at 1:58 pm.

The Mayor reconvenes the meeting at 2:06 pm.

Motion: SCM - 09/20

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business, the Monday, March 16, 2020 meeting of the Special Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 2:07 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Jennifer Alexander, Deputy Clerk