

For Immediate Release
Monday, March 7, 2022

Tecumseh's 100th Anniversary
"Tell Us Your Story"

As part of the Town's 100th Anniversary celebrations, the Town is looking to document and reflect the community's history, stories, and memories that cannot be found in history books or newspaper articles. The Town wants to hear the personal and unique stories of what makes Tecumseh truly special and why people call it home.

The Town is asking residents, current and past, to share their story at [PlaceSpeak](https://www.placespeak.com/tecumseh100), a citizen engagement platform. Here, visitors can document their unique Tecumseh story. For example:

- What led them to become a resident of Tecumseh?
- Is there a family legacy in Tecumseh that dates back generations?
- Was your first job in Tecumseh?
- Do you have a fun memory from attending school or an event in Tecumseh?
- Do you have any pictures of what the Town looked like years ago?

Whatever your memory, celebration, or story is; the Town wants to hear from you.

"Every resident, past and present, has a story to tell" said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "My Tecumseh story started back in 1981 when I first moved to the area from Eastern Ontario. During my days off, I would drive around the County to look for a place to buy a home and raise my young family. During my travels I would drive to Tecumseh on Saturday mornings where I found this little diner called Blackie's Corner and I stopped in for breakfast. On my second visit to Blackie's Corner, a gentleman came to my table and asked if he could join me. He seemed inquisitive and introduced himself as the Tecumseh Fire Chief. His name was Duff Lemire. Soon after, another gentleman, the owner of the diner came to introduce himself. I explained to them I was new to the area and was looking for a place to buy a home. Mr. Lemire said "Stop looking. Tecumseh is a great town to raise a family". I found that heartwarming to hear from a stranger. I found a real estate agent and asked him to find me a place in Tecumseh. My first home in Tecumseh was on Oliver Drive and I did come to realize that Tecumseh was a wonderful place to live and raise a family. And the rest is history."

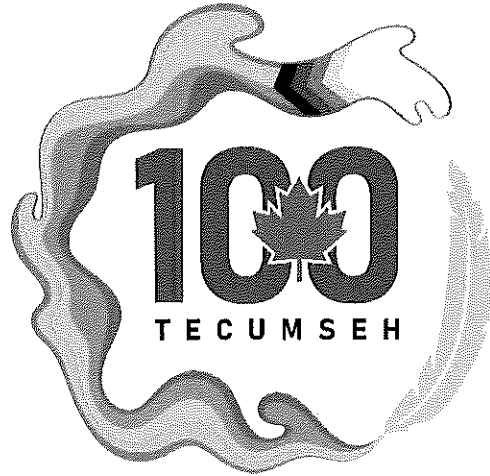
"[Tecumseh, Tell Us Your Story](https://www.placespeak.com/tecumseh100)" is now open for posts at www.placespeak.com/tecumseh100 and will remain open throughout the Anniversary celebrations. Celebrations take place July 2 – 4, 2022 and include a variety of family-friendly activities. A complete listing of event details is available at www.Tecumseh.ca/Tecumseh100.

The Tecumseh 100 Anniversary Logo as seen below was inspired by a design created by 13 year old local student, Isabella Larking. The logo represents what makes Tecumseh the wonderful community it is – past, present and future. The Anniversary logo includes a wave of colours that surrounds a maple leaf and '100' that represents inclusivity and diversity and its connected to a feather that is found in the Town's official logo.

Winning contest design,
created by Isabella Larking



Tecumseh 100
Anniversary Logo



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Fares Waived for First Month of On-demand Transit: The current waiving of fares for using the Tecumseh Transit Service, implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will continue until March 28, 2022. The same day, Tecumseh Transit will launch an on-demand service along the existing route. The on-demand service will be free for the first month to encourage riders to use it. Computer algorithms will be used to respond to requests, which can be made using an app or by phoning a call-in centre. Requests can be made from 45 minutes to one week in advance. The pilot project will continue until the end of this year, when it will be evaluated and a report prepared for Council.

CAO Authorized to Act in the Event of a Lame Duck Council: Council has given Tecumseh's Chief Administrative Officer the authority to step in if necessary, should it become a lame duck council during the municipal election period. Council becomes a "lame duck" after nomination day (August 19, 2022) if it is certain less than six of the current members will not be returning. This also applies after voting day (October 24, 2022) if less than six of the current members are elected. A lame duck council cannot appoint or remove any officer of the municipality, hire employees, sell municipal property worth more than \$50,000, or authorize any expenditure or liability which is more than \$50,000 and not already approved in the municipal budget.

Technology Expenditures Approved: Council approved spending \$209,000 in 2022 on technology and client services capital projects that include replacing computers, upgrading the Town's private network, maintaining video surveillance equipment and virtual server upgrades.

Riverside Drive Multi-Use Trail Project on Track: Work is on track to complete a multi-use trail on the south side of Riverside Drive from the Tecumseh-Windsor border to Manning Road by the end of 2022. The detailed design and tender documents will be finalized this month, according to an update presented to Council that will be posted on the Town's website. The project is to be tendered and required property acquisitions completed by the end of the April. The next step will be the relocation of utilities that conflict with the layout of the trail. Construction is expected to take place from July to September. The Town is receiving Canada Community Revitalization Fund support that will cover up to 75 per cent of the cost, on the condition the project is completed by the end of 2022. Meetings that started in November 2021 have been held with abutting property owners, who also received letters. There are approximately 34 properties with landscaping that extends into the trail area.

Vehicle Purchases Approved: Council approved spending \$1.9 million for a new Tecumseh Fire and Rescue Services aerial platform truck and \$457,000 for new vehicles required to provide other Town services. The money will come from the fleet and fire apparatus reserve funds.

Funding Sought for New Trail: Tecumseh will apply to the federal Active Transportation Fund for funding to build a multi-use recreational trail in the future. The trail will be on the west side of Lesperance Road from Riverside Drive to First Street and the north side of Little River Boulevard from Lesperance to Gauthier Street. The estimated cost to build the trail is \$4.4 million. Council authorized Town administration to apply to the Active Transportation Fund, which could cover up to 60 per cent of the capital project's cost. Projects that receive funding must be completed by March 31, 2026.

Public Transportation Funding Agreement Approved: Tecumseh will receive a minimum of \$128,420 from the province's Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program this year. Council authorized the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer to sign a letter of agreement with the province for the funds.

Amendment to the Town's Procedural By-law Passed: As recommended by a subcommittee of Council last year, changes were made to the Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation at meetings when there is not a declared emergency and proxy voting for members. As well, changes were made to delegation rules and how Council communications are processed.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is March 22, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The agenda and livestream will be available on the Town's website. Follow the Town of Tecumseh on Facebook and Twitter for news and the latest information.



Media Advisory

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March 9, 2022

Government of Canada and Town of Tecumseh to Make Infrastructure Funding Announcement

TECUMSEH, ON – Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh, and Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh, will make an infrastructure funding announcement. A media availability will follow the event.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Time: 11 a.m. EST

Location: Tecumseh Town Hall (917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, ON N8N 1W9)

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News Release

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March 10, 2022

Government of Canada and Town of Tecumseh Investing \$2.1 million to Modernize VIA Rail Crossing on Lesperance Road

TECUMSEH, ON – The Government of Canada and Town of Tecumseh are partnering to make a rail crossing on Lesperance Road safer and easier to traverse for drivers, pedestrians and other road users.

The \$2.1-million project announced today by Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh, and Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh, will also transform the street north of the at-grade VIA Rail crossing into a more attractive public space.

The federal government is investing \$1,027,200 in the project as part of its commitment to improving rail safety and increasing public awareness and confidence in Canada's rail transportation system.

The Town is contributing \$1,105,000 and has begun detailed design of the improvements to the Lesperance Road rail crossing, which is located between Tecumseh Road and First Street. Tecumseh is also in the process of securing properties and easements required to make the crossing improvements and connect them into the intersection of Lesperance Road and Tecumseh Road to the south. Construction is expected to start in mid-August, once advance work required by VIA Rail is complete. During the approximately 10 weeks of construction, traffic will be detoured around the project area.

The modernization project being undertaken by the Town with the assistance of the federal Rail Safety Improvement Program funding will ensure that the gradient of the crossing approach meets current safety standards. VIA Rail informed the Town after an inspection in 2014 that the approach to the crossing is too steep.

As well as making the rail crossing safer and more functional, the improvements will contribute to the beautification of Tecumseh's downtown. Enhancements will be made to the streetscaping along the west side of Lesperance from the rail crossing to First Street. These include the addition of trees, furniture, and decorative street lighting and pavement as set out in the Tecumseh Road Main Street Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Streetscaping Project.

Quotes

“Our community understands the importance of making our railroads as safe as possible, and we remember the tragic accidents that have impacted families in Tecumseh and Windsor. This important investment from our federal government and the Town will help make one of the busiest and most important rail crossings in Tecumseh safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.”

- Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh

“We recognize the crossing on Lesperance is a vital north-south transportation link in the Town and are extremely pleased that Transport Canada has approved funding to improve the safety and functioning of the crossing. The project also provides an opportunity to implement a small segment of the Tecumseh Road CIP Streetscaping Project to showcase the planned improvements in our downtown area. Thank you, Irek, for your support and assistance with securing this important funding for our Town.”

- Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh

Associated Links

[Rail Safety Improvement Program](#)

[2021-2022 Rail Safety Improvement Program – Infrastructure, Technology and Research \(RSIP-ITR\) projects](#)

[Apply for 2022-2023 Rail Safety Improvement Program – Infrastructure, Technology and Research \(RSIP-ITR\) funding](#)

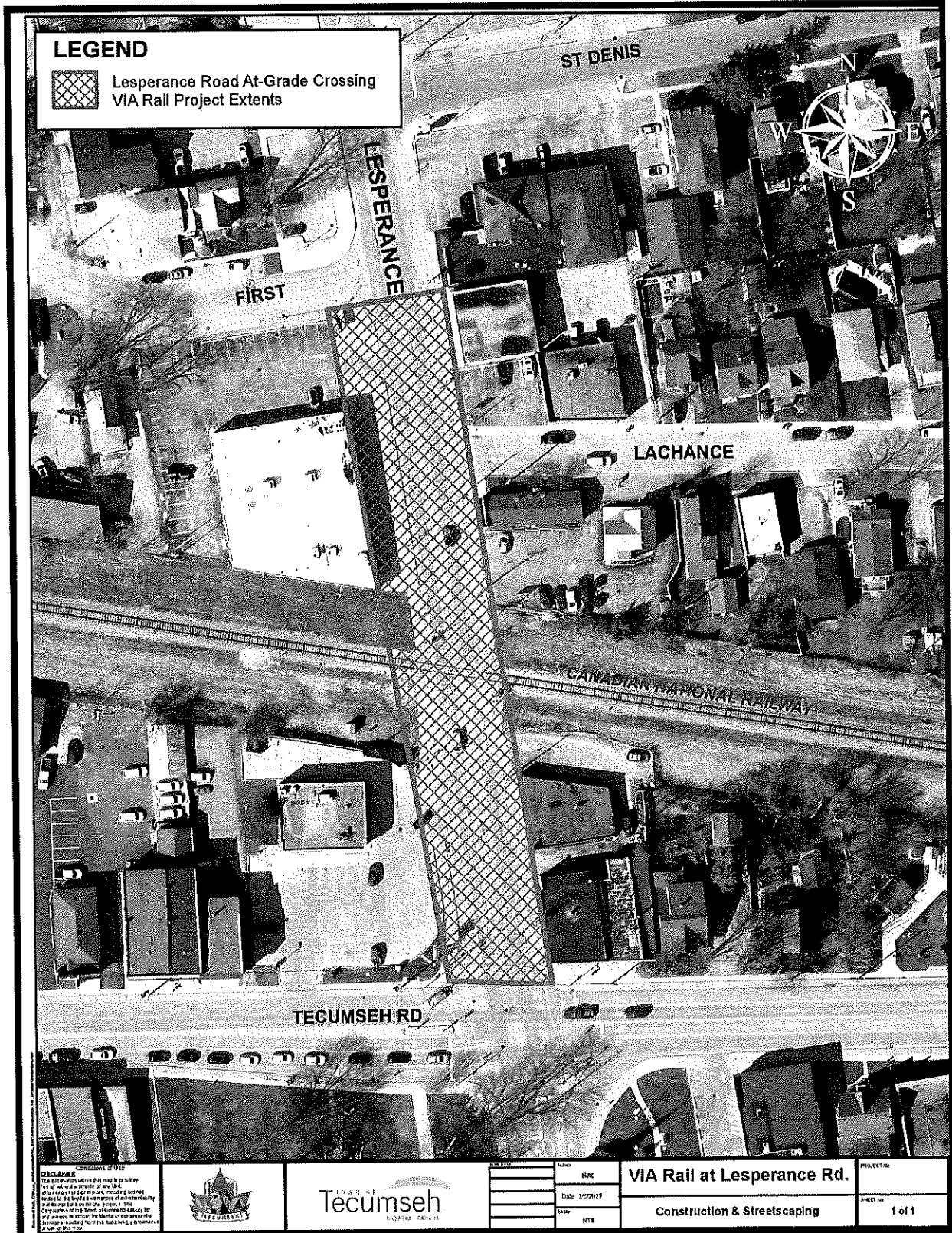
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Monday, March 14, 2022

Tecumseh Celebrates Its Volunteers

The Town of Tecumseh is celebrating residents who have displayed dedication and an unselfish desire to help others and assist those in need.

Town Council, at its March 9 regular meeting, selected four Tecumseh residents who are being recognized with awards for their volunteerism and community service:

- Edward Janisse – 2021 Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award
- Anita Imperioli – 2021 Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award
- Lynda Lacombe – 2022 Senior of the Year Award
- Jocelyn Adams – 2022 Youth of the Year Award

"The foundation of any community is the people, and in Tecumseh we are exceptionally fortunate to have so many volunteers whose contributions are a true inspiration for citizen service," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "Congratulations to these dedicated individuals for this well-deserved recognition and your volunteer efforts which have so greatly benefited the Town."

The awards will be presented at an upcoming meeting of Council. Teanna Kavanagh, the 2021 Youth of the Year Award recipient, will also be presented with her award.

The Town salutes those who serve on its committees and boards, and the many volunteers who help make Tecumseh a great place to live.

Find more information about this and other Tecumseh news and events on the Town's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed.

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For Immediate Release

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Town Ends Pandemic State of Emergency

A local state of emergency declared at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic has been lifted and visitors to Town of Tecumseh facilities are no longer required to wear masks.

Mayor Gary McNamara, in consultation with Town administration and public health officials, has ended the state of emergency declared two years ago due to the pandemic. The decision comes as key public health indicators remain stable or improve, and after the Province of Ontario lifted general masking requirements as of March 21, 2022.

Residents are reminded that provincial public health and workplace safety measures still require everyone to wear masks while riding on public transit, in health-care settings, and in long-term care and retirement homes. As well, Town staff members will continue to wear masks for the protection of the public and their co-workers.

Tecumseh residents are encouraged to ensure they have had three COVID-19 vaccine doses, and to continue wearing masks and taking other precautions in public settings.

"While COVID-19 has not gone away, the conditions that resulted in the local state of emergency no longer exist," Mayor McNamara said. "We are confident the Town can move forward safely and that residents will take appropriate steps to protect each other. The kindness and patience Tecumseh residents and businesses have shown is incredible. We are also grateful to Town staff for their hard work and diligence in serving the community and keeping everyone safe during this challenging time."

Town officials will continue to monitor public health guidance closely, take appropriate steps and keep residents and local businesses informed. To learn more about Ontario's response go to [province's COVID-19 public health measures and advice web page](#).

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Site Plan Control Agreement for New School Authorized: Council authorized the execution of a site plan control agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board for the construction of a new elementary school in Tecumseh. The new school is to be built on the north side of Tecumseh Road, just west of Arlington Boulevard on land owned by the board. It is proposing to build a two-storey school, with a 3,370-square-metre footprint, in the centre of the property. The school building will include a daycare centre. Parking for vehicles and bikes, as well as school bus queueing lanes, will be adjacent to Tecumseh Road and along the western portion of the site. There will be a sidewalk on the north side of Tecumseh Road along the entire school property. Traffic lights are to be installed at the intersection of Tecumseh Road and Dorset Park, where vehicles will enter and exit the school site. The Town is issuing a tender for the installation of storm and sanitary sewers, and watermains which will service the property, as well as complete the required roadwork. The estimated cost is \$5.2 million, not including HST, of which the County of Essex is expected to pay \$1.5 million. The school board has agreed to pay a percentage of the cost upon completion of the work.

Council Remuneration Report Presented: A report detailing the salary, expenses and other remuneration received by the Mayor and Council members in 2021 was received.

Policy Prohibiting Use of Town Resources During Election Amended: Council approved amendments to the Town's Use of Corporate Resources for Elections Policy. The amended policy says candidates may use their personal social media accounts for election campaign purposes, but cannot use websites, domain names or social media funded by the Town. The policy has also been updated to incorporate candidates and registered third parties in federal and provincial elections, where applicable. The policy provides a consistent approach and clear direction on how to comply with the Municipal Elections Act, which prohibits the use of public funds and resources for election campaigning.

Election Compliance Audit Committee Members Sought: Council approved the terms of reference for the Tecumseh Election Compliance Audit Committee for the term of office of the next council, which will be elected Oct. 24, 2022. The Election Compliance Audit Committee must be established before Oct. 1. The committee must have at least three and no more than seven members. The Town will issue a notice of call for applications, which will be considered at the May 24, 2022, Council meeting.

Next Regular Meeting: A special Council meeting will be held March 29, 2022, for members to take part in a strategic priorities workshop with senior administration. The next regular meeting of Council is April 7, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The agenda and livestream will be available on the Town's website. Follow the Town of Tecumseh on Facebook and Twitter for news and the latest information.

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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Applications Invited for 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, an Election Compliance Audit Committee is to be appointed for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections.

The Town is seeking applications for the Committee from persons with accounting and audit, academic or legal backgrounds and/or other individuals with knowledge of election campaign finances set out in the act.

Applicants should have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of municipal election campaign finances; proven analytical and decision-making skills; experience working on a committee, task force or similar setting; and good oral and written communication skills.

Employees of the Town of Tecumseh, members of its Council and any candidates in the 2022 municipal election, or in any by-election during the term of Council, are ineligible to be appointed as a member of the Committee.

A copy of the 2022 Tecumseh Election Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference and further Committee details can be found at www.tecumseh.ca/committees, or by contacting 519-735-2184, Ext 143 or Ext. 117.

Application forms are to be completed and submitted **online**, via the Town's website, no later than **Friday, May 6, 2022**.

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Thursday, March 24, 2022

New High-Water Rescue Vehicle to be Unveiled

Tecumseh Council and Fire Chief Wade Bondy invite the public and media to join them for the unveiling of the Town's new high-water rescue vehicle:

When: Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Where: Tecumseh Fire Station 1, 985 Lesperance Road

This vehicle is the first in the region with capabilities to provide emergency access to significantly flooded areas.

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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Tecumseh Putting High-Water Rescue Vehicle into Service

Rising water levels in the Great Lakes increase the risk of overland flooding in Tecumseh and elsewhere in Essex County. With the potential for significant flooding in Tecumseh, Town Council and Administration have taken steps to reduce the risk and increase the response capabilities of emergency personnel during a flood event.

This includes the Town's recent purchase of a high-water rescue vehicle to be unveiled today by Tecumseh Fire/Rescue. Formally known as Support 2, the vehicle is the first in the region capable of providing emergency access to significantly flooded areas.

Support 2 has the ability to traverse safely through standing water just over 1.2 metres deep. It has seating for 12 evacuees; a lift gate for evacuee access and room for mobility devices. As Tecumseh is a participant in the mutual aid program, Support 2 will also be available to assist neighbouring emergency service agencies.

In addition to high-water rescue, Support 2's off-road capabilities make it useful for fighting field fires. It will be outfitted with a pump and water tank for this purpose.

"We are grateful to be able to provide an extra level of safety to our residents," said Fire Chief Wade Bondy. "This vehicle gives our emergency service team even greater rescue capabilities, providing residents an added level of assurance."

"The Town is taking measures to reduce the impact of flooding, and we are also preparing for the impacts of severe weather and rising water levels," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "Having a high-water rescue vehicle in our tool kit helps our staff prepare to keep our residents safe. Chief Bondy

and his team have done an outstanding job of researching the options and finding the best vehicle for the job.”

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