

Council Reports:

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May 5, 2021

Tecumseh seeking Applications for Rural Broadband Advisory Committee

The Town of Tecumseh is seeking four community members for a Rural Broadband Advisory Committee (Committee) approved at the Regular Meeting of Council on April 27, 2021. Applications are available now on the Town's website (www.tecumseh.ca/tecumsehruralbroadbandcommittee) with a deadline of Thursday, May 27, 2021. Applications will be considered for Committee members appointments at a Special Meeting of Council on June 8.

"Over the last year, across North America, we saw just how important strong virtual connections are," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "Despite the efforts of a number of service providers to connect areas of Town, we still have limited connectivity in rural areas. We hope that this Committee will assist Council in lobbying for better service in rural areas within Tecumseh."

The need for broadband connectivity has been increasing in the last 20 years and became more important than ever in 2020. In recent years there have been improvements to internet service however, there are still many areas of Tecumseh that are underserved. The Town's Strategic Plan includes an endorsement to advocate for broadband connectivity in areas of the municipality that are currently underserved.

The Committee will provide recommendations, advice and information to Council on matters related to broadband connectivity issues with the opportunity to enhance and augment any studies or proposals now and in the future. The Committee will work in collaboration with Council and Administration on developing a plan to identify possible solutions and programs to support enhanced connectivity in the Town.

The term of the Committee Members' appointments will coincide with the term of Council. Four at-large members, representative of resident, business and the community, are being sought. The Committee will meet at least quarterly with meetings conducted virtually where required.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the May 11, 2021 meetings of Council

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

Brouillette Manor: Council approved the Site Plan Control Agreement for the phased development of a new 5,408 square metre (58,211 square feet), 96 bed long term care facility and demolition of the existing facility on Brouillette Court. This facility will replace the existing 60 bed facility on the same site. Council also adopted a by-law amending the Zoning By-Law for a portion of the property from “Holding Community Facility Zone” to “Community Facility Zone” to allow the project to proceed. The project will be constructed in two phases with construction of part of the new facility (64 beds) first before demolishing the existing facility and completing construction of the remainder of the project (32 beds) and associated parking and landscaping.

11941 Tecumseh Road: Council approved the Site Plan Control Agreement for a new four storey, 38-unit apartment building at 11941 Tecumseh Road just west of Shawnee Road. The building will consist of 27 two-bedroom and 11 one-bedroom rental units. Council also approved two Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grants for the development. The first is a \$100,000 Development Charges grant, the maximum available, to be applied to total Development Charges of just over \$300,000. Council further approved a Building and Property Improvement Grant to offset municipal property tax increases associated with the development for a period of five years. The amount of the grant is 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 \$147,260 in total over the five-year period.

2020 Bridge and Culvert Needs Study: Council received a report on the 2020 Bridge and Culvert Needs study and approved prioritizing the recommended rehabilitation items in the Public Works and Environmental Services (PWES) 5-Year Capital Works Plan. Such studies are conducted at regular intervals, with the last one completed in 2018. The purpose of the study is to assess existing bridges and culverts with a span of greater than three metres in Town and recommend a plan for required improvements and maintenance in the next ten years. Eighteen (18) structures were assessed; the overall average assessment index value in 2020 is 78.4, indicating that the Town is maintaining its bridges and culverts in good condition. Two structures (#1028 East Townline Drain at St. Thomas Street Bridge and #1029 East Townline Drain at Little River Road Bridge) were identified with deficiencies requiring rehabilitation in the next one to five years and one structure (#1016 Collins Drain at Outer Drive) was identified with deficiencies requiring rehabilitation in the next six to ten years. These projects will be prioritized in the annual PWES Capital Works Plan.

Manning Road Pump Station-Fish Pond Inlet Repairs: Council approved the tender award of \$129,700 to SheaRock Construction Group for repairs to the Manning Road Pump Station-Fish Pond Inlet. At the Regular Meeting of Council on June 9, 2020, Council was advised that due to high lake levels and strong winds, the east bank of the fish pond at the Manning Road Pump Station has eroded. Council approved repairs as continued erosion could potentially undermine the stability of the fence and walkway causing safety risks to pedestrians.

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Annual West Nile Virus Mosquito Larvicide Program: Council received a report on the annual West Nile Virus Mosquito Larvicide Program. Since 2003, the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) has conducted a surveillance program for the West Nile Virus in Essex County. As the virus has been found in Essex County, the WECHU has determined that larviciding in mosquito breeding sites is prudent for this year. They have contracted GDG Canada to conduct this work. The Town has provided correspondence to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as well as GDG authorizing the application of larvicides in water bodies found to contain mosquito species known to transmit the West Nile Virus in the Town of Tecumseh.

Paramedics Week Banner: Council moved to waive the \$500 fee under the Town's Banner Policy for the Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services to place a banner over Tecumseh Road near Southfield Drive in recognition of Paramedics Services Week (May 23-29). The banner will be in place for three weeks from May 16 to June 6.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, May 25, 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, May 20, 2021.

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Council Connect: Highlights from the May 25, 2021 meetings of Council

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

Committee of the Whole

Urban Hens: Council received an interim update on the Town's two-year Urban Hens Pilot Project (Pilot) and approved amendments to By-law 2020-14 and the project Terms and Conditions. The Pilot began in March 2020 and 11 permits were issued for a total of 66 urban hens. In February of this year, the Town received complaints regarding one property and after following up with the owner, the Town revoked the owner's permit. There are now currently 10 permits with 60 backyard hens in Town. Based on the first year of experience, amendments were made to the by-law to strengthen enforcement and recovery of costs to remove hens or hen coops/runs in the event of a revocation of the permit. The amendment also provides for additional authorization to enter onto a property to inspect and issue orders to comply, authorize removal of hens and/or coop and run and to recover costs incurred as a result of these actions. Wording in the permit will be enhanced to clearly outline that costs incurred by the Town can be charged back to the owner should they be found to be in non-compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the program. The Pilot will run until April 2022 with a final report to Council after that date.

Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy: Council approved repealing the existing Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy #31 (Policy #31) and replacing it with a new updated policy. The update was the result of the Government of Ontario amendments to the Liquor Licence Act in 2019. Administration reviewed Policy #31 to ensure it would comply with the updated provincial regulations while also managing the Town's risk and liability. Designated properties where alcohol is permitted, within limits and with proper licences, include: Tecumseh Recreation Complex and Arena; St. Clair Beach Community Centre; Tecumseh Golden Age Club; Lakewood Park; Lacasse Park; and, McAuliffe Park. The updated policy now identifies restricted areas where alcohol may not be consumed or sold within designated properties. These restricted areas include: dressing rooms; washrooms; ice surfaces; sports fields and baseball diamonds. The policy further identifies event categories and events that will be permitted. The defined event categories are: Private Events (ex. showers, weddings, receptions and anniversaries); Public Events (ex. festivals and tournaments); and, Tailgate Events (ex. professional/semi-professional sports events). Events that are not permitted include bachelor(ette) parties, demonstrations and youth events where the majority of the attendees are less than 19 years of age. Risk management measures continue to be included in the policy such as the review of large public events by the Town's Special Event Resource Team (SERT) as well as the requirement for event organizers to prepare a Safety Plan. Steps an event organizer is required to take prior to holding an event will be provided by Parks and Recreation Services as well as a checklist of tasks to be completed before authorization of a rental.

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Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations: Council approved a new policy for Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations. As a result of the growth in popularity of Pickleball and increased use of outdoor tennis courts, Administration identified the need to establish guidelines for use of courts by clubs while ensuring the courts are available for community or recreational use. The policy establishes criteria for what defines a Tennis or Pickleball Club while outlining the application process for an organization to receive club designation along with the requirement for a formal agreement. The policy also outlines the responsibilities of the Town such as providing basic recreation level services of all courts and the scheduling of courts for club and public use. As well, the policy outlines the responsibility of the Club such as submitting a written request annually for the use of the courts as well as promoting the sport of Tennis and/or Pickleball.

Regular Meeting of Council

Tecumseh Police Services Board Response to Proposed Community Safety and Policing Act Regulations: Council received a report on the Tecumseh Police Services Board's Response to the proposed Community Safety and Policing Act Regulations and endorsed the comments for submission to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by June 7, 2021. In March 2019, the Government of Ontario passed the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). The CSPA is an opportunity to modernize policing and enhance community safety in Ontario. As part of the work to bring the Act into force, the Ministry of the Solicitor General is inviting comment on proposed regulations from all Chiefs of Police, the OPP Commissioner and Chairs of Police Service Boards by June 7, 2021. Accordingly, Christopher Hales, Chair of Tecumseh's Police Services Board, provided comments on the proposed regulation for the OPP Governance Advisory Council which were included in the report to Council and endorsed for submission to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Essex County OPP Detachment Board Composition: Council received a report on the Essex County OPP Detachment Board Composition and endorsed the two board model as the preferred composition for the Essex County OPP Detachment Board. In March 2021, the Ministry of the Solicitor General issued correspondence requesting submissions regarding detachment board composition for OPP police service detachment areas. Municipalities and First Nations were tasked with reaching consensus on a board detachment model for submission to the Province by June 7, 2021. A joint meeting was called for May 13 with the Chairs, Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers of all Essex County Section 10 Police Services Boards (PSBs), Pelee Township and the Caldwell First Nation invited. Meeting attendees consisted of representatives of Council, Administration and Section 10 PSBs from Lakeshore, Tecumseh, Essex, Kingsville, Leamington and Pelee Township. The meeting attendees agreed to recommend a two board model to their respective municipal Councils, consisting of a north shore PSB and a south shore PSB for the Essex County Detachment area. Municipal

Council endorsement of proposed detachment board composition is needed prior to submission to the

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Ministry of the Solicitor General. Submission is due by June 7 and will be made on behalf of the Essex County municipalities by Tecumseh Administration once all Councils have considered the proposed two-board model.

11865 Tecumseh Road: Council approved two Community Improvement Program (CIP) grants for the property located at 11865 Tecumseh Road (southeast corner of Tecumseh Road and Southfield Drive). The first grant is for \$10,000—the maximum amount permitted—under the Parking Area Grant. The second is \$1,680 under the Planning Application and Permit Fee Grant for the permit fees to complete the work. The owner previously received \$3,000 under the Planning Design and Architectural Grant Program and \$15,000 under the Building Façade Grant Program for improvements to the property.

11977 Tecumseh Road: Council approved \$3,000 under the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Architectural Grant Program for building and façade and parking area improvements to the property located at the southwest corner of Tecumseh and Shawnee Roads. The property is slated to become Kona Sushi.

Proposed New North Shore Elementary School: Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on June 22, 2021 to amend the Tecumseh Official Plan and St. Clair Beach Zoning By-law 2065 for portions of property on Tecumseh Road to be re-designated from “Residential” to “Community Facility” and rezoning it from “Residential Type Two Zone (R2)” to “Institutional Zone (I)”. The application submitted by the Greater Essex County District School Board is for the eastern 0.6 hectare (1.48 acre) portion (13810 and 13814 Tecumseh Road) of a 2.33 hectare (5.75 acre) parcel of land (13800, 13810 and 13814 Tecumseh Road) situated on the north side of Tecumseh Road, approximately 60 metres (200 feet) west of its intersection with Arlington Boulevard and will be home to the future North Shore Elementary School should the applications be approved.

Tecumseh New Official Plan: Council endorsed the County of Essex modifications to the Council-adopted Tecumseh Official Plan. The County of Essex Planning Manager put forward 15 proposed modifications grouped into four policy areas: Additional Residential Units; Water Resources and Hazard Land Policies; Indigenous Consultations; and, Other Minor Modifications. The report outlined the proposed modifications with comments from Administration. Council reviewed the items and provided endorsement. The County Planning Manager will now provide a recommendation to County Council to approve the Town of Tecumseh New Official Plan as adopted by Town Council with the noted modifications. Subsequent to the approval, notice of the decision will be provided by the County and appeal rights will be available in accordance with provisions of the Planning Act.

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Re-opening of Tecumseh Skate Park

In accordance with the Ontario government's Roadmap to Reopen and allowing outdoor recreational amenities to reopen, the Tecumseh Skate Park will reopen on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. Skate park users will be 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 and be required to keep a minimum distance of 2 m (6 ft) from each other.

"We know the Skate Park is a very popular outdoor amenity and we are happy to re-open it for use," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We encourage users to follow all public health guidelines in place, respect the direction of staff on site and avoid using the park during peak times."

The skate park will be open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday / Sunday from 8 am 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.

"Our Recreation Staff continues to monitor Ontario regulations and 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. "Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Services are working to prepare other facilities for re-opening, including splash pads and the leisure pool and we will inform the public when these facilities are available for use. In the meantime, we continue to urge users of all of all our parks 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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Tecumseh Splash Pads to Open on Monday, May 31

In accordance with the Government of Ontario's decision on outdoor recreational facilities, the Town of Tecumseh's two Splash Pads will reopen on Monday, May 31, 2021. Daily hours of operation are 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Use of all outdoor recreation facilities in Town is at the user's risk.

The Splash Pads are located at:

St. Mary's Park McAuliffe Park

12020 County Road # 34 2391 St. Alphonse Street

"We are pleased to have the ability to open our two splash pads this year to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We continue to stress the importance on being vigilant in following public health guidelines and social distancing practices at all of our outdoor recreation facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

Signage will be posted at each of the splash pads indicating COVID-19 safe play recommendations. These include:

- Do not participate if you:
 - o Are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19
 - o Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19
 - o Are considered vulnerable or at risk
- Leave at least 2 metres of space between yourself and others at all times.
- A maximum of 10 people at one time on the splash pad surface. Please respect these limits.
- Wash/Sanitize your hands and toys/equipment before and after using the splash pad.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer
- Avoid sharing toys or equipment with individuals outside of your household.
- If you cough or sneeze, do so in a tissue.
- Avoid touching your face.
- When possible activate the water feature button with your elbow.

"We thank the community for their patience as we prepared these facilities for reopening and thank them in advance for adhering to the posted rules for safe play, in particular the maximum capacity for the facility" said Paul Anthony, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Our priority remains the health and safety of our community and staff."

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May 31, 2021

Tecumseh Lowers Flags in Memory of Residential Schoolchildren and Families

The Town of Tecumseh has joined communities across Canada in lowering the Canadian Flag at Town Hall, Lakewood Park and both Fire Halls. The move is to honour the 215 bodies of children found at the site of a former Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia.

“There are no words to capture the devastating loss to the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation community and all First Nation Peoples across Canada,” said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. “Our hearts go out to the families of the children lost.”

The flag at the Peace Tower in Ottawa was lowered to half-mast today and the Department of Canadian Heritage requested flags at all federal buildings and establishments across Canada be lowered until further notice in memory of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools, for those who never returned and in honour of the families whose lives were forever changed.

The Government of Canada has set up a National Indian Residential School Crisis Line to provide support to former residential school students and those affected. The support provides emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419.

The Windsor-Essex branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association also provides emergency Mental Health services through their 24/7 Community Crisis Services at 519-973-4435.

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