

For Immediate Release

Friday, July 2, 2021

### Phase 2 of Manning Road Improvements Set to Begin

The Town of Tecumseh has awarded an approximately \$4.5 million contract to Shea Rock Construction for Phase 2 of Manning Road improvements. Construction will begin Monday, July 5, 2021 and will be substantially complete in early 2022.

“We are very excited to be getting started on the next phase of the improvements to Manning Road,” said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. “This project is part of the broader plan for the area to improve transportation infrastructure, support flood mitigation and remove the drain along the west side of Manning Road.”

Construction of Phase 1 was completed in 2014 which included the construction of the storm pump station and associated facilities, and the reconstruction of a section of Riverside Drive (Manning Road to Christy Lane), including the roundabout at the Manning Road/Riverside Drive intersection. The improvements accommodated pedestrians, cyclists and included urban design features to create an aesthetically pleasing gateway into Lakewood Park.

Phase 2 will include the enclosure and redirection of the East Townline Drain into the recently constructed Lakewood Park channel; filling in the existing open drain on the west side of Manning Road; watermain replacement along Little River Boulevard from Manning Road to Grace Road and along St. Thomas Street from Manning Road to Green Valley Drive; and, the construction of a new local storm sewer on the west side of Manning Road. Both the enclosure/redirection of the East Townline Drain into the Lakewood Park channel are recommended works from the Tecumseh Storm Drainage Master Plan which was previously approved under the Municipal Class EA process.

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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

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

Committee of the Whole

**Parking Ticket Appeal Committee:** Council approved the establishment of a Parking Ticket Appeal Committee comprised of three staff to hear and consider parking ticket appeals. Traffic enforcement and ticket processing are currently conducted by the Tecumseh OPP. New legislation has been passed and when proclaimed, it is anticipated that the OPP will no longer process tickets issued under the Town's Traffic By-Law. The Committee will provide a simple and convenient process to allow persons inclined to challenging the parking ticket to appeal tickets issued under the Traffic By-Law locally, prior to the legal option of taking the ticket to trial. The process will reduce time in administering trial requests, issuing notices of convictions, collection of set fines, as well as Officer's time in court and legal fees for attending trial. A by-law to create the Committee will be prepared for Council's consideration and adoption at a forthcoming Regular Meeting of Council.

**Purchasing By-Law and Policy Update:** Council received a report on recommended updates to the Purchasing By-Law (2017-63) and policy. The current by-law was approved in 2017 with a complete periodic review planned for 2022. In advance of the complete review, Administration has proposed updates for specific items following legislation changes since 2017, including changes in contract approval authority, changes in exemptions to the by-law and policy, updates to staff responsibilities as well as changes to evaluation of bids and awards.

Regular Meeting of Council

**2020 Strategic Priorities Report Out:** Council received a Report Out on the accomplishments of the 2019-2022 Strategic Priorities in 2020. Strategic Priorities are identified by Council at the beginning of each term, reviewed periodically for updates and incorporated into all municipal work-plans. The final report on accomplishments for 2020 is available online at: [www.tecumseh.ca/strategicpriorities](http://www.tecumseh.ca/strategicpriorities).

**Town Owned Vacant Land:** Council received a report on a request to purchase greenspace lands on Tecumseh Road abutting Optimist Park. The lands for Optimist Park, and surrounding it, were acquired by the former Village of St. Clair Beach to allow for future expansion of, and access to, Optimist Park. Administration reviewed the request to purchase the lands and recommended that the lands not be declared surplus for sale. Considerations included that the land was valuable for access in the future; it could adversely affect full optimization of future improvements to the complex that includes the library and the park in the future; selling it may create interest from other owners to purchase; and, it would set a precedent on the sale. Council declined the request to make the lands surplus with no sale authorized.

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Noise By-Law Exemption: Council approved two noise by-law exemptions for Sunday, July 18 and Saturday, August 7 at St. Charbel Antonin Maronite Catholic Church at 5700 Outer Drive. The exemptions were required for two weddings/receptions at the site on each date and are for the hours of 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The approval is granted on the conditions that the events be held in accordance with Ontario's Roadmap to Reopening and the applicants must notify adjacent residents. The OPP will monitor for complaints and noise outside the designated hours.

High Water Rescue Vehicle: Council approved the purchase of a High Water Rescue Vehicle (HWRV) for \$130,678 (USD) plus HST from Acela Inc. This vehicle is equipped to carry people or equipment while operating in depths that exceed operational ability for normal highway vehicles. Typically, HWRVs have the ability to go through water depths of 900mm (36 inches). With the maximum depths of inland flooding in Town (based on the 100 year lake level) at approximately 1,200 mm (48 inches), the Town conducted research to find a HWRV that would accommodate the increased depths the Town could experience. Acela Inc. produces a HWRV which can operate in depths of 1,250 mm (50 inches) which would provide safe access to properties in Tecumseh in the event of a flooding emergency. The vehicle is designed to carry 17 people with space for wheelchairs and includes a power lift gate to aid in loading and unloading. There are no Canadian manufacturers for this type of vehicle and it will take approximately four to five months to complete production. At the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, funding was authorized for the purchase.

11977 Tecumseh Road: Council approved two grants totalling \$23,750 under the Tecumseh Road Community Improvement Plan for Building Façade (\$15,000) and Parking (\$8,750) Improvements at 11977 Tecumseh Road operating as Kona Sushi. Council further adopted a by-law for an encroachment agreement to allow for an outdoor patio on the eastern side of the building abutting Shawnee Road.

3075 Manning Road: Council adopted a site plan control by-law for 3075 Manning Road to accommodate a second drive thru lane at the Tim Horton's. The property is located just south of County Road 42.

1441 Shawnee Road: Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on July 27, 2021 to consider a Zoning By-Law amendment for 1441 Shawnee Road. The owner of the property previously received provisional consent to sever the property on the condition that the property be rezoned to facilitate the construction of a semi-detached residential dwelling on the newly created lot fronting onto Brouillette. The retained lot that fronts onto Shawnee is rezoned to establish a new minimum lot area.

Zoning By-Law Amendment: Council adopted an amendment to St. Clair Beach Zoning By-Law 2065 for portions of property on Tecumseh Road to be re-designated Community Facility and rezoned to an institutional zone. These amendments will accommodate the new North Shore Elementary School and follows a public meeting on June 22, 2021.

Tecumseh Road On-Street Parking: Council approved the implementation of on-street parking on both sides of Tecumseh Road from Shawnee Road to Bedell Street within the Community Improvement Area and authorized \$30,000 from the Road Lifecycle Reserve for the work. The decision follows a motion from

Council directing Administration to look at the feasibility of adding on-street parking on Tecumseh Road to replace 26 off-street parking spaces from Municipal Lot #2 which were lost when Council declined to renew the lease with the property owner. Dillon Consulting Inc. examined the reconfiguration of travel lanes by converting one eastbound and one westbound lane between Shawnee Road and Bedell Street until the full reconstruction of Tecumseh Road is completed as part of the Community Improvement Plan Streetscape project. The examination identified 64 on-street spaces (37 on the north side and 27 on the south side of Tecumseh) with traffic signal modifications required for the intersections at Lesperance and Shawnee. Dillon further recommended turning the eastbound right lane on Tecumseh Road at Shawnee into a right turn lane and terminating this lane at the Shawnee Intersection. This interim parking configuration will result in a total of 126 parking spaces in the Tecumseh Road corridor, up from 89 previously. With this decision, Administration will put together the design and tender a contract for the work with expected implementation later this year. Full details on the changes will be shared publicly before work gets underway.

Source Protection Annual Progress Report: Council heard from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) regarding progress on the Essex Region Source Protection Plan in 2020. The Essex Region Source Protection Plan (SPP) is a local watershed-based plan for the protection of drinking water supplies. The Essex Region SPP was developed by a local Source Protection Committee in consultation with municipalities, community groups and residents and came into effect on October 1, 2015. The SPP contains policies to ensure that identified risks are prohibited or managed in a way that protects our drinking water. An annual report is mandated by the Plan and the 2020 Source Protection Annual Progress Report outlines that achievement on SPP objectives this reporting period received the top rating of 'Progressing Well/On Target' as the majority of the SPP policies have been implemented and/or are in progress and on target to be fully implemented within the timeframe specified in the SPP.

Rail Safety and Improvement Program: Council approved the preparation of a by-law to execute an agreement with Transport Canada for funds awarded under the Rail Safety Implementation Program (RSIP). The Town applied to the program in July 2020 to cover costs of improvements to the VIA Rail/Lesperance Road rail crossing. In May 2021, Transport Canada announced \$21 million in funding for rail safety improvements across Canada which includes works in Tecumseh. Council also authorized a change in project scope to include enhancements to the streetscape along the west side of Lesperance from the tracks to First Street. Overall project costs, including enhancements, are estimated at \$2M, with just over \$1M in funding for the rail project from the RSIP.

Mobile Food Vendors: Council passed a motion directing Administration to research regulations on licensing and operation of mobile food vendors and to draft a regulatory framework for consideration at an upcoming Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

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Thursday, July 15, 2021

### Tecumseh Council and CUPE Ratify New Collective Agreements

Tecumseh, ON – The Town of Tecumseh and CUPE Locals 702.1 (Outside Full-time Workers), 702.2 and 702.5 (Inside Full and Part-time Workers) reached tentative agreements on June 23, 2021. The agreements were reached following negotiations held by virtual meetings.

The agreements were ratified by the CUPE Locals on June 30, 2021, and Tecumseh Council on July 13, 2021.

The collective agreements are for a four-year term, covering the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024, and include a wage increase of 1.5% in the first year (effective January 1, 2021), as well as benefit improvements. A wage adjustment of 2% follows in each of the years 2022 to 2024. The previous agreements expired December 31, 2020.

“Town staff do extremely important work, and the past year and a half have shown us just how resilient and adaptable they are. Despite the threats of pandemic and flooding, staff have continued to serve our residents and maintain all of our services,” said Mayor Gary McNamara. “On behalf of Council, we are happy that fair and equitable agreements have been reached amicably, that balance with the present economic uncertainty.”

David Doyon, President CUPE 702 said: “CUPE and The Town of Tecumseh have an excellent working relationship with mutual respect and a common goal to provide the residents of Tecumseh with the best public service possible. We look forward to continuing to work together over the next 4 years.”

CUPE represents 54 municipal workers who provide public services to approximately 24,000 residents in the Town of Tecumseh. The workers include parks and recreation, water and public works, financial, clerical and administrative services, as well as information technology, engineering, planning, by-law enforcement and building technical services.

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Friday, July 16, 2021

### Tecumseh Service Update for Step 3 Reopening

The Town of Tecumseh has begun the process to reopen facilities for in-person services in accordance with the Province of Ontario's Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen. This includes the graduated reopening of Town Hall, the Tecumseh Recreation Complex and Arena and other amenities. Openings will be within public health guidelines and a summary of what is open is set out below and on the Town's website ([www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca)). Requirements such as pre-screening and safety plans prior to visiting/using the facilities are also outlined.

"We are happy that Ontario is moving to Step 3 earlier than expected, however reopening requires a number of measures be completed to ensure safe operation for both visitors and staff," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "We appreciate the desire to access in-person services and facilities and we ask for patience as we move forward. We will continue to share information on our website and social media as services are available."

#### Current Status of Town Facilities

Customer Service is available by phone (519-735-2184) or email ([info@tecumseh.ca](mailto:info@tecumseh.ca)), Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30. Visit [www.tecumseh.ca/contact](http://www.tecumseh.ca/contact) for a full telephone directory. Appointment-based visits set out below are subject to COVID pre-screening.

Licensing and Information: Marriage License, Dog Tag and Urban Hen Applications, Freedom of Information Request Forms, and Cat Spay/Neuter Vouchers are available on the Town's website. In person services will be provided by appointment only. Please call 519-735-2184 Ext. 101 to schedule an appointment.

Tax Payments: Tax payments may be made through your financial institution, by secure mail drop box at Town Hall or by preauthorized payment (<https://forms.tecumseh.ca/Financial-Services/PAP>).

Community Programming: Tecumseh Recreation is continuing to offer a variety of fitness and artistic programs for youth, adults and seniors in our community parks and facilities. Participant numbers are reflective of the Provincial Roadmap guidelines, instructor requirements and available facility space. To view available programs and to register visit [www.TecumsehRec.ca](http://www.TecumsehRec.ca).

Leisure Pool: Learn to Swim programs are currently offered reflective of the Provincial Roadmap guidelines and based on current staffing levels. Recreational swims, including Tot Time, Adult Lengths, Aquafit and Family Swims are available daily based with physical distancing measures within the pool area and staffing requirements. Advanced registration is required to attend any scheduled recreational swim.

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Recreational swims are posted weekly on [www.TecumsehRec.ca](http://www.TecumsehRec.ca) where individuals can register to reserve

a time to swim. All visitors of the Tecumseh Leisure Pool are encouraged to watch the Return to the Pool video prior to attending the facility. (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2938708879705723>)

Arena: The Tecumseh Arena will be open for ice rentals starting on Tuesday August 3rd. Reservations for ice rentals will be considered based on ice time availability and rentals will be required to strictly follow the

Provincial regulations regarding indoor recreational facilities. The Community Rooms located within the Tecumseh Recreation Complex & Arena (Centre Ice Room and Horwood Room) will be available for use with a rental permit starting in September 2021. Customer service is available by phone (519-735-4756) or

email ([recreation@tecumseh.ca](mailto:recreation@tecumseh.ca)), Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 for registrations, rentals and questions on facilities. In-person services by appointment where necessary.

Community Recreational Facilities: The Optimist Community Centre is available to use with a rental permit. Groups using the community centre are required to submit a COVID-19 Safety Plan and adhere to

current Provincial and Local health guidelines. Park Pavilions are available for use with a rental permit and

with a maximum capacity of 30 individuals. Ten picnic tables will be provided for all scheduled pavilion rentals. To view availability for Community Rooms or to reserve the use of a park pavilion, visit [www.TecumsehRec.ca](http://www.TecumsehRec.ca) or call the Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (519) 735-4756.

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Details:

Where – Tecumseh Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road (front parking area)

When – Friday, July 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Please note the announcement is being held outdoors however public health guidelines are in effect. All attendees are asked to keep a 2 metre (6 foot) distance and wear a mask. If you are ill or have been in contact with someone who has been exposed to COVID-19, we kindly request that you refrain from attending the announcement.

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## Government of Canada Supports On-Demand Transit Services in Tecumseh

Today, Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh, joined Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara to announce \$27,150 in funding for a one year pilot project for On Demand Transit in the Town of Tecumseh. The funding comes from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) and will be used for software and implementation of the pilot project.

“Investing in modern public transit systems is essential to building the healthy, sustainable communities of tomorrow,” said Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh. “This project is a great example of our government’s commitment to working with our partners to build infrastructure that connects our communities and makes it easier for residents to access the services they need.”

“We are pleased that the Government of Canada has provided the funds to get started on this pilot project,” said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. “We are excited to be the first municipality in Windsor-Essex to introduce on-demand service. As an alternative service delivery we have the potential to reach more people, provide enhanced service and potentially extend service into areas of the Town that were previously not serviced.”

On-demand transit service uses computer algorithms in response to service requests to develop instantaneous routing. As a result, in times and areas with lower demand for transit, stops can be served more efficiently as the bus goes directly to where and when people are waiting, instead of following a pre-planned route and schedule. The requests for service are made through an app on a smartphone and handled almost instantaneously. A phone-in service request option will also be available for those without access to a smartphone.

With this funding, the Town will move forward with securing a service provider to begin implementation. Establishing the service is expected to take approximately 12 weeks with the pilot project to be in place for 12 months. The service will launch later this fall and there will be no impact to fares. A report to Council evaluating the pilot program will be provided after the one year project, at which time consideration could be given to it being implemented permanently. Full details on the service will be provided once it is operational.

The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) is a \$31 million Government of Canada application-based grant program intended to support communities in adapting spaces and services to respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. Improving mobility options by way of public transit system adjustments is one of the project streams being funded.

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#### Public Council Meeting

5648 North Talbot Road: Council held a meeting to hear public comment on a proposed zoning by-law amendment for a property situated on the north side of North Talbot Road approximately 110 metres west of its intersection with 9th Concession Road. The request is to have the subject property rezoned 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.

#### Regular Meeting of Council

July 16, 2021 Rain Event: Council received a presentation from Phil Bartnik, Director Public Works and Environmental Services on the July 16, 2021 rainfall event. Mr. Bartnik outlined that the Town received almost 90mm (~3.5 inches) in 27 hours with 71mm (2.8 inches) falling in six hours between 10 am and 4 pm. At the peak of the storm, it registered at just under a 1:50 year storm event. The presentation outlined that the rainfall exceeded the capacity of the storm sewer system which resulted in surface and road flooding throughout Town. Storm water flows did enter the sanitary system which caused the system to surcharge. All pump stations were operational and pumping at capacity and there were no blockages in the system, the system was simply overwhelmed by the amount of rain falling in a short period of time. The Town posted a survey on the website following the event and received 91 responses related to basement flooding. Of those, 34 were sump pump failures or walls leaking, 52 were from floor drains or plumbing fixtures and five were an unknown cause. The Town continues to offer a subsidy for the installation of a backwater valve and/or disconnection of foundation drains. Property owners can learn more about how to apply for the subsidy at: <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/living-here/financial-support.aspx> and how to protect from basement flooding at: <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/living-here/flooding-protection.aspx>.

Noise By-Law Exemption: Council approved a noise by-law exemption for Tabouli by Eddys Restaurant at 1614 Lesperance Road for Saturdays during the months of July, August and September to permit musical entertainment from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The approval is granted on the condition that the events be held in accordance with Ontario's Roadmap to Reopening. The OPP will monitor for complaints and noise outside the designated hours.

2022 Business Plan and Budget Timetable: Financial Services presented the schedule for the 2022 Business Plan and Budget consultation and delivery. As part of the schedule, Council consultation will occur on September 14, 2021 with public consultation to follow September 16 to 29. The proposed business plan and budget will be tabled November 9, 2021 with Council deliberation to follow. Council will

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consider the draft plan and budget for adoption at the December 14, 2021 meeting. Full details on the schedule and opportunities for consultation will be shared publicly on the Town's website and social media.

**Arena Boiler Replacement:** Council approved adding the replacement of the Arena Boiler to the Arena and Pool 5 Year Capital Works Plan, with the project funded out of the Arena Lifecycle Reserve fund. In early July, the boiler was leaking and in need of service. Two companies inspected the boiler and determined the internal portion of the boiler had failed and it needed to be replaced. The contract has been awarded to Vollmer Mechanical Contractors Limited and the expected cost is \$30,000.

**Lacasse Pickleball Complex:** Council approved the award of the Lacasse Pickleball Complex to Front Construction, in the amount of \$711,506. Council also approved an increase of \$155,000 to project budget as the originally approved budget of \$600,000 fell short of the bids received. The increase in materials and labour over the past year has contributed to an overall increase in project construction costs. The project includes a 10 court playing surface, drainage, fencing, a walkway and an accessory building. Provision will be made to enable court lighting at a later date, if deemed necessary. The Tecumseh Pickleball Association is contributing an additional \$50,000, bringing their total contribution to the project to \$150,000. The remaining \$105,000 lift will be covered from Town reserves. The revised project budget will cover all costs, including those incurred for design and soil analysis.

**Tecumseh Transit On-Demand Pilot Project:** Council received a report on the successful award of \$27,150 from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) program towards the On-Demand Transit Pilot Project and approved the initiation of the project. Council had endorsed submission to the CHCI program at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 23, 2021. The Town will move forward with securing a service provider to begin implementation. Establishing the service is expected to take approximately 12 weeks with the pilot project to be in place for 12 months. The service will launch later this fall and there will be no impact to fares. A report to Council evaluating the pilot program will be provided after the one year project, at which time consideration could be given to it being implemented permanently. Full details on the service will be provided once it is operational.

**5074 North Talbot Road:** Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on September 14, 2021 to consider a Zoning By-Law amendment for 5074 North Talbot Road. The owner of the property is seeking to change the zoning of the 1.09 hectare (2.7 acre) property situated at the north side of North Talbot Road, abutting the west side of Weston Park from "Agricultural Zone (A-33)" to "Hamlet Residential Zone (RH)" to facilitate the creation of one new residential lot and future construction of one single unit dwelling.

**5250 Walker Road:** Council approved the Site Plan Control Agreement for improvements to the property at 5250 Walker Road operating as Tim Horton's. The improvements include new signage and ordering stations, a second lane at the pickup portion of the drive-thru, installation of a new overhead conveyor delivery system to provide drinks/food to vehicles in the second lane, removal of curbing and asphalted areas to accommodate this work and reconfiguring of parking area and landscaping.

**12305 County Road 34:** Council authorized the holding of a public meeting on September 14, 2021 to consider a Zoning By-Law amendment for 12305 County Road 34. The owner of the property is seeking to



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change the zoning of the 0.57 hectare (1.4 acre) property on the south side of County Road 34, approximately 500 metres west of the intersection with Manning Road from “Hamlet Residential Zone (RH)” to a site specific “Hamlet Residential Zone (RH-6)” to facilitate construction of one additional residential unit on the property.

Canada Community Revitalization Fund: Council endorsed the Town’s application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for the Riverside Drive Trail project. CCRF aims to help communities build and improve infrastructure projects. The maximum contribution under the fund is up to \$750,000 with funding to cover up to 75% of the total project costs. Should the Town be successful, the Town’s portion of the project would be less than \$500,000.

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Friday, July 30, 2021

### Tecumseh Provides for Limited In-Person Services

Beginning Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the Town of Tecumseh will be reopening Town Hall and the Tecumseh Recreation Complex and Arena for limited in-person services. Individuals seeking to attend Town Hall or the Arena in-person must complete the screening form located at: <https://frm-cvd-ca.esolg.ca/Tecumseh/Screening-Form> prior to being allowed entry. Masks will be required for all visitors in the buildings and appointments are required for specific services.

“We are very pleased to resume in-person services and welcome visitors to our newly renovated Town Hall,” said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. “I thank residents for their patience and understanding while the buildings were closed to the public. We continue to ask anyone seeking to attend in-person to complete the screening form, wear a mask and stay home if you are ill.”

The front doors of both Town Hall and the Arena will be open between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. A maximum of 10 people will be permitted inside the customer service area at Town Hall and a maximum of two people are permitted at the Arena office. Entrance to the building is permitted for those making a payment, requesting Building/Planning information and those who have an appointment. Payments made by cheque via the drop-box or through a banking institution are encouraged to reduce in-person contact. The secure drop box is located at the front entrance of Town Hall.

Services available for drop-in at Town Hall include:

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Cash/Debit Payments:

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Bulk Water

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Building Permits

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Planning Applications

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Property Taxes

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Dog Tags

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Alarm Registrations

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Parking Tickets

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Applications/Permits:

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Backwater Valve & Foundation Drain Subsidies

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Building Permits

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Planning Applications

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Driveway/Curb Cut; Culverts; Sanitary/Storm; Water Services and Water Meters

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Services available by appointment only at Town Hall:

- Marriage Licenses
- Lottery Applications and Reporting
- Commissioning of documents
- Burial Permits and Registrations
- Taxi Cab Drivers' Licenses
- Urban Hen Applications
- Cat Spay/Neuter Vouchers

Services available for drop-in at the Arena include:

- Purchase of tennis/ pickleball keys
- Registration for recreation programs

Services available by appointment only at the Arena:

- Park and arena rentals
- Funding assistance for recreation programs

Visitors seeking an appointment must call ahead between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The last possible appointment of the day will be 4:00 p.m.

Entrance outside of an appointment time will be on a first come/first serve basis. Anyone entering Town Hall or the Arena for any service must wear a mask or face covering and hand sanitize on entry. The Town

will continue to accommodate virtual appointments for meetings with staff, provided signatures or payments are not required. Please contact the relevant department to set up a virtual meeting.

Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events is available at [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca), Twitter

(@TownofTecumseh), and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh](http://www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh)).

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