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March 1, 2021

Town of Tecumseh Public Parking

At the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Council agreed not to renew a lease agreement with the owner of 12150 Tecumseh Road for the use of parking spaces on the property. The decision was based on a significantly increased cost to rent the spaces, as part of the owner's proposed new terms for renewal of the agreement.

"Unfortunately the Town was not able to negotiate a contract that was economically feasible and Council decided it was prudent to discontinue the lease," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "The Town owns two other parking areas in the immediate area with a combined total of 66 parking spaces. These will continue to be maintained and available to patrons and, in future, additional on-street parking is planned on Tecumseh Road."

The Town first entered into a lease agreement in 1999 for exclusive use of 29 parking spaces at 12150 Tecumseh Road and shared in the cost to improve the area with a hard surface and proper drainage. Under the agreement the Town assumed responsibility for normal maintenance of the parking area including snow removal, cleaning and striping. An annual fee was also paid to the owner equal to the tax levy against the parking area. The property was sold to the current owner in 2009 and the agreement was extended for two five-year terms.

There are two other lots in close proximity where public parking is available. Parking Lot 1 (20 parking spots) is located at 12130 Tecumseh Road, next to the Tecumseh BIA Office, and Parking Lot 3 (46 parking spots) is located in front of the Royal Canadian Legion at 12326 Lesperance Road.

The Town is currently finalizing the plans on the Tecumseh Road Main Street Streetscape project, which would implement on-street parking along Tecumseh Road from Southfield to VIA Rail. In the interim, Town staff will continue to monitor the utilization of the municipal parking lots, and if necessary, bring forward a recommendation to Council to implement on-street parking in advance of the Streetscape project.

A map showing all available public parking in the Tecumseh/Lesperance area is attached.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the March 9, 2021 meeting of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically this evening and here are the highlights:

ERCA 2021 Budget: Council received a presentation from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) on their draft 2021 Budget. The draft calls for a 1.8% increase to the municipal levy which would result in a levy \$287,672 for the Town of Tecumseh. The budget will be voted on April 8, 2021 by the ERCA Board of Directors.

Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2: Council authorized Administration to submit three applications to the Province of Ontario's Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 Review Stream. The Town had previously been awarded approximately \$20,000 in Intake 1 for a Human Resources Services Review undertaken in 2020. The three projects being submitted are: shared economic development opportunities with the Town of Lakeshore; a Digital Strategy and Business Continuity Plan; and, business process optimization for the Town's payroll services. The deadline to apply to the Province is March 15.

11865 Tecumseh Road: Council approved \$15,000 for building façade improvements to 11865 Tecumseh Road, which is located at the corner of Tecumseh Road and Southfield. The owner was previously awarded \$3,000 in September 2020 for drawings associated with the façade improvements.

1200-1250 Southfield Drive: Council approved a Building and Property Improvement Grant to Skyline Apartments, the owners of the property at 1200-1250 Southfield Drive. The amount of the grant will be determined based on the incremental increase in the portion of property tax that would result from works completed in relation to construction of two four-storey 71-unit apartment buildings at this location. This tax relief will be in the form of a 100% grant on the municipal portion of the incremental tax increase resulting from the development for a five-year period. The grant is expected to be in the order of \$630,000 in total over the five-year period. The construction timeline has also been extended from one year to two years. Construction is expected to get underway in 2021.

Tecumseh Transit: Council received the annual report on Tecumseh Transit. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 ridership decreased by 55% (13,021 in 2020 versus 28,707 in 2019). Fare revenue also decreased by 62% (\$7,659 in 2020 versus \$19,039 in 2019). Revenues in January and February of 2020 were above those in 2019 however the impact of the pandemic on ridership and the removal of the transit fare in March 2020 until September 2020 and the public health restrictions put in place throughout 2020 had a large impact on the use of transit services in Tecumseh. These trends are not unique to Tecumseh, but rather were the norm in 2020 for transit services throughout Ontario.

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Tecumseh Road Storm Sewer and Road Improvements: Council approved adding the Storm Sewer and Road Improvements on Tecumseh Road from east of Lexham Gardens to Regent Road to the 2021 Public Works and Environmental Services Capital Works Plan. Due to the proposed new North Shore School at 13800 Tecumseh Road, this project was recommended to be accelerated. Detailed engineering design will be completed in 2021 with construction to proceed in 2022. Funds for the project will come from the Town's Reserve funds.

County Road 19 Trunk Watermain Installation: Council approved adding the County Road 19 (Manning Road) Trunk Watermain installation from County Road 22 to south of Jamsyl Drive to the 2021 Public Works and Environmental Services Capital Works Plan. This will allow the Town to coordinate with County of Essex road work that will widen County Road 19 south of County Road 22 to south of Jamsyl Drive.. The County project will also install an eastbound fly-off from County Road 19 onto County Road 22 and a through lane southbound to south of Jamsyl Drive. Intersection improvements, signalization and turning lanes are planned at County Road 19 and Jamsyl Drive. Desro Drive will be closed at County Road 19 and terminated with a cul-de-sac. Construction will be completed in 2021 in accordance with the County of Essex schedule. The Town's watermain replacement was recommended to be accelerated to coincide with the County's project. Funds for the Town's project will come from Reserve Funds and a consulting engineer will be shared with the County of Essex. The Town is looking forward to the County's road work in this area to alleviate traffic congestion. The Town's watermain project is part of a larger watermain project planned for this area that will strengthen the Town's water distribution system and provide servicing for new development lands within planning areas west of Manning Road and south of County Road 22.

County Road 46 Webster-Laval Sanitary Sewer Extension: Council authorized the execution of an agreement for an easement within the 8th Concession Road Sanitary Service Area. The easement is required for construction of a sanitary sewer extension and associated works in the Oldcastle Hamlet Settlement Area. This Area is serviced by two trunk sewers, the North Talbot Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer and the 8th Concession Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer. In 2018 the Town's consultant on the 8th Concession Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer work identified easement requirements for construction of the full project. The County Road 46, Webster and Laval Sanitary Sewer Extension project is a continuation of the sanitary sewer servicing within the 8th Concession Road sanitary service area. The project includes the extension of a sanitary sewer along County Road 46 from the 8th Concession to Webster Drive as well as road and storm sewer improvements on Webster Drive, construction of a new trunk watermain and replacement of the existing local watermain on County Road 46 and utility relocations. Works on the project design, advanced utility relocations, easement acquisition and obtaining all required approvals will continue in 2021 with construction anticipated in 2022/2023.

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Tecumseh Recreation Updates TecumsehRec.ca

Today the Town of Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Department released its updated online registration system: TecumsehRec. The updated website includes a fresh new

look along with more functionality allowing users to register and pay for activities, sign up for memberships, view facility availability and reserve park pavilions easily.

“The new registration system provides convenience and enhanced customer service,” said Paul Anthony, Director Parks and Recreation. “With the upcoming summer season approaching, it is the perfect time for customers to easily start planning their recreational events and activities.”

Users may access the website by logging into www.TecumsehRec.ca or by using links available from the Town of Tecumseh’s website (www.tecumseh.ca).

Existing and new users are encouraged to log onto TecumsehRec.ca to update and/or create an account so they will be ready to register for the upcoming spring and summer programs.

Existing Parks and Recreation users will be automatically transferred into the updated system but will be required to create a new password. To update the password, users should:

- Visit TecumsehRec.ca
- Click on the “Sign In/Up” button, then click “forgot password” to reset their unique password
- Users must keep the primary email address from the account in the old system as the username in the updated system

New visitors to TecumsehRec.ca will need to create an account to use the system. With a couple of clicks and a few taps on the keyboard, customers will be ready to enjoy the convenience of online registration.

Customers that need assistance updating or creating their account are asked to call the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation office at 519-735-4756 ext. 425.

The Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Department is looking ahead to the spring and summer months and will be posting programs and membership opportunities on TecumsehRec.ca. Announcements will be posted on Facebook ([TecumsehRec](https://www.facebook.com/TecumsehRec)) and Twitter ([@TecumsehRec](https://twitter.com/TecumsehRec)) as programming is confirmed.

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Tecumseh Tennis and Pickleball Courts to Open April 1st

The Town will reopen the tennis and pickleball courts for the 2021 season on April 1. The court season is April to November, weather permitting. Court play times are posted on the Town's website at Tecumseh.ca/courts. Users must purchase a seasonal membership, as described below, to allow access for one player plus one guest.

"As we have seen over the last year, residents have made use of our outdoor trails and recreation facilities and we are pleased to open the courts for the 2021 season," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We remind the community though that COVID-19 is still impacting our region. The use of all outdoor recreation facilities in Town is at everyone's own risk and public health guidelines continue to apply".

All facilities in Town, including the tennis and pickleball courts, are operating under Ontario's Re-Opening Framework. Full details on the current level is available on the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit site (wechu.org). The Town as of Monday March 22nd is currently in the RED – Control zone, which permits outdoor facilities to operate. The Town may close the courts at any time, should our status under the Re-Opening Framework change or should staff observe or receive complaints regarding patrons not following RED – Control zone rules.

Outdoor play equipment is not sanitized and users are strongly encouraged to follow all public health guidelines including: practicing proper hand hygiene, keeping a physical distance of 2 metres (6ft) and wearing a mask or face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained. If the court is busy, please find another court or return to play another time. Signage will be posted at each court facility indicating COVID-19 safe play recommendations.

Anyone wishing to use Tecumseh tennis courts, must purchase a seasonal membership from the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation office. A key to access the courts at Optimist Park, McAuliffe Park and Weston Park is provided with the membership. Memberships may be purchased by logging into TecumsehRec.ca or by calling the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation office at (519) 735-4756.

The Tecumseh pickleball courts, located at Shawanoe Park, are open for seasonal membership holders as well as members of the Tecumseh Pickleball Association (TPA). Individuals may purchase a Recreational Pickleball Seasonal Membership through the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Department or by joining the TPA. Membership includes the Tecumseh membership and key, Pickleball Canada Organization membership, organized play sessions, skill and drill opportunities, and additional court

time. Individuals interested in joining the TPA may do so by visiting TecumsehPickleBall.ca.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the March 23, 2021 meeting of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically this evening and here are the highlights:

Tecumseh BIA Vacancy: Council received a report on a vacancy on the Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area Board of Directors. Council appointed Leo Demarce who had previously applied to be on the board when Boards and Committees were appointing members last fall.

Temporary Patios: Council acted to permit temporary patios for the hospitality sector to help facilitate COVID-19 Economic Recovery, authorizing By-Law 2021-18 setting out the process and guidelines for business owners with no fee.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is permitting hospitality businesses with a valid liquor licence to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed patio or temporarily add a new licensed patio. This temporary measure will end on January 1, 2022 at 3:00 a.m. Licensed establishments must ensure they have municipal approval and meet all other applicable requirements to put these patio spaces into operation.

Taking into consideration the AGCO is once again permitting liquor sales licensees to continue to extend or add a temporary physical extension of the licensees premises for the duration of 2021, the Town's Guidelines have been reviewed for consistency with both the AGCO's conditions and the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open (Framework). The Guidelines will assist business owners to extend existing or establish new temporary patios on private and public property. The streamlined application process includes a template for a drawing of the proposed temporary patio or patio extension, an internal review process, inspection before opening and an agreement where the expanded patio encroaches onto public lands. The Guidelines are focused on maintaining public health and safety. The Town's

Chief Building Official is authorized to inspect temporary patios and require adjustments to the patio in order to achieve compliance with the Guidelines.

The application and Guidelines will be available on the Town's website and provided to the Tecumseh Business Improvement Area to share with their business members. Temporary patios will be permitted to operate up to January 1, 2022.

Fire Safety Grant: Council approved an application from Tecumseh Fire and Rescue Services for provincial grant funding. On March 11, 2021, Ontario announced a one-time, Province-wide \$5 million grant to address challenges Fire Departments have with training and virtual inspections. Tecumseh was advised by the Fire Marshal that the Town was eligible to receive up to \$10,300. The grant funds are recommended for: training software to allow for in house training; fire management software to replace the existing system; and a new digital camera for the Fire Prevention Officer to use during inspections. The estimated costs for these items will use the funds fully with no additional funds required from the Town.

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ICS Capital Works Plan: Council authorized the 2021 expenditure of \$195,000 from the Information & Communications Services (ICS) Lifecycle Reserve. The funds will go towards various annual expenses as well as upgrades to equipment, network infrastructure and software. Funds will also go towards video surveillance which has been instrumental in investigations related to vandalism and theft at Town facilities.

Banner Sponsorship: Council approved new five-year banner sponsorship agreements with both the Tecumseh Recreation Soccer Club and the Tecumseh Soccer Club. Previously, the two groups operated under the Tecumseh Soccer Club title. The organization split into two groups in 2020 to become "Tecumseh Recreation Soccer Club" (recreational house league group) and "Tecumseh Soccer Club (travel team). The Town has had a banner sponsorship agreement with the original group since 2016 and this decision will renew the arrangement with individual agreements for each soccer group. The Tecumseh Soccer Club will also be permitted to use Buster Reaume Park as their "home field" and place a storage shed on the lands.

Essex Power, Youth in Community Fund: Council received a report on the annual Youth in Community Fund sponsored by Essex Power. Due to the pandemic last year, there was a surplus of \$6,700 in 2020 due to under-utilization. Combined with the annual allotment of \$10,000, the Town has \$16,700 available for 2021. Tecumseh Parks and Recreation is exploring several options to provide opportunities to participate in

recreational programs this year in consideration of public health guidelines. These funds will support many initiatives in this eighth year of funding. Details on summer programming will be provided when known.

Amendment to Sandwich South Zoning By-Law 85-18: Council authorized the holding of a Public Meeting on April 27 for the amendment to the Sandwich South Zoning By-Law 85-18. The amendment would require a zoning by-law amendment to establish new cannabis greenhouse operations in the Agricultural (A) Zone, rather than permitting them as of right. Additionally, Council agreed in concept to a by-law to make development of new mushroom, greenhouse and cannabis greenhouse operations subject to site plan control in accordance with Section 10.4.3 of the Official Plan. A by-law will be prepared for adoption at the next regular meeting of Council. The agenda and livestream information will be posted on Thursday, April 22.

Zoning By-Law Amendment-Dana Azar: Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on April 27 for an amendment to the Sandwich South Zoning By-Law 85-18 to rezone a 0.47 hectare property on the west side of the 11th Concession Road, south of County Road 42 from "Agricultural Zone (A)" to a site specific "Residential Zone 1 (R1-19)". The rezoning will facilitate the creation of three new residential lots and the future construction of three single-unit dwellings.

A Public Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to hear public comment on the application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment for a proposed residential condominium development on a parcel of land located at 12433 Dillon Drive. The meeting will be livestreamed and the agenda can be viewed at <http://www.tecumseh.ca/12433DillonDrive>.

A Special Meeting of Council will be held Thursday, March 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. on the proposed Riverside Drive Trail. A report and presentation from Administration and Bezair Partners and Dillon Consulting Limited will be provided. The meeting will be livestreamed and the agenda will be available on March 25, 2021.

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March 25, 2021

Update on Tecumseh Riverside Drive Trail Project

A Special Meeting of Council will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm on the Riverside Drive Trail project. The agenda will be available later today at www.tecumseh.ca/RiversideDriveTrail. At the meeting, Council will receive a report on the project and a presentation from the Town's consultants Bezaire Partners and Dillon Consulting Limited. The meeting will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and livestreamed on our website.

"My Council colleagues and I are looking forward to receiving an update on this project and to hear details from the consultants," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We know that this project has received a lot of public attention lately and we hope to be able to take next steps following the presentation."

The project involves the proposal of a multi-use recreational trail on Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road. The expansion and interconnection of Tecumseh's active transportation facilities is proposed to achieve a desirable and sustainable community that promotes healthy lifestyles. The trail expansion is a key component of interconnectivity to existing and future trail networks. The study began in 2017 with public consultation sessions in September 2017 and June 2018.

The presentation will include a summary of project process to date, public consultation and comments received as well as an evaluation of options and a recommendation on the trail location, alignment and design features.

Anyone who wishes to make an oral submission during the Special Meeting must register as a delegate. Please use the online registration form on our website at: <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/town-hall/appearing-before-council.aspx>. For those who do not have access to a computer, please call the Clerk's Office at 519-735-2184 Ext. 116. Delegates must be registered by April 8, 2021 at 12:00 pm (noon) to participate. Written submissions may also be provided to the Clerk by noon on April 8 at 12:00 pm (noon). All written submissions will form a part of the package provided to Council.

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Mind Break Before Study Break

Last year, the Town of Tecumseh's Youth Advisory Committee received \$15,000 for a mental wellness project, through the WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) and RBC Future Launch Community Challenge. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was put on hold. The group is now able to launch their project virtually to support mental wellness for high school youth.

"The pandemic has had a major impact on mental health in our youth," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "I commend our Youth Advisory Committee for such a unique project that is necessary in these times and pulling together a successful grant application to support the initiative."

The 'Mind Break Before Study Break' initiative focuses on the health and mental wellness of high school youth, particularly dealing with stress during exam season and the emotions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and isolation from their peers.

Students at Tecumseh's local secondary schools - École secondaire catholique l'Essor and Tecumseh Vista Academy – will be receiving virtual presentations on stress and anxiety management by the Canadian Mental Health Association, the importance of proper nutrition and healthy snacking and the role of yoga and mindful breathing to deal with stress in their daily lives.

Additionally, 1,300 Wellness Bags will be distributed to the students filled with healthy snacks, tools for effective study habits, health resources materials, and small items that can be used to de-stress.

The goal of this wellness initiative is to help decrease anxiety which many teens experience when it comes to exams and in their daily lives by placing emphasis on the importance of their health and mental well-being. The program may also be beneficial in addressing the added stress associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Tecumseh Town Council held a Public Meeting of Council electronically this evening to hear public comment on the application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment for a proposed residential condominium development on a parcel of land located at 12433 Dillon Drive.

Zelinka Priamo Ltd., on behalf of Briday Victoria Development Corporation, has filed applications with the Town to amend the Tecumseh Official Plan and Tecumseh Zoning By-law 1746 for a 2.29 hectare (5.66 acre) parcel of land situated on the south side of Dillon Drive, approximately 40 metres east of its intersection with St. Pierre Street (12433 Dillon Drive). The lands formerly held the Victoria Public Elementary School.

The application for the proposed Official Plan amendment is requesting re-designation of the parcel of land from "Community Facility Zone" and "Residential Zone 1 (R1)" to "Residential Zone 3 (R3-16)" to accommodate a proposed multi-unit residential development.

The proposed zoning amendments would facilitate the construction of a 63-unit residential condominium development consisting of five, two-storey townhouse dwellings totaling 23 units and two, three-storey stacked townhouse dwellings totaling 40 units.

At the meeting this evening, Council received a presentation from the Owner's representative and heard from 21 delegations. Council asked questions of the developer and Town Planning staff for clarification and to explore some of the comments raised by the public. A report was also received from the Planning and Building Services Department on the application.

A final report summarizing tonight's public meeting and providing a comprehensive planning analysis will be provided with recommendations at a subsequent Council meeting.

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Town Hall

The Tecumseh Town Hall will be closed on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 and Easter Monday, April 5, 2021.

As a reminder, all Town facilities are closed to walk-in traffic until further notice. Staff at both Town Hall and Tecumseh Arena are available by phone, or email, during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. A complete Staff Directory is available on the Town's website at "Contact Us." The Town's website also offers online services and payments.

Payments may be dropped off at the Town Hall using the secure drop box located beside the main entrance door on McNorton Street with information clearly outlined (e.g. name, address, tax roll number, application and/or other identifying details to assist staff).

Tecumseh Transit

There will be no transit service on Good Friday (April 2). Information on the transit bus schedule and route map is available on the Town's website at www.tecumseh.ca

Recycling & Waste Disposal

Please note that recycling pick-up will be rescheduled from Friday, April 2 to Saturday, April 3. Garbage collection on Thursday, April 1 remains unchanged. Yard Waste will be collected on Monday, April 5.

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