

Public Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022
Time: 6:00 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, Tania Jobin
Councillor, Rick Tonial

Absent: Councillor, Brian Houston

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik
Acting Clerk, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Customer Service, Eliza Bennett
Manager Committee & Community Services, Christina Hebert
Deputy Treasurer & Manager Financial Services, Zora Visekruna
Engineering Project Manager, Cameron Hedges
Drainage Superintendent, Alessia Mussio

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

C. Land Acknowledgement

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, Haudenosaunee, Lenni Lenape 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, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

E. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments from any affected landowners on the proposed drainage works, as set out on the Drainage Report filed by Josh Warner, P.Eng., of R. Dobbin Engineering Inc., dated May 18, 2022 for the repair and improvement of the South Talbot Road Drain East and the 12th Line Drain.

The Drainage Superintendent highlights the PWES-2022-29 report as appended to the agenda. Josh Dobbin, Drainage Engineer, is available for questions from the Members.

F. Delegations

1. Brian Hyland, Resident

Mr. Hyland raises concerns regarding maintenance to the drain 5 years ago, which were dug into a U-shape design and notes the change in the design shape under the current Drainage Report and the related costs.

The Director Public Works and Engineering Services provides a background on the drainage works on this drain. He advises that some bank failures and sediment within the drain were experienced and provides an overview of additional maintenance undertaken to date.

A Member inquiries on the previous works that were completed to the drain for emergency maintenance. The Director advised that the works in 2016 was conducted to assist with flow and to get water moving in the area due to blockages within the drain. He notes that some maintenance has been assessed out, and measures will be taken to ensure there is no duplication of assessment for works on this drain.

The Drainage Engineer advises that some allowances are provided for the drainage works.

2. Wayne Farough, Resident

Wayne Farough raises concerns on the use of buffer strips and the issues with wildlife affecting drainage.

The Drainage Superintendent explains the benefits of buffer strips which are endorsed in the Town Official Plan and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs. She adds that the Essex Region Conservation Authority is concerned with the issue of beavers, and advises to contact ERCA for safe trapping and relocation.

G. Communications

1. Public Notice dated June 20, 2022
2. By-Law 2022-052

Motion: PCM - 35/22

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof
Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That Communications - For Information 1 and 2 as listed on the Tuesday, July 12, 2022 Public Council Meeting Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

H. Reports

1. PWES-2022-29 Request to Consider Engineer's Report - South Talbot Road Drain East and 12th Line Drain

Motion: PCM - 36/22

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That the Report and Specifications for the South Talbot Road Drain East and 12th Line Drain as prepared by Josh Warner, P.Eng., of R. Dobbin Engineering Inc., dated May 18, 2022 (Drainage Report) **be received**;

And that consideration **be given** to the first and second readings of a Provisional By-law 2022-052 to adopt the Drainage Report in accordance with Section 42 of the Drainage Act (Act);

And further that notice **be given** to all affected landowners of the Court of Revision to be held on September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm in accordance with Section 46(1) of the Act, subject to the adoption of the Provisional By-law.

Carried

I. Adjournment

Motion: PCM - 37/22

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof
Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, July 12, 2022 meeting of the Public Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 7:09 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Jennifer Alexander, Acting Clerk