

## **Regular Meeting of Council**

### **Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:  
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

#### **Present:**

Mayor, Gary McNamara  
Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti  
Councillor, Bill Altenhof  
Councillor, Andrew Dowie  
Councillor, Brian Houston  
Councillor, Tania Jobin  
Councillor, Rick Tonial

#### **Also Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans  
Director Community & Recreation Services, Paul Anthony  
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik  
Director Community Safety & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy  
Director People & Culture, Michelle Bonnici  
Director Technology & Client Services, Shaun Fuerth  
Director Development Services, Brian Hillman  
Director Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer, Tom Kitsos  
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Laura Moy  
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander  
Manager Water Services, Brad Dupuis  
Manager Committee & Community Services, Christina Hebert  
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery

#### **A. Roll Call**

#### **B. Order**

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **C. Report Out of Closed Meeting**

An electronic closed meeting was held at 6:00 pm in accordance with Section 239 (2)(b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (h) (i) (j) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

At the meeting, the Members:

- approved the negotiated employment agreement with the Tecumseh Firefighters Association;
- received advice regarding the appointment of legal counsel on employment matters;
- gave direction on Acting Pay to two managers whilst servicing in an acting capacity for their respective Directors, and
- gave an update on a potential land acquisition.

**D. Moment of Silence**

The Moment of Silence is waived in light of the electronic holding of this meeting.

**E. National Anthem**

The National Anthem is waived in light of the electronic holding of this meeting.

**F. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There is no pecuniary interest declared by a Member of Council.

**G. Minutes**

**1. Regular Council Meeting - November 23, 2021**

**2. Special Council Meeting - November 23, 2021**

**Motion: RCM - 380/21**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the November 23, 2021 minutes of the Regular Council meeting and the Special Council meeting, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

**H. Supplementary Agenda Adoption**

**Motion: RCM - 381/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

**That** the supplementary items added to the Regular Meeting agenda being the Rural Broadband Advisory Committee Minutes dated September 22, 2021; and a proposed Motion regarding the High Speed Internet Procurement Process Changes, **be approved**

Carried

**I. Delegations**

**1. Local Government Week**

1st Place Essay Contest Winner - Owen Michos

2nd Place Essay Contest Winner - Charlotte Vanstone

The essay contest winners present their winning essays. The Members express gratitude to the winners for their creative efforts and to schools for their participation in the contest.

**2. Diana Radulescu, Active Transportation Coordinator, and Jerry Behl, Manager Transportation, Planning and Development, County of Essex**

Re: CWATS Master Plan Update

Ms. Diana Radulescu is joined by Jerry Behl, and presents a PowerPoint entitled "CWATS Overview Presentation to Tecumseh Council" as appended on the agenda.

Discussion ensued following the presentation and Ms. Radulescu and Mr. Behl respond to questions from the Members of Council.

**3. Paul Bistany, Treasurer; Linda Proctor, Vice Chair and Denise Pelaccia, Coordinator, The Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area**

Re: 2022 Proposed Budget

Paul Bistany is joined by Linda Proctor and Denise Pelaccia and presents the Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area 2022 Proposed Budget.

**Motion: RCM - 382/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the 2022 Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area Budget **be approved** as presented.

Carried

**J. Communications - For Information**

**1. County of Essex dated November 23, 2021**

Re: Windsor Essex Community Safety and Well Being Plan 2022-2026

**2. Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated November 18, 2021**

Re: Concerns with the Continued Postponement of Property Assessments

**3. Town of Georgina dated November 29, 2021**

Re: Lack of Recycling Options, Agricultural Bale Wrap and Twine and Boat Shrink Wrap

**4. Village of Thornloe dated November 23, 2021**

Re: MPAC Property Assessment

**5. Office of the Prime Minister dated November 19, 2021**

Re: Long Term Care

**6. Township of Scugog dated December 6, 2021**

Re: Bus Stop Dead End Roads

**7. City of Kitchener dated December 1, 2021**

Re: Fire Safety Measures

**8. City of Kitchener dated December 1, 2021**

Re: Conversion Therapy

**9. Town of Penetanguishene dated December 7, 2021**

Re: Concerning Rates of Recidivism

**10. Town of Essex dated December 8, 2021**

Re: Letter of Instruction from Windsor Essex County Health Unit

**11. City of St. Catharines dated December 1, 2021**

Re: National Childcare Program

**12. Ministry of Infrastructure dated December 1, 2021**

Re: Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline and Regulations

**Motion: RCM - 383/21**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

**That** Communications - For Information 1 through 12 as listed on the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Regular Council Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

**Motion: RCM - 384/21**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Dowie  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** the Town of Tecumseh **support** the resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene dated December 7, 2021 regarding the concerning rates of recidivism.

Carried

**K. Communications - Action Required**

There are no Communications - Action Required items presented to Council.

**L. Committee Minutes**

**1. Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area - November 17, 2021**

**Motion: RCM - 385/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** the November 17, 2021 minutes of the Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area Board as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be received**.

Carried

**2. Police Services Board - November 30, 2021**

**Motion: RCM - 386/21**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial  
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

**That** the November 30, 2021 minutes of the Police Services Board as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be accepted**.

Carried

Councillor Tania Jobin vacates the meeting for personal reasons at 8:11 pm.

**3. Rural Broadband Advisory Committee - September 22, 2021**

**Motion: RCM - 387/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the September 22, 2021 minutes of the Rural Broadband Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be accepted.**

Carried

**M. Reports**

**1. Chief Administrative Officer - People & Culture**

- a. CAO-2021-20 Final Requirements of Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

**Motion: RCM - 388/21**

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof  
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

**That** Report CAO-2021-20 entitled “Final Requirements of Community Safety and Well-Being Plan”, **be received;**

**And that** the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, in accordance with legislative requirements, **be printed and publically posted** in coordination with the Regional Systems Leadership and Project Team.

Carried

**2. Legislative Services & Clerk**

- a. LCS-2021-35 Urban Hens Licensing Pilot Program - Year End

**Motion: RCM - 389/21**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Dowie  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** Report LCS-2021-35 entitled “Urban Hens Licensing Pilot Program – Final Report”, **be received;**

**And further that** in accordance with the Urban Hens Licensing Pilot Program By-law No. 2021-43, all current licenses issued under the two-year Urban Hens Licensing Pilot Program **be terminated** as of March 1, 2022;

**And furthermore that** all property owners in the urban area **be given notice** to remove their hen coop and run, and to re-home their hens, no later than March 1, 2022, unless ordered to remove earlier.

Carried

- b. LCS-2021-36 Community Support Centre Services Agreement Renewal - Two Year Term Renewal - 2022-2023

Councillor Jobin leaves the meeting at 8:11pm.

**Motion: RCM - 390/21**

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof  
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

**That** the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (Town) **renew** the Agreement with the Community Support Centre of Essex County for the provision of public transportation to persons with a disability and seniors in the Town;

**And that** By-law No. 2021-104 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the renewal Agreement between the Town and Community Support Centre of Essex County, for a further two-year term commencing January 1, 2022, and concluding December 31, 2023, **be adopted**

Carried

- c. LCS-2021-37 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

**Motion: RCM - 391/21**

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** LSC-2021-37 entitled "Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement" **be received**;

**And that** the following Land Acknowledgment Statement **be approved** and kept as a living document, open for revisions for one year to allow for feedback on the Statement and related advice regarding its use:

We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-e-naa-bay), Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-oh-show-nee), Lenni (Len- eh) Lenape (Le-naw-pay) and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe (Oh-jib-way), Odawa (Oh-dah-wah), Potawatomi (Paw-taw-watt-oh-me) and Huron/Wendat (Wen-dat) Peoples. We are

dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

**And further that** subject to the approval of the Land Acknowledgement Statement, the Procedure By-law be amended to codify the reciting of the Statement at meetings of Council and Committees.

Carried

**3. Financial Services**

a. FS-2021-15 Administrative Fees and Charges 2022

**Motion: RCM - 392/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** By-Law 2021-96 being a by-law prescribing a tariff of administrative fees and charges for 2022, **be approved.**

Carried

b. FS-2021-16 Windsor Essex Intermunicipal Courts Service Agreement

**Motion: RCM - 393/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** Report FS-2021-16 entitled "Windsor Essex Inter-Municipal Courts Service Agreement", **be received;**

**And that** By-Law 2021-102, being a by-law authorizing the execution of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Renewal for the Windsor-Essex Area Inter-Municipal Courts Service Agreement for a five (5) year period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026, **be approved.**

Carried

c. FS-2021-17 Purchasing By-Law Amendment

**Motion: RCM - 394/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

**That** Report FS-2021-17 regarding an update to Schedule B of the Purchasing By-Law 2021-60 **be received;**

**And that** the recommended update to Schedule B of the Purchasing By-law **be approved** through the adoption of an Amending By-Law 2021-103.

Carried



- d. FS-2021-14 Budget Variance Report August 2021

**Motion: RCM - 395/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Rick Toniai

**That** Report FS-2021-14 entitled "Budget Variance Report – August 2021", showing a tax-supported surplus of \$163,000 and a rate-supported surplus of \$423,000 for total net surplus of \$586,000 **be received**.

Carried

**4. Community & Recreation Services**

- a. CRS-2021-18 Community and Recreation Services Alternative SportsPlex Strategy

**Motion: RCM - 396/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Rick Toniai

**That** Report CRS-2021-18 entitled "Community and Recreation Services Alternative SportsPlex Strategy", **be received**

**And that** Council **support, in principal**, the alternative strategy for the Town's Multi-Use SportsPlex consisting of three alternative projects in place of one large sportsplex facility, as set out in Report CRS-2021-18;

**And further that** the strategy and projects highlighted in this report **be provided** for Council's consideration in the 2022 5-Year Lifecycle Capital reports for Parks and Arena.

Carried

**5. Public Works & Engineering Services**

- a. PWES-2021-46 Source Protection Plan, Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement Amendment No. 2

**Motion: RCM - 397/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Rick Toniai

**That** Report PWES-2021-46 entitled "Source Protection Plan, Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement, Amendment No. 2", **be received**.

**And that** By-law No. 2021-97 **be approved** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Source Protection Plan, Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement Amendment No. 2 satisfactory to the Town of Tecumseh (Town) and Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), to extend the agreement to December 31, 2024.

**And further** the Town's estimated cost share of \$4,000 **be funded** from the Water Operational Budget.

Carried

- b. PWES-2021-47 Water and Wastewater Rates for 2022

**Motion: RCM - 398/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

**That** By-Law 2021-105 being a by-law to adopt the water and wastewater rates for 2022, based on the recommendations of the 2015 Town of Tecumseh Water and Wastewater Rate Study, and the Mediation Agreement and discussions with the Windsor Utilities Commission, **be adopted.**

Carried

- c. PWES-2021-48 NDMP Extension of Intakes 3, 4, 5, 6, A19 Transfer Payment Agreement Amendment

**Motion: RCM - 399/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Bill Altenhof

**That** By-law No. 2021-101 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in the right on Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Amendment to the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the extension of the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) **be adopted.**

Carried

**N. By-Laws**

**1. By-Law 2021-93**

Being a By-law to provide for the adoption of the estimates of all sums required (budget) for general municipal purposes for the Year 2022

**2. By-Law 2021-94**

Being a by-law to impose late payment charges for non-payment of taxes or any installment of taxes by due date

**3. By-Law 2021-95**

Being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Rate for the Year 2022

**4. By-Law 2021-96**

Being a By-law to prescribe a tariff of administrative fees and charges for the Town of Tecumseh

**5. By-Law 2021-97**

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Source Protection Transfer Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (Municipality) and the Towns of Amherstburg, Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore, LaSalle, the Municipalities of Chatham-Kent and Leamington, Township of Pelee, the Corporation of the City of Windsor and the Essex Region Conservation Authority

**6. By-Law 2021-98**

Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2019-10 being a by-law to appoint Directors to the Board of Management for the Business Improvement Area for the term of Tecumseh Council 2019-2022

**7. By-Law 2021-99**

Being a by-law to appoint members to the Tecumseh Heritage Committee for the term of Council 2019-2022

**8. By-Law 2021-100**

Being a by-law to appoint members to the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term of Council 2019-2022

**9. By-Law 2021-101**

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh under the National Disaster Mitigation Program Intake

**10. By-Law 2021-102**

Being a by-law to authorize the continued participation in the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Program for the Windsor/Essex County Service Area

**11. By-law 2021-103**

Being a by-law to amend By-law 2021-60 being a by-law to govern procurement policies and procedures

**12. By-Law 2021-104**

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Community Support Centre for public transportation to the physically disabled and the frail elderly persons for the years 2022 and 2023

**13. By-Law 2021-105**

Being a By-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2022

**14. By-Law 2021-41**

Being a bylaw to provide for the reassessment of the CYR Drain & Extension

**15. By-law 2021-77**

Being a by-law to provide for the installation of a new bridge with ancillary works to the McLean-Hergott Drain.

**Motion: RCM - 400/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** By-Law 2021-93 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the estimates of all sums required (budget) for general municipal purposes for the Year 2022;

**That** By-Law 2021-94 being a by-law to impose late payment charges for non-payment of taxes or any installment of taxes by due date;

**That** By-Law 2021-95 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Rate for the Year 2022;

**That** By-Law 2021-96 Being a by-law to prescribe a tariff of Administrative fees and charges for the Town of Tecumseh;

**That** By-Law 2021-97 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Source Protection Transfer Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (Municipality) and the Towns of Amherstburg, Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore, LaSalle, the Municipalities of Chatham-Kent and Leamington, Township of Pelee, the Corporation of the City of Windsor and the Essex Region Conservation Authority;

**That** By-Law 2021-98 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2019-10 being a by-law to appoint Directors to the Board of Management for the Business Improvement Area for the term of Tecumseh Council 2019-2022;

**That** By-Law 2021-99 being a by-law to appoint members to the Town of Tecumseh Heritage Committee for the term of Council 2019-2022;

**That** By-Law 2021-100 being a by-law to appoint members to the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee;

**That** By-Law 2021-101 being a by-law to authorize the execution of Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh under the National Disaster Mitigation Program Intake;

**That** By-Law 2021-102 being a by-law to authorize the continued participation in the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Program for the Windsor/Essex County Service Area;

**That** By-Law 2021-103 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2021-60 being a by-law to govern procurement policies and procedures;

**That** By-Law 2021-104 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Community Support Centre for public transportation to the physically disabled and the frail elderly persons for the years 2022 and 2023;

**That** By-Law 2021-105 being a by-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2022.

**Be given** first and second reading.

Carried

**Motion: RCM - 401/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti  
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Dowie

**That** By-Law 2021-93 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the estimates of all sums required (budget) for general municipal purposes for the Year 2022;

**That** By-Law 2021-94 being a by-law to impose late payment charges for non-payment of taxes or any installment of taxes by due date;

**That** By-Law 2021-95 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Rate for the Year 2022;

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**That** By-Law 2021-100 being a by-law to appoint members to the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee;

**That** By-Law 2021-101 being a by-law to authorize the execution of Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh under the National Disaster Mitigation Program Intake;

**That** By-Law 2021-102 being a by-law to authorize the continued participation in the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Program for the Windsor/Essex County Service Area;

**That** By-Law 2021-103 being a by-law to amend By-Law 2021-60 being a by-law to govern procurement policies and procedures;

**That** By-Law 2021-104 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and The Community Support Centre for public transportation to the physically disabled and the frail elderly persons for the years 2022 and 2023;

**That** By-Law 2021-105 being a by-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2022;

**That** By-law 2021-41 being a by-law to provide for the reassessment of the Cyr Drain and Extension;

**That** By-Law 2021-77 being a by-law to provide for the installation of a new bridge with ancillary works to the McLean Hergott Drain.

**Be given** third and final reading.

Carried

**O. Unfinished Business**

**1. December 14, 2021**

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

**P. New Business**

**Riberdy Farms**

A Member requests that Administration contact the owner of Riberdy Farms regarding concerns about their property and the Riverside Drive multiuse trail.

**Tree Branch Collection**

A Member requests after the wind storm earlier in the week, Administration collect the large branches along the roadways, and for the Town's Arborist to inspect the trees for the safety of the community.

**Passing of Mr. Finbarr O'Connor**

The Members expresses condolences on the passing of Finbarr O'Connor and acknowledged his role in the Town's twinning community in Oldcastle, County Meath, Ireland.

**Turkey Creek Watershed Project- Phase 2**

The Director Public Works and Engineering Services provides an update on the Turkey Creek Watershed project which is moving forward with phase 2.

**Motion: RCM - 401/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** the Turkey Creek Watershed Project Phase 2 **be approved** and funded from the previously allocated funds from Phase 1.

Carried

**Q. Motions****1. High Speed Internet Procurement Process Changes**

This motion is brought forward by Councillor Brian Houston

**Motion: RCM - 402/21**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**Whereas** broadband has become an essential service that is necessary to encourage economic growth and stability, modernize and streamline the delivery of health and social services, provide greater educational opportunities, increase capacity to administer and govern institutions, improve the environment, and create fairness and opportunity for everyone;

**And Whereas** the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC):

- Represents 15 upper and single tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario with more than three million residents; and
- Recognizes that universal access to high-speed broadband connectivity is fundamental to the continued relevance and future prosperity of small urban /rural communities in Southwestern Ontario.

**And Whereas** WOWC's desired outcomes would see the Province of Ontario's

Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP):

- Maximize the amount of fibre deployed with the funds available;
- Provide a level playing field that allows high participation of local and regional Internet Service Providers (ISPs); and

- Ensure equitability of funding and outcomes between all municipalities in Southwestern Ontario (lower- and upper-tier).

**And Whereas** Infrastructure Ontario (IO) released RFQ No. 21-048: Request for Qualifications for Accelerated High Speed Internet Program on September 9, 2021;

**And Whereas** WOWC supports the Province of Ontario's program and want it to be as effective as possible;

**Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** the Council of the Town of Tecumseh send a letter, in addition to the letter sent by the Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, to the Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Kinga Surma, copying the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Ford, and MPPs of Southwestern Ontario, recommending that Infrastructure Ontario pause the procurement process until the following recommendations have been addressed:

- Lot sizes are reduced to an average reserve price of \$10M with no single lot having a reserve price greater than \$20M;
- "Wired" and "Wireless" designations are removed from the lots in line with Infrastructure Ontario's (IO) amendment to allow hybrid bids in all lots, with "Wired" connectivity as the preferred option;
- Reserved prices are recalculated for all lots and are based on hybrid solutions rather than "Wired" or "Wireless" solutions;
- A clear / transparent formula for evaluating proposals that balances bid price with higher fibre content bids is created and communicated to participants;
- The Request for Proposals (RFP), when issued, be made visible to the public given that it contains no propriety Internet Service Provider (ISP) information;
- Immediately release the lot maps to all municipalities in Ontario so that they can review and comment;
- Ensure that small ISPs in Southwestern Ontario are consulted directly and their input is considered;
- The details of the procurement be re-evaluated and IO consider the following changes:
  - Allow for progress payments to the recipients rather than holding 100 per cent of the funding until customers are in-service;
  - Eliminate the bid bond requirements;



- Seriously reconsider the position that the Construction Act applies / eliminates the bonding requirements called for by the Act (especially if no progress payments are being made);
- Eliminate the plan to hold back the final 10 per cent and pay 100 per cent of the project cost by the time the project is complete.

Carried

**2. Confirmatory By-Law 2021-106**

**Motion: RCM - 403/21**

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof  
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

**That** By-Law 2021-106 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, December 14, 2021, regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **be given** first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

**R. Notices of Motion**

There are no Notices of Motion presented to Council.

**S. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

**T. Adjournment**

**Motion: RCM - 404/21**

Moved by Councillor Bill Altenhof  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** there being no further business, the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 9:26 pm.

Carried

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Gary McNamara, Mayor

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Laura Moy, Clerk