

Motion – May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

Background:

A Declaration of Emergency was made by Mayor Gary McNamara on March 22, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted under subsection 4(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, following the Declaration of COVID-19 being a pandemic by the World Health Organization and respecting “Management of and to take actions necessary for municipal flood issues in accordance with the Tecumseh Emergency Response Plan”.

Administration has been working diligently to prepare for the major threat to the community of inland lake flooding. A Partial Emergency Operations Centre has been set up to prepare detailed operational procedures for a flood event.

Authority was given in the Delegation of Authority By-law No. 2020-33 for the Chief Administrative Officer, during an Emergency, to identify and determine municipal services that are essential and non-essential and to modify services or service levels for non-essential services. Refuse collection was deemed an essential service in report CAO-2020-01 entitled “Business Continuity – Essential Services.” Any modification to services or service levels for essential services are subject to approval by Council.

At the April 28, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council authorization was given to permit residents to place up to two extra garbage bags (not in hard-sided containers) with their garbage on their scheduled collection day until May 28, 2020. The Chief Administrative Officer was also authorized to extend this provision during the time of Provincial Orders related to COVID-19.

Learning from experience during previous flood events in the community due to heavy rain events, residents may need to dispose of additional refuse and materials not ordinarily permitted to be placed for collection (i.e. renovation materials) should an inland flood event occur.

Additional measures may also be required to collect any increased volume of refuse due to a flood event.

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by:

Whereas a Declaration of Emergency was made by Mayor Gary McNamara on March 22, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted under subsection 4(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 due respecting “Management of and to take actions necessary for municipal flood issues in accordance with the Tecumseh Emergency Response Plan”.

And Whereas Administration has been working diligently to prepare for the major threat to the community of inland lake flooding.

And Whereas residents may need to dispose of additional refuse and materials not ordinarily permitted to be placed for collection (i.e. renovation materials) should an inland flood event occur;

And Whereas additional collection measures may be required to collect an increased volume of debris;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That in the event of an inland flood event, the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Director Public Works & Environmental Services, be authorized to:

- further increase the number of garbage bags/containers that may be placed for collection,
- temporarily permit the collection of debris resulting from property damage to be collected (i.e. renovation materials), and
- increase the number of weekly collections, or engage additional debris collection services

And that any financial impact be reported through the quarterly budget variance reports.