

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

## **Council Connect: Highlights from the May 10, 2022 meetings of Council**

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

### **Public Council Meetings**

**Service Review of Clerk's Office Received:** The results of a service delivery review of the Clerk's Office were presented to Council, which has directed administration to report back with a plan to implement the recommendations. The Clerk's Office Service Delivery Review is part of the Town's organizational review and was conducted by WSCS Consulting Inc. The consultant's report makes recommendations in five areas: technology and processes; organization; customer service; policies, planning and reporting; and service delivery.

### **Regular Meeting of Council**

**Tourism Promotion Update:** Representatives of Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island presented Council with their plans and promotions for 2022, as well as website and social media statistics.

**Input Invited for Proposed Industrial Community Improvement Area Plan:** The public and other stakeholders are being invited to provide input on a proposed Industrial Community Improvement Plan for Tecumseh at a meeting on June 7, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The Town is also asking the County of Essex to amend its official plan to incorporate revised community improvement plan policies that would allow the county to participate in grant programs offered by lower-tier municipalities. Tecumseh's proposed Industrial Community Improvement Plan will permit the Town to offer incentives to attract types of industrial development that are in alignment with federal and provincial incentive programs. The financial incentives being considered are a tax increment equivalent rebate over 10 years, a building and/or planning permit fee rebate, and a feasibility study rebate.

**Online Training Authorized:** Council voted to allow members to attend an Association of Municipalities of Ontario online training program about land use planning on May 31, 2022 – subject to the Town's Professional Development Policy and funding being available in the 2022 budget.

**Dowie Granted Leave:** Ward 1 Councillor Andrew Dowie, who is the Conservative candidate for Windsor-Tecumseh in the provincial election, has been granted a leave of absence without pay until June 6, 2022, by Council. In a letter, Dowie, who did not attend Tuesday's meeting, said he will continue to manage Ward 1 issues but will step back from Council, the Essex County Library Board and the Tecumseh BIA during the election campaign.

**Transit Fees Waived for Centennial Celebration:** Tecumseh Transit Service will be free on Saturday and Monday during the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration the weekend of July 2-4, 2022. (It doesn't operate on Sundays.) As well, a special evening shuttle sponsored by First Student Canada will run from Tecumseh Arena to the Birthday Party at Lakewood Park on Saturday, July 2, and the Windsor Symphony Orchestra concert at L'Essor Theatre on Monday, July 4. Council voted to waive the Tecumseh Transit fees and was presented with an updated schedule of events for the celebration. Full details about the event are available at [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca).

**Old Castle Heights Development Approved:** Council has authorized an agreement that allows for the development of a residential subdivision on 20.7 hectares (51.3 acres) of land on the north side of North Talbot Road east of Concession 8. The approval is subject to the owner executing the agreement. The proposed subdivision will include 132 single-unit residences, six semi-detached dwellings and 19 townhouses, as well as buffer areas, passive open space, multi-purpose pathways, stormwater corridors and a stormwater pond.

**Multi-unit Development Proposed on Lesperance:** Council will hold a public meeting June 28, 2022, at 6 p.m. to hear public comments about a proposal to rezone land at the corner of Lesperance Road and Dillon Drive to allow for the construction of four, 2.5-storey, six-unit dwellings. Suburban Construction & Management Ltd., which owns the three properties on the southwest corner of the intersection, wants to tear down the existing residences and replacement them with the new development. The current zoning of the properties allows for multi-unit residential dwellings, such as duplexes, triplexes, townhouses and row houses, but does not permit the six-unit apartment dwellings being proposed.

**Cannabis Retail Stores Policy Accepted:** Council has approved a policy statement that will guide its comments on requests to open retail cannabis stores in Tecumseh. The requests are submitted for approval to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. While the Town's ability to put restrictions on cannabis stores is limited, it can submit comments to the commission. The policy statement includes a commitment by the Town to advocate for cannabis stores to be at least 500 metres from Town facilities and parks, schools, the Cada Library, childcare centres, and mental health and addiction facilities – as recommended by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

**Broadband Advisory Committee Provides Update:** The Tecumseh Rural Broadband Advisory Committee has taken significant steps in its first year, says a report to Council. The committee works with other stakeholders to ensure high-speed internet connectivity across Tecumseh. In the past year it has: met with representatives for the Canadian Internet Registration Authority; worked with Connecting Windsor-Essex; explored public-private partnerships to expand high-speed internet connectivity; provided input on provincial policies; talked to local internet service providers; and developed short-term and long-term action plans.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Council is May 24, 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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## **Town of Tecumseh Holiday Hours for Victoria Day**

### **Town Hall**

The Town of Tecumseh offices will be closed on Friday, May 20, and Victoria Day, Monday, May 23, 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](http://www.tecumseh.ca)).

### **Tecumseh Arena and Recreation Complex**

The Tecumseh Arena office will be closed Friday, May 20, through Monday, May 23, for the Victoria Day holiday. The arena will remain open for all scheduled rentals on May 20, 21 and 22 but will be closed on Monday, May 23. All drop-in skates scheduled during this time are cancelled.

### **Tecumseh Transit**

There will be no transit service on Victoria Day, Monday, May 23. Information about on-demand transit service is available on the Town's [website](#).

### **Recycling and Yard Waste Collection**

Garbage will be collected as scheduled on Thursday, May 19, and yard waste will be collected on Victoria Day, Monday, May 23. Note that recycling pickup will move from Friday, May 27, to Saturday, May 28.

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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## **Council Connect: Highlights from the May 24, 2022, meetings of Council**

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

### **Public Council Meetings**

**Additional Residential Unit Proposed for Riverside Drive Property:** Council held a public meeting 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:** Council held a meeting to hear public comments about an application to rezone severed agricultural lands on Holden Road. 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.

### **Regular Meeting of Council**

**Purchase of Library HVAC Units Proceeding:** The Town will purchase two new HVAC units for the CADA Library from Trane Canada ULC for \$48,183 plus \$848 HST. The price is \$5,031 over the amount budgeted and Council voted to take the additional money from the Town's buildings lifecycle reserve fund.

**Outer Drive Property Site Plan Approved:** A site plan for adding two buildings to an industrial property on Outer Drive, along with associated changes, was approved by Council. The site plan for 5395-5405 Outer Drive, which is just north of the intersection with Blackacre Drive, is for an 876.5-square-metre (9,435-square-foot) industrial building and a 91-square-metre (980-square-foot) accessory storage structure. There is currently an industrial building on the northern portion of the 0.71-hectare (1.77-acre) property.

**Second Industrial Site Plan Approved:** Council also approved a site plan for an addition to an industrial building at 5515 Roscon Industrial Drive. The owner is proposing to build a 1,340-square-metre (14,430-square-foot) addition to an existing 2,920-square-metre (31,435-square-foot) building, along with associated on-site works. The business occupying the current building specializes in metal fabrication for the race car industry.

**Proposal Qualifies for Parking Grant:** Council approved the application by the owner of a commercial property at 1122 Lesperance Road for a Parking Area Improvement Grant of \$7,680. The grant is available through the Tecumseh Road Main Street Community Improvement Plan financial incentives. To receive the money, the

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owner must begin the parking lot improvements within six months and complete them within a year. There is a building with three professional offices on the property, as well as the parking lot.

**Election Compliance Audit Committee Named:** Mary Birch, Katherine Hebert, Jerry Marion and Mary Masse have been named to the Tecumseh Election Compliance Audit Committee for the term of Nov. 15, 2022, to Nov. 14, 2026. The committee's role is to determine if applications for compliance audits of municipal election candidates' campaigns should be granted. If the committee grants an application, it appoints an auditor to conduct the review.

**Rodent Abatement Rebate Piloted:** The Town will pilot a rodent abatement strategy that subsidizes the cost of eradicating rats from residential properties. The program, approved by Council, will allow residential property owners to apply for a rebate if they engage the services of a pest control company selected by the Town. Financial details, including the rebate allocation and established limit, will be available once a licensed pest control company is appointed. The Town has budgeted \$10,000 for the pilot program for the remainder of 2022. Further details will be forthcoming when the program is up and running.

**Public Input Sought on Food Vendor By-law:** A proposed by-law to regulate mobile food vendors will be posted on the Town's Placespeak platform for 30 days so the public can provide input. The Town currently doesn't regulate or permit mobile food vendors. The proposed by-law sets out the conditions operators of vehicles for serving hot food and vehicles for selling frozen treats will have to meet to get a licence from the Town. The proposed by-law does not apply to mobile food vendors operating in a Town park at a Town-approved event, such as Taste of Tecumseh.

**Donation of Sculpture Accepted:** A bronze bust sculpture of Chief Tecumseh is being donated to the Town by the family of its creator. It will be unveiled during the opening ceremonies of the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration being held July 2-4, 2022. The 9.5-inch tall sculpture was created by Michigan artist Marguerita P. "Rita" Greve, who died in 2010. Council has authorized administration to finalize an agreement with her son, Guy Greve, to accept the sculpture.

**Illumination of Town Buildings Policy Adopted:** Town Hall will be bathed in red light for National AccessAbility Week from May 30 to June 3, 2022, at the request of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee. Council also adopted a policy on illumination of Town Hall. The policy states that outside organizations can submit a written request to the Legislative & Clerk Services department two weeks prior to the time they would like Town Hall illuminated in their colours. An organization or charity can apply once per calendar year to illuminate Town Hall. The period of illumination can be for no more than one week.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Council is June 28, 2022. A public Council meeting is for the proposed Town Wide Community Improvement Plan for industrial incentives is on June 7, 2022. These meetings are 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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## **Residents Invited to Participate in Consultation on Licensing of Mobile Food Vendors**

Residents are invited to participate in a public consultation on the potential licensing of mobile food vendors in Tecumseh.

Municipalities are entitled to determine whether to regulate or prohibit mobile food vendors; the Town of Tecumseh currently does not regulate or permit them to operate within the municipality.

In July 2021, Tecumseh Town Council directed staff to research regulations on the operation of mobile food vendors and draft a regulatory framework for their operation. Staff presented the outcomes of that work at this week's regular meeting of Council.

Interested residents can access the public consultation at [placespeak.com/mobilefoodvendors](https://placespeak.com/mobilefoodvendors) to participate in a brief survey and poll, and to read more about the potential licensing of mobile food vendors in Tecumseh. The consultation will end on June 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

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Friday, June 3, 2022

## **Congratulations to MPP Elect Andrew Dowie**

The Town of Tecumseh Council and Administration are pleased to congratulate Ward 1 Councillor Andrew Dowie on his election as Member of Provincial Parliament yesterday.

"On behalf of Council, I want to congratulate Andrew on his victory, and thank him for his service to the community as Councillor for Ward 1," said Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara. "While we will miss his voice at the Council table, I know I speak for all when I say that we look forward to continuing to work with Andrew in his new capacity as MPP to advance the needs of our community."

Council approved a leave of absence for Mr. Dowie from Town Council on May 10, 2022 so that he could run in the provincial election. Town Council will determine how best to fill the vacant Ward 1 seat in the near future.

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Hi,

Today, the Town of Tecumseh gathered to raise the Italian flag in honour of Italian Heritage Month.

Thank you to Mayor Gary McNamara, Italian Vice Consulate Lorenzo DiSalvo and the Ciociaro Club President, Anna Voza along with Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti, Councillor Rick Tonial, Councillor Brain Houston, Councillor Andrew Dowie, Councillor Bill Altenhof, the public and the students of St. Peters Catholic Elementary School for gathering at Town Hall to celebrate.

More photos are available upon request.

Best,

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Mackenzie Vandenberg

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Monday, June 6, 2022

### **Residents Invited to Attend Grand Opening of Zekelman Pickleball Courts**

Residents and members of the media are invited to attend the grand opening of the Zekelman Pickleball Courts at Lacasse Park this Thursday, June 9.

The opening of the ten new courts has been years in the making, and is the result of a partnership between the Town of Tecumseh and the Tecumseh Pickleball Association.

All residents are welcome to attend the festivities which begin on Thursday, June 9, at 9:45 a.m. with an introduction to pickleball. A second introduction session begins at 10:15.

The ribbon cutting for the new courts will take place at 11 a.m., followed by a pickleball game between members of Tecumseh Council and members of the Tecumseh BIA.

Those wishing to participate in an introduction session must wear running shoes. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

In the event of rain, the event will be postponed until Friday, June 10.

For more information about pickleball in Tecumseh, visit [www.tecumsehpickleball.ca](http://www.tecumsehpickleball.ca)

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

## **Tecumseh Celebrates 100 Years with 3 Day Celebration**

The Town of Tecumseh is excited to celebrate Tecumseh's 100 Anniversary with a 3-day celebration, kicking off on Saturday, July 2 to Monday, July 4.

"We are excited to mark Tecumseh's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a weekend of family friendly activities for the community," said Gary McNamara, Mayor of Tecumseh. "It is wonderful to be able to gather once again, safely and in person. We hope to see the community come out and celebrate!"

The 3-day event will include activities from across the three historic communities that make up the Town of Tecumseh today. The community is invited to join in all the events and celebrations including tours of Town Hall, Saturday night fireworks, First Nations morning and evening ceremonies – and more. All events are free! Find the full list of events at [tecumseh.ca/tecumseh100](http://tecumseh.ca/tecumseh100).

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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Thursday, June 9, 2022

## **Zekelman Pickleball Courts Officially Open**

The Town of Tecumseh is excited to partner with the Tecumseh Pickleball Association (TPA) to announce the grand opening of the new, ten-court Zekelman Pickleball Courts at Lacasse Park.

"This is a great day for our sports-loving community," said Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara. "These new courts are the result of many years of hard work by the community, as well as the support of a number of sponsors, and they are a testament to the idea that when we all work together, great things can happen. I want to extend my congratulations to the Tecumseh Pickleball Association for the dedication that they have shown over the years, culminating in today's grand opening and a special thank you to the Barry and Stephanie Zekelman Foundation."

Today's grand opening event featured two introductory sessions to pickleball, as well as a pickleball game between member of Town Council and members of the Tecumseh Business Improvement Association.

Membership in the Tecumseh Pickleball Association grew from 90 in 2019 to 280 in 2021. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Ontario and North America. It is a combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis. The game is played on a badminton size court with a wiffle ball, about the size of a tennis ball. A survey completed in 2020 and again in 2022 by Pickleball Canada indicates a near tripling of the number of pickleball players to one million individuals in Canada in the past 2 years.

"Besides having a strong team, the success of Tecumseh Pickleball lies in teaching new players, offering organized daily play, boot camps, drills and running fun tournaments. Pickleball is now attracting younger, working adults as new facilities, like the Zekelman complex, become available

in the evenings and weekends. It's getting difficult to keep up with the number of requests to learn how to play" said Melinda Hebert, Tecumseh Pickleball Association. "We are so grateful to the Town of Tecumseh for our partnership and getting these courts open. Our community has truly embraced pickleball!"

Individuals may purchase a Recreational Pickleball Seasonal Membership for \$27.00 plus tax by logging in on [TecumsehRec.ca](http://TecumsehRec.ca) or by calling the Tecumseh Community & Recreation Services Office at 519-735-4756. Members will receive a key that allows the member (+1 guest opponent) access to the courts. Keys will be available for pick-up during office hours.

For more information on pickleball in Tecumseh, including classes and opening hours for the new courts, visit: [www.tecumsehpickleball.ca](http://www.tecumsehpickleball.ca)

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