



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Legislative & Clerk Services

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Laura Moy, Director Legislative Services & Clerk

**Date to Council:** April 26, 2022

**Report Number:** LCS-2022-14

**Subject:** National AccessAbility Week 2022

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That LSC-2022-14 entitled “National AccessAbility Week 2022” be received.**

### Background

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities, and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.

NAAW was founded in 1988 and inspired by Rick Hansen’s Man In Motion World Tour, to celebrate Canadians with disabilities and raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion for all communities and workplaces.<sup>1</sup>

In 2022, NAAW will be celebrated from May 29 to June 4, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rickhansen.com/get-involved/national-accessability-week#:~:text=Founded%20as%20'National%20Access%20Awareness,in%20our%20communities%20and%20workplaces.>

The Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee, at their February 10, 2022 meeting, expressed a keen desire to celebrate NAAW in the Town of Tecumseh.

## Comments

The Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee will be working with Town Administration to develop a social media campaign to help raise awareness for NAAW and the need for accessibility and inclusion.

The County of Essex has been working with a designer for a Regional Accessibility Flag, in consultation with the area municipalities' Accessibility Advisory Committees. The County will cover the whole cost of the design work for the Accessibility Flag. Area municipalities will be able to purchase the Accessibility Flag at a nominal cost. The County will be hosting an unveiling of the flag that will be raised at County facilities during NAAW.

The Town will be purchasing the Regional Accessibility Flag to be raised at the Tecumseh Town Hall at the beginning of NAAW.

Red Shirt Day (of Action for AccessAbility and Inclusion) is a day when people across Canada come together and wear red in schools, workplaces and spaces everywhere in order to create a visible display of solidarity, to show their support for persons and families who are living with disabilities, celebrate the achievements of people living with disabilities, and to pledge their commitment to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society that honours and values the contributions of people of all abilities in all aspects of life in Canada.<sup>2</sup>

Red Shirt Day takes place on the Wednesday of NAAW each year. In 2022, Red Shirt Day will take place on Wednesday, June 1.

Town Administration will be encouraged to take part in Red Shirt Day and to wear something red on June 1.

## Consultations

Chief Administrative Officer and People & Culture  
Community & Recreation Services  
Technology & Client Services  
County of Essex

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<https://easterseals.ca/en/redshirtday/#:~:text=National%20AccessAbility%20Week%3A%20Sunday%2C%20May,to%20Saturday%2C%20June%204%2C%202022>

## Financial Implications

The purchase of a Regional Accessibility Flag will be funded from the Community & Recreation Services 2022 Budget for flag purchases.

## 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 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 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

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
None	None