

For Immediate Release

Friday, April 1, 2022

2022 Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program

The Town of Tecumseh, in partnership with local veterinary hospitals/clinics, is pleased to once again provide a **Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program** to residents. Applications can be submitted as of **Friday, April 1, 2022**.

Tecumseh residents can apply to receive vouchers (valued at \$50 each) to help cover the cost of sterilizing cats. The aim is to reduce the number of feral cats in the Town.

Three (3) vouchers for owned cats are reserved for low-income families. A declaration of income will be required. A maximum of three (3) vouchers per household will be issued for cats that are owned. There are 92 vouchers for feral cats available to all Tecumseh residents, regardless of income. No more than five (5) vouchers for feral cats will be issued per household.

Applications for the 2022 Cat Spay and Neuter Voucher Program can be completed and submitted **online** via the Town's website. Vouchers will be issued electronically via email. Please note that vouchers are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Further program details can be found at www.tecumseh.ca/catvoucher, or by contacting Ext. 143 or 101. The online application can be found at: www.tecumseh.ca/catvoucherapplication.

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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Call for 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee

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

The Committee will perform the duties relating to the compliance audit application process as outlined in the Act, including:

- a) considering a compliance audit application received by an elector and deciding whether the application should be granted or rejected;
- b) appointing an Auditor, if the application is granted;
- c) receiving the Auditor's report;
- d) reviewing the Auditor's report and deciding whether legal proceedings should be commenced; and
- e) determining whether to recover the costs of conducting the compliance audit from the applicant, if the Auditor's report indicates there were no apparent contraventions and, if there were no reasonable grounds for the application.

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 on the Town's website at www.tecumseh.ca/committees, or by contacting 519-735-2184 Ext 143 or 117.

Application forms are to be completed and submitted **online** via the Town's website and are to be submitted on or before **Friday, May 6, 2022**.



For Immediate Release
Thursday, April 7, 2022

Council Connect: Highlights from the April 7, 2022, meeting of Council

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

Regular Meeting of Council

Artist Hired to Create Centennial Mural: Derkz Murals and Fine Art Inc. is being hired to create a large mural on the west-facing wall of the Royal Canadian Legion, Colonel Paul Poisson, Branch 261 building as part of Tecumseh's 100th anniversary celebration in July. The mural will honour Poisson, a World War I veteran who was the Town's first mayor. The mural will pay tribute to those who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces and acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the poppy. Council authorized the mayor and clerk to finalize an agreement with Derkz, which is charging \$30,000 plus HST. The cost of the mural is being covered by a Veterans Affairs Canada grant, another grant obtained through a partnership with the Tecumseh BIA and a corporate sponsorship from the University of Windsor.

Anniversary Murals also Planned for BIA: The cost of two murals celebrating Tecumseh's 100th anniversary in the BIA district will be supported by a Community Activator grant. The Town and the Tecumseh BIA jointly applied for the grant from My Main Street, a partnership between the Economic Development Council of Ontario and the Canadian Institute. They have been approved to receive \$20,195.

WSO Concerts a Highlight of Centennial Celebration: Two performances by the Windsor Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be among the highlights of Tecumseh's 100th anniversary celebration July 2-4 this year. The performances, which will provide a journey through the past 100 years through music, will be held July 2 at Lakewood Park and July 4 at L'Essor High School theatre. The performances are free to the public, but online ticket reservations are required for the one at the school. The cost to the Town is \$9,400 and is part of the approved budget for the anniversary celebration.

Lacasse Ball Diamond Upgrades to Commence in 2022: Work to upgrade the Bert Lacasse Ball Diamond will begin later this year after Council approved adding the \$3.4 million cost to the 2022 capital budget. SFERA Architectural Associates Inc., which prepared the concept designs, will develop construction drawings, and a call for construction tenders is expected in the late summer. The first work on the site will be the removal of the existing grandstands and backstop. Then the footings for the new grandstand will be poured in late fall. The goal is to complete the project (weather permitting) by May 31, 2023.

Agreement with Infrastructure Warranty Provider Renewed: The Town is extending its agreement with Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. until Sept. 27, 2023. The agreement allows Service Line Warranties to use the Town's logo and name when marketing its products to residents. The company provides a low-cost warranty program that helps cover the cost of repairing, replacing or restoring sewer and water lines from the home to the property line. It also offers in-home plumbing coverage. Service Line Warranties has had a licensing agreement with the Town since 2016 and currently has 450 policies held by Tecumseh property owners.

Larviciding for West Nile Continuing: The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has selected GDG Canada to provide the 2022 larviciding program aimed at reducing the transmission of West Nile virus in the region. The larvicide will be added to water bodies found to contain mosquito species known to transmit the virus. Based on previous years, the Town has budgeted \$6,000 to cover its share of the cost.

Town Providing Feedback about New Broadband Legislation: The Town is raising questions and concerns about the cost to municipalities of implementing proposed legislation intended to speed up the expansion of high-speed internet service across Ontario. Council agreed to forward an administrative report outlining the Town's comments on the Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022, to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. The act, if passed, would amend existing legislation with the intention of removing barriers, duplication and delays to expanding high-speed internet service to all communities in Ontario.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is April 26, 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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Friday, April 8, 2022

Tecumseh Celebrates Earth Day at Lakewood Park

The Town of Tecumseh's Earth Day Celebration will take place on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Windsor Family Credit Union Square at Lakewood Park North.

Following a special tree planting ceremony to commemorate the Town's 100th Anniversary and the relationship with our Indigenous communities, the Town is inviting residents to take part in an Earth Day celebration where 100 trees will be planted in the naturalization area in Lakewood Park (south). Students from Lakeview Montessori will also be in attendance to help with the planting.

"We are investing in our community and our future on Earth Day by planting trees in one of our signature parks," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "We are striving to make every day Earth Day in Tecumseh by taking steps like this to make our Town a green and environmentally sustainable place to live, work and play."

Members from the Parks Department will be on hand to help with the tree planting and to answer questions about the Town's initiatives to increase natural areas within the parks.

The event is free and weather permitting.

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

Monday, April 11, 2022

Holiday Hours for Easter Weekend

Town Hall

Tecumseh Town Hall will be closed on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, and Easter Monday, April 18, 2022.

Payments may be dropped off at Town Hall using the secure drop box located beside the main entrance door. Please ensure information on the envelope is clearly outlined (e.g. name, address, tax roll number, application and/or other identifying details to assist staff). As an alternative, the Town's website also offers online services and payments (www.tecumseh.ca).

Tecumseh Transit

There will be no transit service on Good Friday (April 15). Information on the new On-Demand Transit System is available on the Town's website at www.tecumseh.ca.

Recycling and Waste Disposal

Please note that recycling pick-up will be rescheduled from Friday, April 15, to Saturday, April 16. Garbage collection on Thursday, April 14, remains unchanged. Yard waste will be collected on Monday, April 18.

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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Notice of Parking Lot Closure April 23, 2022

Town of Tecumseh Municipal Parking Lot #1, located at 12130 Tecumseh Road will be closed on Saturday April 23, 2022 due to scheduled demoliton work at 12136 Tecumseh Road.

If you have any related questions, please contact the Public Works & Engineering Services department at 519-735-2184 ext. 142.

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Monday, April 25, 2022

Tecumseh Recognizes Award Recipients

Organizations across Canada celebrate volunteers during National Volunteer Week (NVW) from April 24 to 30, 2022. This annual celebration is a time to thank and recognize volunteers from coast to coast. This year's theme, *Volunteering is Empathy in Action*, highlights how this profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.

The Town of Tecumseh is celebrating residents who have displayed dedication and an unselfish desire to help others and assist those in need. At the April 26 regular meeting of council, the Mayor and Members of Council will be recognizing five Tecumseh residents 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
- Teanna Kavanagh – 2021 Youth of the Year Award

The public is encouraged to watch the award presentation at tomorrow's regular meeting, starting at 7 p.m., via livestream at <https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

"Our volunteers are the heroes and the heart of our community," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "These individuals devote their time giving back and serving the community. As well, our many volunteers who serve on Town boards and committees and as Snow and Leaf Angels – your hard work and dedication is remarkable."

The Town extends gratitude to the many volunteers for their significant contributions to the community.

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For Immediate Release
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Council Connect: Highlights from the April 26, 2022 meetings of Council

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

Public Council Meetings

New Bridge Over Lachance Drain Proposed: Council will sit as the Court of Revision on May 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to hear from affected landowners about the costs of constructing a bridge over the Lachance Drain to allow access to a recently severed property. The owner of Part Lot 148, Concession 3 will be assessed the full cost of installing an access culvert and adding a lawn enclosure, according to the provisional by-law given first and second reading by Council following a hearing on Tuesday. The estimated cost is \$56,350 plus applicable taxes, says the drainage report prepared by Dillon Consulting. The affected property is on the south side of the drain just west of Shawnee Road. As this was Tecumseh drainage engineer Sam Paglia's final meeting, he was congratulated and thanked for his years of service to the Town in a most professional and inclusionary manner.

Compensation Policy Updated: The Personnel Committee of Council approved updates to the Town's Compensation and Salary Administration Policy. The changes address recommendations made in the 2021 Compensation Review Report. The policy includes the Town's compensation philosophy and establishes that salaries are aligned with the 60th percentile of comparator organizations. The Town's compensation structures are to be reviewed every three to five years. As well, job titles and levels of all non-union job classifications have been updated.

Regular Meeting of Council

Awards Presented: The following volunteer awards announced this week were presented to the recipients at the start of the Council meeting: the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award to Anita Imperioli; the Donald 'Donny' Massender Memorial Volunteer Award to Edward Janisse; the Youth of the Year Award for 2022 to Jocelyn Adams and for 2021 to Teanna Kavanagh; and the Senior of the Year Award to Lynda Lacombe.

Pathway to Potential Program Continuing: A program that assists low-income families to take part in recreation programs will continue under a service agreement between the Town and the City of Windsor. The city, which administers the Pathway to Potential program, has confirmed Tecumseh will receive \$50,000 this year. The Town has participated in the Pathway to Potential program and its predecessor since 2013. In 2019, funding from the program allowed the Town to assist 167 residents to participate in 166 programs, including skating, soccer, art, hockey, swimming, dance, Girl Guides, gymnastics, karate, Life After Fifty, Zumba and day camp.

Town to Cover Enhanced Policing for Fireworks: The Town will cover the estimated \$1,500 to provide enhanced OPP service during the 43rd annual Victoria Day Fireworks being put on by the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach. Following incidents of aggressive behaviour at the 2019 fireworks, the Town, club and OPP developed strategies to improve safety and security. This year's event is the first since the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be held at Optimist Park on May 21, or May 22 if it rains.

Taste of Tecumseh Gets Necessary Approvals: Council authorized the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach to sell and serve alcohol during the Taste of Tecumseh Festival on June 17-18 at Lakewood Park. It also granted the event relief from the Town's Noise By-law from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. each day to allow for musical entertainment and event announcements.

Multi-unit Housing Project Approved: A by-law changing the zoning of land on the southwest corner of Lesperance Road and Arbour Street to allow a multi-unit residential project was approved by Council. The rezoning from Residential Zone R2 and Zone R2-25 to site-specific Residential Zone R3-21 is required for the proposed construction of three 2.5-storey buildings, which will each contain six dwelling units. The parcel is owned by Deerbrook Andrew J. Smith Real Estate Inc. and 2312205 Ontario Limited, and currently consists of three separate properties. The redevelopment of the parcel will include on-site parking and landscaping. A report to Council addresses concerns raised by neighbours.

Additional Residential Unit Proposed for Riverside Drive Property: Council will hold a public meeting on May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to get input about a proposal to rezone 12322 Riverside Drive to allow the existing garage to be converted to a stand-alone residential unit. The residential property is located on Lake St. Clair just east of Lesperance Road. The garage is between the main dwelling and Riverside Drive. The application meets the requirements for an additional residential unit.

Rezoning of Agricultural Land Subject of Meeting: An application to rezone severed agricultural lands on Holden Road will be the subject of a public meeting on May 24, 2022, at 6 p.m. The Committee of Adjustment has approved the severance of a 0.55-hectare residential lot at 6780 Holden Road. The approval is subject to zoning changes that allow for the slightly oversized residential lot and prohibit the construction of a residence on the remaining 20.13-hectare parcel of agricultural land.

Housing By-law Renewed: Council has renewed its Municipal Housing Facilities By-law after a review involving City of Windsor Housing and Children Services revealed no changes are required. The review confirmed the by-law complies with the 2021 rental housing component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiatives program, which protects affordability for households in social housing, supports the repair and renewal of existing social housing supply, and facilitates the expansion of the supply of community housing over time.

Town Reaping Benefits of Main Street CIP: Council has directed administration to report back on changing grant criteria in the Tecumseh Road Main Street Community Improvement Plan (CIP) area to increase affordable housing. In the six years since it was launched, the CIP and its associated grant programs have spurred development, revitalization and intensification in Tecumseh's downtown. In the last six years, assessment in the CIP area has grown 45.65 per cent, compared to 22.65 per cent for the entire Town. To date,



51 grants have been awarded for 23 properties in the CIP area. A total of just over \$1 million has been distributed for such things as façade improvements, development charges, and planning, design and architectural work. Another \$1.7 million has been committed to deferring taxes on four properties over five years through the CIP's Building and Property and Improvement Grant. This will create 311 residential units in the downtown. However, changes to the Town's Official Plan supporting higher density housing, rising housing prices and the success of the CIP so far mean that the current "for-profit" version of the Building and Property and Improvement Grant is no longer warranted, says a report to Council. No more applications for the current version of the grant are being accepted.

Lachance Drain Repairs Requested: A Tecumseh Council representative will sit on the Court of Revision in Windsor to hear appeals related to a report recommending realignment of the Lachance Drain. Pointe East Windsor Ltd. asked the city to make repairs and improvements to the drain to accommodate a proposed new development along the border with the Town.

Committee Raising Awareness of National AccessAbility Week: The Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee is working with the Town to raise awareness of National AccessAbility Week, May 29 to June 4. The week's designation was inspired by Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour. It celebrates Canadians with disabilities and raises awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion for all communities and workplaces.

Cunningham Drain Improvements Requested: Dillon Consulting Ltd. has been appointed to prepare a report on Cunningham Drain. The Town received a Notice of Request for Drain Improvements on Feb. 3, 2022. The Cunningham Drain, which flows into the Pike Creek Drain, is located on the south side of County Road 34 and its upper limit is on the north side of Highway 3.

Drinking Water System Revision Approved: Council approved revisions to the Town's Distribution System, Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan. The plan must be reviewed and updated annually. The changes approved Tuesday are the result of legislative and regulatory changes, a risk assessment review and recommendations from the Town's management committee.

Petition Submitted for Drainage Works Along Shields Street: Council has appointed Dillion Consulting Ltd. to prepare a report on the need for drainage works along Shields Street and adjacent lands, which include Tecumseh Vista Academy. Currently, the area is serviced by a private stormwater pump station that discharges into a private drainage ditch emptying into the Desjardin Drain. Town Public Works staff have gone to the site during recent rain events and found water ponding on Shields Street, says a report to Council. Flooding has also occurred on the school property.

Asphalt Paving Tender Awarded: Coco Paving Inc. has been awarded the contract for the Town's 2022 asphalt paving program at a cost of \$997,750 plus HST. It submitted the lowest of two bids. The work includes paving sections of eight roads.

Tar and Chip Tender Awarded: Shepley Road Maintenance Ltd. has been awarded the contract to complete the Town's 2022 tar and chip program at a cost of \$209,690 plus HST.

Sanctions Against Russia Supported: Council endorsed a resolution by the Town of Gravenhurst denouncing "Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine" and supporting sanctions imposed by the federal government to date.

Next Regular Meeting: Council will hold a special meeting about strategic priorities on May 5, 2022. The next regular meeting of Council is May 10, 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.

For Immediate Release

Friday, April 29, 2022

2022 Municipal and School Board Election Nominations Open Monday

The Town of Tecumseh is pleased to let residents know that nominations will open for the 2022 municipal and school board elections on Monday, May 2, at 9 a.m.

Eligible citizens interested in running for office may file their nominations with the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours until August 18, 2022. August 19, 2022 is the last day for filing, and nominations may be filed on that day between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All filings are by appointment only.

Potential candidates should be aware that nomination papers must be officially filed before any contributions can be accepted to their campaign or any money can be spent on the campaign.

Information on the elections, including resources for candidates and forms to be completed for nomination, may be found at: <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/town-hall/election-information.aspx>.

The 2022 municipal and school board elections will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, for a term of office from November 15, 2022, to November 14, 2026. The offices open for nominations are:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- Councillor Ward 1
- Councillor Ward 2
- Councillor Ward 3

- Councillor Ward 4
- Councillor Ward 5
- Greater Essex County District School Board – 1 Trustee
- Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board – 1 Trustee
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde – 1 Trustee
- Conseil scolaire catholique Providence
 - Wards 1, 2, 3 – 1 Trustee; and
 - Ward 4, 5 – 1 Trustee

Nominations for the following offices are to be filed with the Clerk of the municipality as noted below:

- Greater Essex County District School Board: Kristen Newman, Clerk, Town of Lakeshore.
<https://www.lakeshore.ca/en/municipal-services/elections.aspx>
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde: Steve Vlachodimos, Clerk, City of Windsor.
<https://www.citywindsor.ca/cityhall/municipal-election/pages/municipal-election.aspx>
- Conseil scolaire catholique Providence Ward 4, 5: Jennifer Astrologo, Clerk, Town of LaSalle.
https://www.lasalle.ca/en/town-hall/2022_Municipal_Election.aspx

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