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Limits Placed on Tecumseh Skate Park

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, increased volume of users and concern for congregate settings, the Town of Tecumseh will implement health and safety measures at the Tecumseh Skate Park. Starting Thursday, April 8, 2021, the Skate Park located behind Town Hall at 917 Lesperance Road will be completely fenced in. The Park will be closed Thursday, April 8 and will reopen Friday, April 9 at 11 a.m. -8 p.m. with users limited to a maximum of 10 people on the skate park surface inside the fenced area at one time for a maximum of 30 minutes. Skate park users will be required to keep a minimum distance of 2 m (6 ft) from each other.

“Unfortunately due to the rapidly changing pandemic conditions and the knowledge young people are becoming ill, we have made this decision to modify use of the skate park,” said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. “Our skate park is high use facility with numbers of users reaching 20-40 at various times during the day. Due to the congregate nature and the inability to physically distance at these volumes, we must limit the number of users at the park.”

The skate park will be open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Staff will be on-site to log user names and contact information as well as open and close the fencing and monitor use. Users will not be permitted inside the fencing outside of these hours. The Town will continue to monitor the situation and may close the park fully should conditions warrant it. Users are reminded they cannot park behind Town Hall during office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or the OPP station off Lesperance.

“Our Recreation Staff continues to monitor public health announcements as they affect all of our facilities and will make necessary changes should the need arise,” said Paul Anthony, Director of Parks and Recreation Services. “We continue to urge users of all of our parks whether it is the skate park, trails, playground equipment and benches, to follow all public health guidelines including wearing a mask, keeping a 2m distance, not gathering with anyone outside your household, practicing hand hygiene and staying home if you are ill.”

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Lesperance Road at CP Rail Tracks to Close for Repairs

Lesperance Road, north and south of the CP Rail line, will close temporarily on Thursday, April 8, 2021 for emergency repairs to the rail line. No through traffic will be available and traffic is detoured via Banwell Road and Intersection Road. The closure will last approximately 10 hours between 7:00am and 5:00pm. Drivers are requested to use alternative routes and avoid the area. All local businesses and organizations within the area will be notified of the closure and detour route. Emergency services will not have access during this time and must use the detour route.

The closure is required for emergency repairs to the rail line. Additional repairs to the road surface are to be completed later this year however CP Rail has indicated the importance of completing the track repairs immediately. It is expected that the closure will last for the day only and the Town and CP Rail apologize for any inconvenience.

Any inquiries regarding this closure may be directed to Byron Beckett, CP Rail at 613-391-8271.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the April 8, 2021 special meeting of Council

Tecumseh Town Council held a Special Meeting of Council electronically this evening to hear public comment on the Riverside Drive Trail: Tecumseh-Windsor Border to Manning Road. Council heard from the Director of Public Works & Environmental Services, the Town's Consultant's, Bezaire Partners and Dillon Consulting Limited, as well as 20 delegations. Additional written comments were also included in the package received by Council.

The proposed Riverside Drive Trail is a multi-use recreational trail spanning the Tecumseh-Windsor border to Manning Road. It would connect the existing active transportation facilities of the Ganatchio Trail to the trails within Lakewood Park and the existing Riverside Drive and Manning Road Trails. This connection has been discussed in a number of previous studies and documents.

The presentation from the Town's Consultants summarized the project process to date, the public consultation and comments received, and included an evaluation of options and a recommendation on the trail location, alignment and design features, while having regard to context sensitivity. In arriving at their recommendations, the consulting team evaluated several scenarios including:

- consideration for whether the trail should be on the north or the south side of Riverside Drive;
- an alternative interior route for the trail (Lesperance to Dillon to Little River to Manning)
- alternative trail configurations and types;
- special considerations, for example, commercial parking, trees and utilities;
- public concerns, for example, safety, location and design, accessibility and flooding.

Based on the Consultants' review and analysis, including the results of public consultation, and the comparative costs and key issues, the Consultants recommend proceeding with the detailed design and construction of a 2.4-2.7m wide asphalt, off-road multi-use recreational trail along the south side of Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road.

Project information and the video recording of this meeting will be uploaded on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform for a 30-day period on April 9. Administration will report back on any additional public input received during the 30-day period and make further and final recommendations for Council's consideration.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at www.tecumseh.ca. The agenda for the Regular meeting was made available on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the April 13, 2021 meetings of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically for an In-Camera Meeting, two Court of Revision Meetings and the Regular Meeting of Council. Here are the highlights:

Retail Cannabis Operations: Council heard from two delegations imploring them to reconsider their decision to opt out of retail cannabis sales in Town. Following the discussion, Council moved to reconsider its earlier decision prohibiting retail cannabis and requested Administration to report back on data and experience with retail cannabis facilities in other jurisdictions as well as updated Public Health information.

Concurrently, Administration will initiate an on-line public conversation on retail cannabis on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform over a 30-day period. Council will be able to follow the conversation on Placespeak during that time. Administration will bring a report with a recommendation for consideration by Council to a meeting in June 2021.

Delegation of Authority: Council delegated authority to the Director Planning and Building Services to exercise discretion on fines and penalties through the Town's By-Law Enforcement Officers at legal proceedings in relation to the Reopening Ontario Act or any other provincial legislation or Municipal By-Law. The Town's By-Law Enforcement Officer has issued tickets for violations under the Reopening Ontario Act which are subject to challenge through the courts. Under this delegation, the By-Law Enforcement Officer will be authorized to attend all legal proceedings in relation to tickets issued and make decisions on fines and penalties when appropriate.

Medical Tiered Response Enhancements: Council received a report from Tecumseh Fire Services on equipment required for service under the tiered medical response with Essex-Windsor Emergency Services (EMS). Under certain circumstances, Fire Services is dispatched with EMS units to calls for service where a patient has experienced cardiac or respiratory arrest. In these instances, the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief or Fire Prevention Officer are often one of the first to respond at the incident scene. In order to improve Tecumseh Fire Services response, Tecumseh Fire Services is redeploying medical equipment from one apparatus at each station to the Chief's and Deputy Chief's vehicles with an additional set of equipment to be purchased for the Fire Prevention Officer's vehicle. This equipment purchase has been provided for in the 2021 Fire Services budget. Additionally, Essex Windsor EMS provides a grant of \$1,000 for such equipment.

Fence By-Law: Council approved deviating from the Town's Fence By-Law for a fence replacement at Carita's Court at Brighton Road and Old Tecumseh Road. The project involves replacing the existing five (5) foot tall wood fence that is deteriorating with a seven (7) foot tall vinyl fence. The request allows for the higher fence to provide additional privacy and attenuation from light and noise generated by traffic and commercial uses in the vicinity of the complex.

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11957 Tecumseh Road: Council approved a Building and Property Improvement Grant to 11957 Tecumseh Road where construction of a three-storey, 32-unit apartment building is underway. The grant is to offset property tax increases associated with the development for a period of five years. The amount of the grant will be determined based on the incremental increase in the portion of property tax that would result from the development. The grant is expected to be in the order of \$146,760 in total over the five-year period.

Site Plan Agreement: Council approved site plan drawings for SCWI Enterprises/2545 North Talbot Road for construction of two industrial buildings, each having a building area of 1,352 square metres (14,552 square feet), along with associated on-site works such as parking spaces, curbing and stormwater management measures. The subject property is located in the Business Park designation of Oldcastle.

Zoning By-Law Amendment: Council adopted Zoning By-Law 85-18 following a public meeting held in 2020. The Zoning By-Law amendment has the effect of rezoning properties currently zoned Agricultural Zone (A) within identified settlement areas to a restrictive Agricultural Zone. This restrictive Agricultural Zone would allow agricultural uses with the exception of livestock intensive agricultural uses, mushroom operations and greenhouse operations. Small-scale, accessory greenhouses would continue to be permitted.

5605-5635 Roscon Drive: Council authorized a by-law executing a site plan agreement for construction of a 1,538 square metre (16,555 square foot) industrial building, along with associated on-site works, at Briadco Tool & Mould located on the west side of the southerly terminus of Roscon Industrial Drive (5605 and 5635 Roscon Industrial Drive) in Oldcastle. Council further authorized the merger of two properties into one for the purpose of the construction and the lifting of a holding zone to permit the development.

2021 Asphalt Paving Tender Award: Council approved the award of an asphalt paving contract to Coco Paving Inc. for the 2021 work, in the amount of \$956,300. The following streets are included in the 2021 Asphalt Paving Program:

- Baseline Road (11th Concession to City of Windsor)
- Estate Park (Talthorpe to Talthorpe)
- 8th Concession (County Road 46 to City of Windsor)
- Gauthier Drive (Little River to Cedarwood)
- Chene Court (Full Extent)
- Gouin Street (Herbert to Shawnee)

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- Lesperance Road (County Road 22 to Arbour)

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- Green Valley Drive (Tecumseh to Meadowland)
- Harvest Lane (Full Extent)
- St. Gregory's Road (Manning to Green Valley)

2021 Tar and Chip Program: Council approved the award of the annual Tar and Chip tender to Shepley Road Maintenance in the amount of \$198,050.

Manning Road Phase 2: Council approved an award for Phase 2 improvements to Manning Road to SheaRock Construction Group Inc. in the amount of \$4,467,500. The work includes underground servicing; enclosure and redirection of the East Townline Drain to the recently constructed Lakewood Park Channel; filling the existing drain; watermain replacement; and, construction of a new local storm sewer on the west side of Manning Road. Funding for this project will come from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and various Town Reserve funds.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at www.tecumseh.ca. The agenda for the Regular meeting will be made available on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

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2021 Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher program

The Town of Tecumseh, in partnership with local veterinary hospitals/clinics, is pleased to once again provide the Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program (Program) beginning

Wednesday, April 28, 2021. This Program is available to residents of the Town of Tecumseh, only.

In an effort to reduce the number of feral cats in the Town, Vouchers (valued at \$50 each) will be issued to sterilize cats.

Vouchers for owned cats are reserved for low-income families. A declaration of income will be required. A maximum of three (3) Vouchers will be issued where the cats are owned (3 available). For feral cat caregivers, a maximum of five (5) Vouchers will be issued (92 available), with no income restrictions.

Applications for the 2021 Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program are to be completed and submitted online via the Town's website. Vouchers will be issued electronically via email. Please note that Vouchers are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

Further Program details can be found at www.tecumseh.ca/catvoucher, or by contacting Ext. 143 or 101. The online application can be found at: www.tecumseh.ca/catvoucherapplication.

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