



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer - People & Culture

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Michelle Bonnici, Director People & Culture

Date to Council: December 13, 2022

Report Number: CAO-PC-2022-08

Subject: Health and Safety Policy No.7 Annual Review

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Health and Safety Policy No. 7, as reviewed for the year 2022, in accordance with Section 25(2)(j) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, **be approved;**

And that Health and Safety Policy No. 7 **be posted** in all Municipal Buildings.

Background

Section 25(2)(j) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1. (Act), states an employer shall “prepare and review at least annually a written occupational health and safety policy and develop and maintain a program to implement that policy.”

Comments

The Health and Safety Policy states: “The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh is vitally interested in the health and safety of its employees. A major ongoing objective is to protect employees from workplace injury or illness. The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh makes every effort to provide a healthy and safe work environment. All supervisors and workers must be dedicated to the objective of reducing the risk of injury and illness.”

As the employer, the Corporation is ultimately responsible for the health and safety of all its workers.

The Chief Administrative Officer and Members of Council are committed to taking every reasonable precaution to protect workers from harm.

Directors and Managers are accountable for the health and safety of workers under their supervision and are responsible for ensuring that machinery and equipment are safe, and that workers follow established safe work practices and procedures.

All employees must receive adequate training in their specific work tasks to protect their health and safety. All employees have received the training necessary for their respective positions within the Corporation.

Every employee, sub-contractor and employee of a sub-contractor must also protect his/her own health and safety by following the law, and the Corporation's safe work practices and procedures. Additionally, they must report all hazards immediately to a Director and/or Manager.

In accordance with the Act, the Health and Safety Policy has been reviewed by the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

There have been no recommended changes to the Policy for 2022.

A copy of the Health and Safety Policy is attached as Appendix 1.

Financial Implications

There are no direct cost implications associated with these Policies. Good health and safety practices/procedures, as well as employee training, all help to prevent workplace injuries. Workplace injuries can create financial implications because of loss of work and employee health care.

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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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Policy No.7 – Health and Safety Policy