



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Planning & Building Services

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Brian Hillman, Director Planning & Building Services

**Date to Council:** September 14, 2021

**Report Number:** PBS-2021-43

**Subject:** County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS)  
Town of Tecumseh 2022 Proposed Projects  
Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) – One-Week Bike Camp, Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet for Town Events in 2022  
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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** PBS-2021-43 – County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS), Town of Tecumseh 2022 Proposed Projects: Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) – One-Week Bike Camp, Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet for Town Events in 2022, **be received;**

**And that** with respect to the Proposed 2022 Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) Projects - One-Week Bike Camp, Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet for Town Events in 2022:

- i. The total estimated cost of \$5,100 (excluding H.S.T.) for the:
  - a) One-Week Bike Camp;
  - b) Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet associated with the Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations; and
  - c) Bike Valet associated with the Tecumseh Labour Day Weekend Fireworks;

with Tecumseh's share being \$2,550 (50%) and the County's share being \$2,550 (50%), in accordance with the MPP cost-sharing arrangement, **be endorsed;**

- ii. An application “Form D – Municipal Partnership Program” **be submitted** to the CWATS Implementation Committee for its consideration; and
- iii. Funding for this project from the Infrastructure Reserve, **be approved** for the purpose of the CWATS application and **referred** to the 2022 Budget process.

## Background

### CWATS Projects Implemented to Date

The County Wide Active Transportation Study Plan (CWATS Plan) was adopted by County Council in 2012, prior to which it was endorsed by all Essex County area municipalities, including Tecumseh Council.

The CWATS Plan is intended to be implemented over a 20-year planning horizon and proposes the creation of a new active transportation network across the County comprising on-road bike lanes, paved shoulders, signed routes along existing roads and multi-use pathways. The document identifies the preferred location of these facilities and the approximate timing of their construction. In addition, the document contains technical design guidelines for all types of active transportation facilities and network amenities and includes a proposed cost sharing formula. This formula allocates the plan’s implementation costs between the County of Essex, the seven area municipalities, the Essex Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Transportation.

To date, twelve Tecumseh CWATS projects have been endorsed by Town Council in accordance with the CWATS implementation program (see Tecumseh CWATS project details in Attachment 1). As has been noted in past Reports, the majority of CWATS projects located in Tecumseh, as shown on Attachment 2, are aligned with significant County Road road-capacity improvements.

The purpose of this Report is to identify the details of the proposed projects for 2022 and to seek Council approval of same so that they may proceed through the CWATS funding approval process at the County of Essex.

## Comments

### Proposed 2022 CWATS Capital Project

Earlier this year, it was the position of Town Administration that the Manning Road (County Road 19) Phase Two interim road improvements proposed from County Road 22 south to Jamsyl Drive (including the enclosure of the East Townline Drain) provided an opportunity to introduce the proposed CWATS multi-use trail on the west side of the road in 2022. However, the scope of the Phase Two interim road improvements is now being reconfigured such that it is unlikely that the drain will be enclosed, thereby negating the opportunity to introduce the multi-use trail. With the reconfiguration, there will not be sufficient space between the road

platform and the drain. If the Phase Two design is further revised in the future to include the drain enclosure, Administration will bring a Report to Council to consider the introduction of the CWATS multi-use trail.

It is anticipated that beyond 2022, the next set of CWATS active transportation facilities in Tecumseh will be affiliated with the phased construction of County Road 42 and 43 road improvements. In addition, the Manning Road bike lanes, from Riverside Drive to St. Gregory's Road, may also proceed in 2023. These CWATS projects will be brought forward for Council consideration in 2022 if they are projected to proceed as part of the associated road improvement programs in 2023.

### **Proposed 2022 Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) Projects - One-Week Bike Camp, Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet for Town Events in 2022**

The CWATS Implementation Manual establishes that it is the intent of the MPP to provide financial assistance to enhance the pedestrian and cycling experience on the CWATS network. The four following MPP projects qualify for this assistance.

#### **Bike Camp**

The Town is proposing to cost-share on the costs associated with a one-week bike camp for children. In partnership with Bike Windsor Essex, it will teach riders the basics of bike safety rules, equipment and maintenance. The total estimated cost of the bike camp is anticipated to be \$3,000, with the Town and County share being divided equally at 50%, for a total of \$1,500 each, in accordance with the CWATS cost-sharing arrangement.

#### **Bike Rodeo (Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations)**

The Town is proposing to cost-share on the costs associated with the provision of a bike rodeo event as part of the Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. A bike rodeo is an educational event on bike safety, rules and cycling skills geared for youth. The total estimated cost of the bike rodeo event is anticipated to be \$600, with the Town and County share being divided equally at 50%, for a total of \$300 each, in accordance with the CWATS cost-sharing arrangement.

#### **Bike Fun (Glow) Ride (Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations)**

The Town is proposing to cost-share on the costs associated with the provision of a bike fun (glow) ride event as part of the Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. This event entails a community bike ride (led by Bike Windsor Essex) through Tecumseh for families with the use of decorative lighting and decorations. The event will also include a safety information pop-up prior to the ride commencing. The total estimated cost of the event is anticipated to be \$300, with the Town and County share being divided equally at 50%, for a total of \$150 each, in accordance with the CWATS cost-sharing arrangement.

## **Bike Valets (Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and Labour Day Weekend Fireworks)**

The Town is proposing to cost-share on the costs associated with the provision of a bike valet facility and associated promotional material for both the Tecumseh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and the Labour Day Weekend Fireworks. The total estimated cost for the bike valet for both events is anticipated to be \$1,200 (\$600 for each event), with the Town and County share being divided equally at 50%, for a total of \$600 each, in accordance with the CWATS cost-sharing arrangement.

## **Consultations**

Financial Services

Parks & Recreation Services

Public Works & Environmental Services

County of Essex

## **Financial Implications**

### **Proposed 2022 Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) Projects - One-Week Bike Camp, Bike Rodeo, Bike Fun (Glow) Ride and Bike Valet for Town Events in 2022**

As noted previously, the Town's 50% share of the estimated combined total costs for the bike camp, bike rodeo, bike fun (glow) ride and bike valet are \$2,550 (excluding H.S.T.). Administration recommends that funding for this project come from the Infrastructure Reserve, as has been the case for past MPP projects. Pre-budget approval is sought for the purpose of the CWATS application, with final approval referred to the 2022 budget process.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
1	Prior Tecumseh CWATS Projects Chart
2	Tecumseh CWATS Projects Map