

Council Reports:

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May 25, 2021

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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Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Council Connect: Highlights from the June 8, 2021 meetings of Council

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

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: Council received an update on the regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan. The update follows public consultation held by the regional team with residents across Essex County. 54 Tecumseh residents responded to the online survey and 14 attended the virtual open house. Responses indicated that the top priorities in Tecumseh are: Housing and Neighbourhoods; Education; and, Financial Security and Employment. Tecumseh residents' comments included in the presentation to Council outlined a request for more affordable housing and more signs/public service announcements reminding people where to walk, bike and park—especially where there are no sidewalks. The regional team will be finalizing the report with an expected deadline in November 2021.

Retail Cannabis Stores: Council received a follow up report from the April 13, 2021 meeting where they moved to reconsider their earlier decision to opt out of retail cannabis in Town. At this evening's meeting, Council heard from the Ontario Cannabis Store which is a Crown Corporation of the Ontario Government. The presentation outlined how retail cannabis is managed in Ontario and the delegation answered questions of Council members. The report from Administration included information on provincial and regional retail cannabis, including available statistical data. A letter from the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit was also considered. Council voted to opt-in/allow retail cannabis in Town.

Rural Broadband Committee: Council received a report on the applications for the Town's Rural Broadband Committee and selected four individuals from the six applications received to be appointed to the Committee. The Clerks Department will notify the selected members and prepare a by-law for the next Council meeting to formally appoint the members for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Fire Route Designation on Marine Drive: Council adopted By-Law 2021-47 to execute agreements between Essex Condo Corporations 21, 27 and 40 to designate Marine Drive as a Fire Route. This By-Law follows a request from the Condo Corporations in March 2021 related to concerns about parking on both sides of Marine Drive which severely constrains road passage at times. Representatives from Public Works and Environmental Services and Fire Services inspected the area and Fire Services provided an opinion that the road should have a fire designation to ensure emergency services have adequate space to access residences. The designation restricts all parking in the area and Public Works will install signs accordingly.

Essex Power Proxyholder: Council approved the appointment of Mayor McNamara as the appointed proxyholder for the Town to cast the shareholder's (Town's) votes at the upcoming Essex Power Corporation 2021 Shareholders' Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Tom Burton is the alternate should the Mayor be absent from the meeting.

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Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation: Council adopted By-Law 2021-44 to authorize the

Director of Financial Services and the Mayor to execute an Amending Agreement between the Town and the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation. The agreement relates to funds the Town borrowed to

finance the North Talbot Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area construction costs. Charges have been imposed on property owners benefitting from the provision of sanitary sewers in the North Talbot Road Sanitary Sewer

Outlet Area under By-Law 2011-103 passed in 2011. The original agreement was amended in July 2017 with a termination date of June 30, 2021. The agreement will be extended to December 31, 2021 in order

to complete landowner financing arrangements.

Briday Development/Former Victoria School Site: Council received a report on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments for the 2.29 hectare (5.66 acre) parcel of land situated on the South Side of Dillon Drive approximately 40 metres east of the intersection with St. Pierre Street (12433 Dillon Drive and

Former McColl Street Right of Way). Following discussion on the matter, Council moved to defer consideration of the application and directed staff to discuss with the proponent a reduction in height to a

maximum of 2 storeys as well as overall reduction in density of the development with a report back to Council as soon as possible.

Signage Inventory and Assessment: Council received a report on a community sign inventory and assessment conducted within the Town in 2020 and approved including the recommendations in the Annual Roads Budget. The inventory and assessment project was undertaken as a result of inquiries about

replacement of some aged signs and requests for new signs at various entry points to the Town. The report

outlined that the Town has 26 entrance/welcoming signs with 21 in good condition, three in fair condition

and two in poor condition. As a result, the signs on Brighton Road at the VIA Rail tracks and Tecumseh Road at Pike Creek will be replaced and a new sign will be installed on County Road 9 at South Talbot Road. An additional sign was requested for County Road 8 and Manning Road.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, June 22, 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, June 17, 2021.

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Friday, June 11, 2021

In Person Recreation Programs

In accordance with the Province of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen, the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Department will begin offering some in-person, outdoor recreational programs for youth, adults and seniors beginning Saturday, June 26. No summer day camps are offered in 2021 however some weekly outdoor youth activities will be offered under provincial Roadmap guidelines.

"We are pleased to offer modified programming again this summer," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "Our goal is to keep residents active while adhering to public health guidelines and working within the provincial Roadmap. We thank the community for their patience and hope our residents take advantage of activities our team has put together."

The offerings include a variety of fitness, aquatic and artistic programs for youth, adults and seniors and will include: Power Off and Play, Urban Poling and Chair Fitness, Paint in the Park and Learn to Swim. In lieu of the summer day camp, some weekly outdoor youth activities including Jr. Firefighters, Taekwon Do and Learn to Bike will be incorporated. Participant numbers will be reflective of the Provincial Roadmap guidelines, which is currently a maximum gathering of ten (10). As the region moves through the next steps of the reopening, participant numbers will increase accordingly.

All program offerings will be posted on the dedicated recreation site: www.TecumsehRec.ca. Advance registration is required and may be done through the site or by calling the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation office at (519) 735-4756. The recreation office at the Arena remains closed and no walk-in registrations are permitted. Please log in to update and/or create an account in advance of registration.

Additional programs and activities will be added throughout the summer with updates and information shared on the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Facebook (TecumsehRec) and Twitter (@TecumsehRec) pages. Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events is available at www.tecumseh.ca, Twitter (@TownofTecumseh), and Facebook (www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh).

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Friday, June 18, 2021

Tecumseh Leisure Pool set to open July 3

The Tecumseh Leisure Pool will reopen on Saturday, July 3, 2021 with protocols in place under the Province of Ontario's "Roadmap to Reopening". The Pool is located within Lacasse Park at 590 Lacasse Boulevard and is an outdoor, seasonal facility offering Learn to Swim lessons and recreational swims.

"We are very excited to open the pool this year after having to remain closed last summer," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We know how important it is for our young people to learn to swim and we are pleased to be offering our Learn to Swim program this summer."

Pool capacity for both recreational swims and lessons will be reduced this year and measures have been implemented to help ensure a safe return to water play. Public recreational swims will be offered daily including Tot Time, Adult Lengths, Aquafit and Family Swims. Swimming lessons offered for 2021 include Parent & Tot, Preschool, and Learn to Swim as well as Leadership Programs that prepare swimmers to become lifeguards and swim instructors. Anyone wishing to register for recreational swims or lessons must register in advance via: www.TecumsehRec.ca.

Visitors to the pool are encouraged to view the "Return to the Pool" video on www.Tecumseh.ca or the Tecumseh Recreation Service Facebook page that details what to expect when attending the Tecumseh Leisure Pool for swim lessons or a recreational swim.

"We thank the community for their patience as we work to reopen recreational facilities this year," said Paul Anthony, Director of Parks and Recreation. "We ask those planning to visit the leisure pool to watch our Return to the Pool video before attending the facility to ensure they are familiar with the new rules in place to keep everyone safe while enjoying the water."

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Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Council Connect: Highlights from the June 22, 2021 meetings of Council

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Committee of the Whole

Rodent Control Subsidy—Summary of Municipal Programs: Council received a report summarizing Rodent Control Subsidy programs offered by other municipalities in Ontario and heard from two delegations on their experience with rodents on their property. The report follows a motion by Council in January 2021 requesting that Administration review other municipal rodent control programs and report back. The report summarized programs offered in Windsor, St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Lincoln, the Region of Peel and a program formerly offered by Sault Ste. Marie. Council directed Administration to prepare a report for Council's consideration on a Rodent Abatement Subsidy Program, including potential funding in the 2022 Budget, and staff resources.

Procedure By-Law Review: Council accepted recommended revisions to the Procedure By-Law (2020-13) put forward by the Procedure By-Law Review Subcommittee. The by-law governs the proceedings of Council and its committees/local boards, the conduct of members and the calling of meetings. Recommended revisions include: allowing for electronic participation when there is not a declared emergency, proxy voting for members, implementation of an electronic voting module, and provisions for delegation speaking time and Council communications.

Open-Air Burning By-Law: Council received a report on the review of the Town's Open-Air Burning By-Law and approved an amending by-law during the Regular Council Meeting. The Open-Air Burning By-Law establishes what is permitted to be burned and requirements for backyard fires. Since the by-law was originally adopted, calls for service to Tecumseh Fire Services revealed the need for more clearly defined permitted activities, restrictions with respect to the location of open-air fires and enforcement options to better address violations of the terms of the by-law. The recommended changes include more clearly defined terms, including the addition of leaves and grass as prohibited materials, and the addition of a minimum four (4) metre setback from structures, fences and property lines. The proposed changes also include the ability to lay a ticket and ensuring residents know what the potential fines are when they contravene the by-law, with the intent always being education prior to enforcement.

Public Meeting of Council

Proposed New North Shore Elementary School: Council held a public meeting to hear public comment on the proposed amendments 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. Administration will bring a final report and recommendation to Council at a later date on the matter summarizing public comment.

Regular Meeting of Council

Grant Funding Update: Council received a report from Financial Services about grant funding provided to date from the Federal and Provincial Governments in support of municipal operations impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs and eligible funding announced to date for Tecumseh totals \$1,697,289 through the following programs: Safe Restart—Municipal Stream (\$788,100); Safe Restart—Transit Stream (\$106,432); Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID 19 Stream (\$342,607); 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities (\$449,850) and the Fire Safety Grant (\$10,300). Subject to qualification by and award to the Town, funds will go to offset operating costs and financial impact due to the pandemic.

Windsor Dispatch Services: Council received a report on the dispatch services provided to Tecumseh Fire Services by the City of Windsor and approved continuing to receive dispatch services from Windsor. The dispatch services are provided for a fee and the agreement expired in January 2020. A new agreement was provided by Windsor in May 2021 and has been reviewed by Administration and the Town's Solicitor. The agreement covers services retroactive to January 2020 and the fee for 2021 remains the same as 2019 and 2020. The fee will increase in 2022 from \$1.85 per capita to \$1.94 and the increased cost of approximately \$2,091 will be requested in the Fire Services Operating Budget.

5648 North Talbot Road: Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on July 27, 2021 to amend the Sandwich South Zoning By-Law 85-18 by rezoning a 0.78 hectare (1.93 acre) property situated on the north side of North Talbot Road approximately 110 metres (360 feet) west of its intersection with the 9th Concession Road from "Agricultural Zone (A-33)" to "Hamlet Residential Zone (RH)" in order to facilitate the creation of one new residential lot and the future construction of one single-unit dwelling.

Briday Development/Former Victoria School Site: Council received a follow up report on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments for the 2.29 hectare (5.66 acre) parcel of land situated on the South Side of Dillon Drive approximately 40 metres east of the intersection with St. Pierre Street (12433 Dillon Drive and Former McColl Street Right of Way). This follows the deferral of a decision on this matter at the June 8, 2021 meeting and the direction to Administration to discuss with the proponent a reduction in height to a maximum of 2 storeys as well as overall reduction in density of the development. On June 15, the owner provided a revised plan for the development which removed the third-storey on the stacked townhouse in the centre of the proposed development. This change reduces the number of units in that building to 16 from 24 and the overall total units to 55 from 63. The overall density of the development is now 26 units per hectare from 29. The owner also removed 10 parking spaces and increased the landscape open space to 55.9%. Council approved the development, with these revised changes. The development will also be subject to site plan control, approval of which will be considered at a future meeting of Council.

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Riverside Drive Trail: Council received a report outlining the final review and recommendations on the Riverside Drive Trail. This report follows a Special Meeting of Council held on April 8, 2021. At that meeting, it was agreed that an additional public consultation period would be held with details on the project posted on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform for comment. The Town received 168 comments from 63 members of the public on PlaceSpeak. Of the 63 members, 23 had participated in the Special Meeting on April 8 by either submitting written comments or appearing as a delegation. Administration also received 18 emails from 16 members of the public and of those submissions, nine (9) had posted comments on Placespeak and eight (8) had participated in the Special Meeting of Council on April 8 by either submitting written comments or appearing as a delegation. The comments were provided to the Town's consultants for review and response. The consultants provided a follow-up letter and presentation to Council regarding the public input. The consultant recommendation remained consistent to proceed with the detailed design and construction of a 2.4m – 3.0m wide asphalt, in-boulevard multi-use pathway along the south side of Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road. Council adopted the recommendation of the development of the trail along the south side of Riverside Drive and directed that the project proceed to detailed design with a report back to Council on completion of detailed design. The detailed design process will include discussions with utility companies and individual property owners who have landscaping or irrigation systems within the Town's right-of-way or where the Town may require property or easements.

Retail Cannabis Stores: Council approved a motion to have Administration develop a policy to expand on the limited restrictions imposed by the province for the protection of the Town's vulnerable populations and sensitive land uses such as daycares, parks and youth and mental health centres to further influence the location of retail cannabis stores. This was recommended by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU), and with their consultation, a proposed policy will be developed and provided to Council for consideration at the next Policies and Priorities Committee meeting. The motion follows the decision at the June 8, 2021 where Council voted to opt-in/allow retail cannabis in Town.

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Town Of Tecumseh Holiday Hours for Canada Day

TOWN HALL

The Town of Tecumseh offices will be closed on Thursday, July 1 to celebrate the Canada Day holiday.

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 new main entrance on Lesperance Road – please clearly include your contact information (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 Canada Day. Information on the transit bus schedule and route map is available on the Town's website.

RECYCLING & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Garbage Collection is moved to Friday, July 2, 2021 due to the Canada Day Holiday.

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Monday, June 28, 2021

Tecumseh to Celebrate Modified Canada Day

The Town of Tecumseh will celebrate a modified Canada Day this year with several unique activities for residents and families to celebrate Canada's 154th Birthday. The activities are in keeping with the Province of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen and in lieu of an in-person event.

"We are excited to once again be offering a slate of unique activities that are in line with public health guidelines for Canada Day," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "Our Parks and Recreation Department has put together a great line up for the community and I encourage everyone to not only participate in the events, but also gather safely within provincial guidelines as we continue to move towards full vaccination and a great summer."

The events are listed on the dedicated webpage: <http://www.tecumseh.ca/CanadaDay2021> and include:

- Virtual Fireworks: in partnership with Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island, download the snapd app to view the fireworks <https://visitwindsorsex.com/CanadaDay/>
- Show Your Canadian Pride: submit a photo of your house and/or family decorated/wearing the Maple Leaf for Canada Day and get a chance to win a prize. Photos will not be shared publicly and entries can be submitted via <https://forms.tecumseh.ca/Parks-and-Recreation/Canada-Day-Pride>
- Colouring Contest: submit an original drawing or choose to colour a downloadable colour page that will be displayed at Lakewood Park on July 1 enter the draw for a chance to win some great prizes.
- Take Home Activities: a select number of take home kits will be offered with registration in advance to be picked up and taken home. Register to pick up your kit at www.TecumsehRec.ca.
- Pop-Up In-Person Activities: Tecumseh Recreation staff will be stopping in at some local parks on Canada Day to conduct random activities within public health guidelines.

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