

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: This meeting is being conducted electronically

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 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 was no closed meeting scheduled.

D. Moment of Silence

A 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. April 28, 2020

Motion: RCM - 148/20

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the April 28, 2020 minutes of the Regular Council meeting, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

H. Supplementary Agenda Adoption

There are no supplementary agenda items.

I. Delegations

There are no delegations presented to Council.

J. Communications - For Information

1. County of Wellington dated January 16, 2020

Re: Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

2. Township of Mapleton dated April 21, 2020

Re: Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

3. Town of Midland dated March 23, 2020

Re: Financial Aid Plan

4. City of Hamilton dated April 23, 2020

Re: Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants

5. Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated April 23, 2020

Re: Protecting Vital Municipal Services

6. Town of Amherstburg dated April 24, 2020

Re: Issues Regarding the Mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands

7. Town of Amherstburg dated April 24, 2020

Re: Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing – Support from the Town of Amherstburg

8. **Town of Amherstburg dated April 24, 2020**
Re: Support for 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemption
9. **Town of Amherstburg dated April 24, 2020**
Re: Active Transportation
10. **Solicitor General dated April 24, 2020**
Re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
11. **Township of Montague dated April 27, 2020**
Re: Federal Assistance for Municipalities
12. **Township of Amour dated April 29, 2020**
Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario
13. **Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority dated May 1, 2020**
Re: No Plastic Bags – Recycling Program Ban
14. **Canadian National Railway dated May 4, 2020**
Re: CN Right of Way Vegetation Control

Motion: RCM - 149/50

Moved by Councillor Andrew Dowie

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

That Communications - For Information 1 through 14 as listed on the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Regular Council Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

K. Communications - Action Required

1. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
Re: Call for Nominations for 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors
Motion: RCM - 150/20
Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **nominate** Mayor, Gary McNamara, to the Office of Director County Caucus in accordance with the 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors call for nominations.

Carried

L. Committee Minutes

1. Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area - February 12, 2020 and March 4, 2020

Motion: RCM - 151/20

Moved by Councillor Andrew Dowie
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the March 4, 2020 minutes of the Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted.**

Carried

M. Reports

1. Fire & Emergency Services

a. FIRE-2020-02 Flooding Preparedness - Canadian Red Cross Service Agreement

Motion: RCM - 152/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

That By-Law 2020-39 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with The Canadian Red Cross Society for provision of emergency response services during an emergency within the Town of Tecumseh **be adopted.**

And that the Fire Chief's report FIRE-2020-02 regarding the Flooding Preparedness – Canadian Red Cross Service Agreement **be received.**

Carried

b. FIRE-2020-06 Amendment to 2020-2024 Fire Equipment 5-Year Capital Works Plan

Motion: RCM - 153/20

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the purchase of replacement self-contained breathing apparatus equipment **be added** to the 2020-2024 Fire Equipment Five Year Capital Works Plan, in the year 2020;

And that the amount of \$305,900 including non-rebateable HST **be authorized and funded** through the Fire Equipment Lifecycle Reserve.

Carried

N. By-Laws

1. By-Law 2020-39

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Emergency Response Services Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Canadian Red Cross Society

2. By-Law 2020-40

A By-law to Amend By-law No. 2020-13 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the meetings of Council and Committees

3. By-Law 2020-41

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.

4. By-Law 2020-42

Being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.

Motion: RCM - 154/20

Moved by Councillor Andrew Dowie

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

That By-Law 2020-39 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Emergency Response Services Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Canadian Red Cross Society;

That By-Law 2020-40 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2020-13 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the meetings of Council and Committees;

That By-Law 2020-41 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.;

That By-Law 2020-42 being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.

Be given first and second reading.

Carried

Motion: RCM - 155/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That By-Law 2020-39 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Emergency Response Services Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Canadian Red Cross Society;

That By-Law 2020-40 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2020-13 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the meetings of Council and Committees;

That By-Law 2020-41 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.;

That By-Law 2020-42 being a by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement between The Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh and Villa Pia Investments Ltd.

Be given third and final reading.

Carried

O. Unfinished Business

1. May 12, 2020

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

P. New Business

Excessive Noise - Modified Mufflers

An inquiry was made regarding the Highway Traffic Act regulations and enforcement of excessive noise from vehicles with modified mufflers. This matter will be referred to the Police Services Board at their next meeting.

Right of Way Parking Enforcement

An inquiry was made about the regulating of parking, and other occupations, in the Town owned right of ways; in addition to safety concerns expressed for these activities creating visual barriers for residents exiting their driveways. The Director Public Works & Environmental Services will review the Town's Traffic By-law and related policies, and email a response to Council on the current regulations.

Town's Facebook Page

In light of Shoreline Week closure, it is requested that Administration utilize the Town's Facebook page for more "feel good" newsworthy stories on events/people in the community.

Tecumseh Arena Ice Rink Repairs

The Director Parks & Recreation Services provides an update on the ongoing maintenance and repairs to the ice rink at the Tecumseh arena. A report will be forthcoming outlining the associated costs for the repairs at the next Council meeting.

Q. Motions

1. Motion - Post Media Closure of Community Newspapers

This motion is brought forward by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

The Mayor provides an update regarding Postmedia Network and the opportunity for an online platform in the future.

Motion: RCM - 156/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

Whereas community newspapers, including Shoreline Week, provide the only print source of local coverage and information in their communities, and facilitates pride and a sense of community that residents and businesses are proud of;

And Whereas the Shoreline Week maintains a strong readership and a valuable media source that residents go to for their local news;

And Whereas the Shoreline Week often provides the only voice for residents to facilitate involvement on local issues that ultimately shape our community, or to celebrate and acknowledge the Town's rich history, businesses and its people;

And Whereas community newspapers fulfill a major gap in local news coverage, where media coverage originating from larger municipalities is minimal or scarce;

And Whereas the permanent closure of operations for Shoreline Week, and other community newspapers will have a devastating effect on informing residents of news and events in small and rural communities, and shut down a community voice for discussion on local decisions;

And Whereas community newspapers are vital communications to area residents by municipalities and marketing tool for businesses in small and rural communities;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved that the permanent closure of **Shoreline Week and its sister** community weekly newspapers owned by Postmedia Network Inc. will hinder the ongoing efforts of the Town of Tecumseh to effectively reach and inform all residents of key Council decisions that affect their community and opportunities to participate in local community events;

And that Postmedia Network Inc. reconsider their decision to permanently close Shoreline Week and other local community weekly newspapers in an effort to preserve an open forum for accountability and transparency in local government and continue to facilitate community engagement;

And that Postmedia Network Inc. consider the introduction of alternative models to maintain local news coverage in communities such as Tecumseh, such as continuing online community newspapers with portals such as those provided by Metroland Media Group;

And further that this resolution **be circulated** to Postmedia Network Inc. president Andrew MacLeod, and area municipalities for support.

Carried

2. Confirmatory by-law

a. By-Law 2020-43

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 12, 2020 regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh.

Motion: RCM - 157/20

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

That By-Law 2019-43 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, May 12, 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 notice of motions.

S. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

T. Adjournment

Motion: RCM - 158/20

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 7:42 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk