

Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

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 Roads & Fleet, Kirby McArdle
Manager Strategic Initiatives, Lesley Reeves

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

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

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

D. Delegations

The Director Public Works & Environmental Services highlights the Report PWES-2021-04 as appended to the agenda. He summarizes the project details,

the background studies, and the public consultation on the multi-use trail that have been completed to date.

1. Paul Bezaire, OALA, MCIP, RPP, Partner, Bezaire Partners - Urban Planners, Landscape Architects

Mr. Paul Bezaire (Consultant) is joined by Andrea Winter, P.Eng, Dillion Consulting Limited, to present the PowerPoint presentation entitled "Riverside Trail from City of Windsor to Manning Road". He outlines the details of the proposal for the multi-use trail (trail) as an effort to fill the gap with the significant trail systems along the riverfront in Tecumseh. Mr. Bezaire explains the results from the consultation process, and the public's high interest for the trail.

There were two Public Open Houses and the Consultant summarizes the key issues and recommends to locate the trail on the south side of the street. He provides examples of trails in Windsor and LaSalle which are designed similar to the proposed trail. The Consultant reviews alternative routes for the trail as a comparison to the recommended location.

Ms. Andrea Winter outlines the findings from the Traffic Review and references the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 - Cycling Facilities. She comments on the special considerations for the trail including trees, utilities, property, and roundabouts. She addresses concerns regarding vehicle sightlines, obstructions for motorists, safety of the cyclists, traffic and accessibility.

2. Andrea Winter, P.Eng., FEC, Partner, Dillon Consulting Limited

Ms. Andrea Winter presented in conjunction with Mr. Paul Bezaire's delegation.

3. Correspondence to be read:

- a. Dana Salvador, Resident
- b. Sante Salvador, Resident

The Clerk reads the written correspondence of Dana and Sante Salvador.

4. Robert Cunningham dated March 25, 2021

Mr. Robert Cunningham speaks in opposition to the location of the trail due to safety concerns. He comments on the heavy volume of traffic on Riverside Drive during commuter times and late evenings. His property is lower than the road and concerned with water runoff from the trail. He suggests the trail be located on the north side of the street.

5. Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Windsor Essex

Ms. Lori Newton reads her written statement in support for the multiuse trail. A copy of the written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

6. Cheryl Crowder, Resident

Ms. Cheryl Crowder speaks in opposition of the multiuse trail. A copy of her written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

7. Richard Fuschi, Resident

Mr. Richard Fuschi reads his written statement in opposition of the location of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

8. John Parent, Resident

Mr. John Parent reads his written statement in opposition to the location of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

9. Glen Ross, Resident

Mr. Glen Ross reads his written statement in opposition of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

The Mayor recesses at 9:10 pm and reconvenes the meeting at 9:18 pm.

10. Michael Mueller, Resident

Mr. Michael Mueller reads his written submission as appended on the agenda.

11. Darrin Drouillard, Resident

Mr. Darrin Drouillard reads his written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

12. Karel and Rhonda DeGraaf, Residents

Ms. Rhonda DeGraaf reads her written statement in opposition of the multiuse trail as appended to the agenda.

13. Wess Bechard, Co-Organizer - Extend the Trail Campaign

Mr. Wess Bechard reads his written statement in support of the multiuse trail as appended to the agenda.

14. Lisa Lavack, Ride Leader and Co-Founder Tecumseh/Windsor Slow Ride

Ms. Lisa Lavack reads her written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of her written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

15. Melanie Lowden, Resident

Ms. Melanie Lowden reads her written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of her written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

16. Ken Lewenza, Resident

Mr. Ken Lewenza speaks in support of the multiuse trail.

17. Benjamin Nikota, Resident

Mr. Benjamin Nikota reads his written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted into the Clerk's office.

18. Hannah Ruuth, Resident

Ms. Hannah Ruuth reads her written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of her written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

19. Cathy Pitre, Resident

This delegation left the meeting and did not provide comment to Council.

20. Dean Morais, Resident

Mr. Dean Morais reads his written statement in support of the multiuse trail. A copy of his written statement is submitted to the Clerk's office.

The Mayor opens the floor to the delegations who did not provide comment. There was no further response from the delegations.

The Mayor opens the floor for questions from the Members.

A Member inquires about the options presented and if there is a hybrid option. Mr. Brezaire outlines the options and the costs associated. The Director Public Works & Environmental Services comments the timelines of road reconstruction on Riverside Drive that the 2019 Roads Needs Study identified a few sections of Riverside Drive that would need maintenance within the 6 to 10 year timeframe, but that the full reconstruction of Riverside Drive is not within the 5 to 10-year horizon.

The discussion ensues over the location of the trail and consideration to the north side of the street. Ms. Winters comments on a cycle track suggestion and the provincial guidelines (Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18) required for this option.

A Member inquires if Administration had any comments on the content of the Re-Think the Trail flyer. The Director Public Works & Environmental Services indicated that one of the biggest challenges as part of this project has been the amount of misinformation that is being circulated on websites, flyers and social media. He notes that some information is being presented out of context to suit a false narrative that the Town or its Consultants haven't done due diligence with respect to the recommendations brought forward. He advises that the Town has completed numerous studies and master plans that have identified the need for a multiuse trail on Riverside Drive as outlined in Report PWES-2021-04 as appended on the agenda. The Director explains that the steps

the Town has taken to date have followed the normal process and is consistent with best practices for this type of project. He notes that the Consultant's presentation spoke to the process followed, provides a rationale supporting their decisions and final recommendations; and addresses and responds to the concerns raised.

In response to an inquiry regarding when the details of specific landscape items may be impacted, the Director explains that the plan to date is preliminary and that additional details specific to individual landscaping features would be identified during the detailed design stage of the project, and that further consultation with the affected properties would occur.

E. Communications

- 1. Town of Tecumseh News Release, dated March 25, 2021**
Re: Riverside Drive Trail Meeting
- 2. Letter and Presentation from Karel and Rhonda DeGraaf dated March 18, 2021**
- 3. Email from Ken DiFederico dated March 25, 2021**
- 4. Email from Ed and Linda Zieba dated March 31, 2021**
- 5. Email from Lyn Robinet dated March 31, 2021**
- 6. Email from Michael Mueller dated April 1, 2021**
- 7. Letter from Nick and Bonnie Coutinho, dated April 6, 2021**
- 8. Letter from Sandra and Jordan Trudeau, dated April 5, 2021**
- 9. Emails from Linda Edwards, dated April 5, 2021**
- 10. Email from Alycia Sennema, dated April 5, 2021**
- 11. Letter from Kyle Mailhot dated April 2, 2021**
- 12. Letter from Bruce and Kris Desjardins dated April 6, 2021**
- 13. Letter from Marj Heinz dated April 5, 2021**
- 14. Letter from Don Crowder dated April 2, 2021**
- 15. Letter from Jim and Paula Kennedy dated April 6, 2021**
- 16. Email from Geoff Marcoux dated April 7, 2021**
- 17. Email from Gary Switzer dated April 7, 2021**
- 18. Email from Melanie Lowden dated April 7, 2021**
- 19. Email from Michelle Drouillard, Resident dated April 7, 2021**
- 20. Email from Kristine Free dated April 7, 2021**

21. Email from Paul Joseph Drouillard and Arlene Drouillard dated April 7, 2021
22. Email from Wess Bechard dated April 7, 2021
23. Email from Aimee Martel dated April 7, 2021
24. Email from Lee Doucet dated April 7, 2021
25. Email from Kerri McNamara dated April 7, 2021
26. Email from Andrea Hodgkins dated April 8, 2021
27. Email from Ron and Melissa Martin dated April 8, 2021
28. Email from Cindy Deslippe dated April 8, 2021
29. Email from Barbara Beaulé dated April 8, 2021
30. Email from Cheryl and Michael Blacher dated April 8, 2021
31. Email from Matt Lesperance dated April 8, 2021
32. Email from Bob White and Therese McCloskey dated April 8, 2021
33. Email from Gwendolyn Jeun dated April 8, 2021
34. Email from Ken Peltier dated April 8, 2021
35. Email from Stephanie Campeau dated April 8, 2021
36. Email from Marilyn DeJoseph dated April 8, 2021
37. Email from Tyler Thompson dated April 8, 2021
38. Email from Jodi M. Lee dated April 8, 2021
39. Email from Lisa J. Rowley dated April 8, 2021
40. Email from Shirley Drouillard dated April 8, 2021
41. Email from Janine Larivière dated April 8, 2021
42. Email from Max Dresser dated April 8, 2021
43. Email from Kim Polewski dated April 8, 2021
44. Email from Meghan Carew and Connor Shea dated April 8, 2021
45. Email from Stacey Dunn dated April 8, 2021
46. Email from Natalie and Dave Meloche and Bob Labute dated April 8, 2021
47. Email from Ed McNorton dated April 8, 2021
48. Email from Jennifer Imlay dated April 8, 2021

49. Email from Barb Humeniuk dated April 8, 2021
50. Email from Brian Dunn dated April 8, 2021
51. Email from Armand and Hilda Poitras dated April 8, 2021
52. Email from Stacey Alexander dated April 8, 2021
53. Email from H.R. dated April 8, 2021
54. Email from Scott Cameron dated April 8, 2021
55. Email from Angela Walstedt dated April 8, 2021
56. Email from Judy Imlay dated April 8, 2021
57. Email from Sadie Polewski dated April 8, 2021
58. Email from Rosemary Barbera and Mark Gryn dated April 7, 2021
59. Email from Mary Ann Max dated April 7, 2021
60. Email from Sarah Bechard dated April 8, 2021
61. Email from Brianna Dundas dated April 8, 2021
62. Email from Teresa Hayward dated April 8, 2021
63. Email from Jason Beutler dated April 8, 2021
64. Email from Kyle McCamon dated April 8, 2021
65. Email from Shaylene Lev dated April 8, 2021
66. Email from Brandon Duguay dated April 8, 2021
67. Email from Bartlomiej Wnek dated April 8, 2021
68. Email from Chad Boughner dated April 8, 2021
69. Email from Robbie-Lynn Schreindler dated April 8, 2021
70. Email from Aaron Yu dated April 8, 2021
71. Email from Jenny Newman dated April 8, 2021

Motion: SCM - 04/21

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That Communications - For Information 1 through 71 as listed on the Thursday, April 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting Agenda, **be received.**

Carried

F. Reports

1. PWES-2021-04 Riverside Drive Trail, Tecumseh-Windsor Border to Manning Road

Motion: SCM - 05/21

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That Report No. PWES-2021-04 Riverside Drive Trail: Tecumseh-Windsor Border to Manning Road, Summary of Public Information Centres and Recommendation **be received**;

And that Report No. PWES-2021-04 and the video recording of the April 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting **be uploaded** on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform for 30 days to provide opportunity to receive further public input on the project;

And further that Administration **report back** to Council on the additional comments received with further and final recommendations for Council's consideration.

Carried

G. Adjournment

Motion: SCM - 06/21

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof

Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business, the Thursday, April 8, 2021 meeting of the Special Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 11:00 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk