

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: This meeting is being conducted electronically and can be viewed at the Town's website
<https://calendar.tecumseh.ca/meetings>

Present:

Mayor, Gary McNamara
Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti
Councillor, Bill Altenhof
Councillor, Andrew Dowie
Councillor, Brian Houston
Councillor, Tania Jobin
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
Director Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer, Tom Kitsos
Director Corporate Services & Clerk, Laura Moy
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Strategic Initiatives, Lesley Reeves

A. Roll Call

B. Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

C. Report Out of Closed Meeting

There is no closed meeting.

D. Moment of Silence

The moment of silence is waived in light of the electronic holding of this meeting.

E. National Anthem

The National Anthem is waived in light of the electronic holding of this meeting.

F. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

G. Minutes

1. March 24, 2020

Motion: RCM - 121/20

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the minutes of the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

H. Supplementary Agenda Adoption

There are no supplementary adoption items.

I. Delegations

1. Paul Anthony, Director Parks & Recreation Services

Re: Future Direction of the Tecumseh Corn Festival

Director Parks and Recreation Services presents the PowerPoint presentation titled Future Direction of the Tecumseh Corn Festival. He explains the results of the review and public consultation which comprised of Council, community members, current festival working group, OPP, and municipal staff. The Director announces that the Tecumseh Corn Festival is a 2020 award recipient, being named one of the Top 100 festivals in Ontario by Festival and Events Ontario. This award represents festivals that excel in the industry. The festival has been operating for 17 years.

The Tecumseh Corn Festival is scheduled for Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30, 2020. Details on the event can be found in Report PRS-2020-09.

The Director explains that the COVID-19 pandemic has cancelled or rescheduled events across Ontario. He advises that all commitments with vendors have been put on hold and Administration has contingency plans in place depending on the outcome of the pandemic to ensure fiscal responsibility.

The Members discuss the options to hosting the festival. The Chief Administrative Officer explains the options are contingent on the Province lifting restrictions on social distancing, large crowd gatherings, and the prohibition on non-essential workplaces in the upcoming weeks. The Members encourage a cautious and conservative approach when making a final decision on whether to proceed with the festival.

Motion: RCM - 122/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That Report PRS-2020-09 Tecumseh Corn Festival Future Direction be **brought forward** on the agenda for consideration.

Carried

Motion: RCM - 123/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

That Report PRS-2020-09 with respect to the future direction of the Tecumseh Corn Festival **be received**;

And that Council **approve** Administration to move forward with the proposed 2020 Tecumseh Corn Festival program inclusive of the removal of admission fees as outlined in Report PRS-2020-09,

And further that the Chief Administrative Officer **be delegated the authority** to reduce the scope of the 2020 Corn Festival by May 29, 2020 or cancel the 2020 Corn Festival by June 30, 2020, in accordance with the criteria set out in Report PRS-2020-09.

Carried

J. Communications - For Information

- 1. Town of Grimsby dated March 24, 2020**
Re: Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing
- 2. Town of Kingsville dated April 2, 2020**
Re: Request for Electricity Billing Relief
- 3. Town of Essex dated March 23, 2020**
Re: Time of Use Billing
- 4. Chatham-Kent dated March 24, 2020**
Re: Support for the Ban of Single Use Disposable Wipes
- 5. Chatham-Kent dated March 24, 2020**
Re: Supporting Association of Municipalities Ontario's position on Bill 132 with respect to *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.
- 6. Diocese of London, dated March 25, 2020**
Re: Appreciation for Services during Coronavirus Pandemic

7. Town of Midland dated March 23, 2020

Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic

Motion: RCM - 124/20

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

That Communications - For Information 1 through 7 as listed on the Tuesday, April 14, 2020 Regular Council Agenda, **be received.**

Carried

K. Communications - Action Required

There are no communications - action required items presented to Council.

L. Committee Minutes

There are no committee minutes presented to Council.

M. Reports

1. Corporate Services & Clerk

- a. CS-2020-12 Delegation of Authority during a Declared Emergency By-law Update

Motion: RCM - 125/20

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof

Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That Report CS-2020-12 entitled Delegation of Authority during a Declared Emergency By-law - Update, **be received;**

And that By-law No. 2020-33 being a by-law to amend the authorities delegated during a declared emergency, **be adopted.**

Carried

- b. CS-2020-13 Manning Road Farm Lease

A member raised consideration for the contact to be one-year agreement as it is consistent with the Town's past practice. The Director Corporate Services and Clerk advises that the request for a three-year agreement is based on agriculture practices in the ability for the farmer to prepare the lands for the following crop year.

Motion: RCM - 126/20

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (Town) enter into a one-year term Lease Agreement with Olinda Farms Inc. (Olinda) to farm the Town's 18 acres of farmland located on the south side of Baseline Road, **be approved;**

And that the Mayor and the Clerk **be authorized** to execute a Farm Lease Agreement between the Town and Olinda for the 2020 Crop Year.

Carried

2. Financial Services

a. FS-2020-05 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid in 2019

Councillor Dowie advises the Members that he is appointed to the Essex County Library Board and receives compensation for attendance and mileage which is not reflected in the report. The Mayor indicates that the remuneration for the Library Board is reported through the County of Essex and not the Town.

Motion: RCM - 127/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That Report FS-2020-05 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid in 2019, **be received.**

Carried

3. Parks & Recreation Services

a. PRS-2020-09 Tecumseh Corn Festival Future Direction

This report was brought forward on the agenda to Delegations for consideration.

4. Planning & Building Services

a. PBS-2020-15 CIP Grant, 1033 Lesperance Road

Motion: RCM - 128/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

That the Grant Application for the Tecumseh Road Main Street Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Financial Incentive Program, for the property located at 1033 Lesperance Road (Roll No. 374406000005400), **be deemed eligible and approved** for the following CIP Grant Programs:

- The Parking Area Improvement Grant Program, for a total amount of \$8,950 toward the parking lot improvements being proposed; and
- The Building Façade Improvement Grant, for a total amount of \$3,416 toward the building façade improvements being proposed;

all of which is in accordance with Section 11.3 (5) of the CIP, and PBS-2020-15.

Carried

N. By-Laws

1. By-Law 2020-31

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for Ontario relating to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation program

2. By-Law 2020-32

Being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh and Lilly Jean Daniher

3. By-Law 2020-33

Being a by-law to Delegate Authority during a Declared Emergency

Motion: RCM - 129/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That By-Law 2020-31 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for Ontario relating to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program;

That By-Law 2020-32 being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Lilly Jean Daniher;

That By-Law 2020-33 being a by-law to Delegate Authority during a Declared Emergency.

Be given first and second reading.

Carried

Motion: RCM - 130/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

That By-Law 2020-31 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for Ontario relating to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program;

That By-Law 2020-32 being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Lilly Jean Daniher;

That By-Law 2020-33 being a by-law to Delegate Authority during a Declared Emergency.

Be given third and final reading.

Carried

O. Unfinished Business

1. April 14, 2020

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

P. New Business

State of Emergencies

The Mayor extends gratitude to the community for following the advice of public health officials to keep everyone safe. The Town is experiencing two states of emergency with the COVID-19 pandemic and potential inland flooding. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town's website for daily updates on information. Seniors are encouraged to register with the Town in case of evacuation as a result of inland flooding.

Fibre Optics Installation

A Member extends thanks to Administration for contacting MNSI and advising that some properties still require repairs as a result of the fibre optics installation during the winter months.

Q. Motions

1. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-Law 2020-34

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh.

Motion: RCM - 131/20

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

That By-Law 2020-34 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, April 14, 2020, regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **be given** first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

R. Notices of Motion

There are no notices of motion presented to Council.

S. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2020

11:00 am Special Meeting of Council - Flood Mitigation

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

T. Adjournment

Motion: RCM - 132/20

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof

Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, April 14, 2020 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 8:00 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk