

Minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

A meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee for the town of Tecumseh was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario.

1. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Gary McNamara
Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Councillor Bill Altenhof
Councillor Andrew Dowie
Councillor Brian Houston
Councillor Rita Ossington

Absent:

Councillor Tania Jobin

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Tony Haddad
Director Parks & Recreation Services, Paul Anthony
Director Financial Services & Treasurer, Luc Gagnon
Director Planning & Building Services, Brian Hillman
Director Corporate Services & Clerk, Laura Moy
Director Fire Services & Fire Chief, Doug Pitre
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Committee & Community Services, Christina Hebert
Manager Planning Services, Chad Jeffery

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Delegations

There are no delegations presented to Council.

5. Communications

a. Town of Lakeshore dated March 9, 2018

Re: Dog Pound Services

The members request a Report on animal control services including who delivers the services for a more informed discussion. The Pound Representative, Councillor Brian Houston, explains that the Committee is exploring naming or renaming the pound, in addition to the Town's long-term plans with respect to continuing with its services.

Motion: PPC 01/18

Moved By Councillor Andrew Dowie
Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That the March 9, 2018, letter from the Town of Lakeshore requesting input and comments on the short and long term vision of the dog pound and possible name change of the facility be received.

Carried

6. Reports**a. CS-2018-19 2018 Keeping of Urban Chickens**

The Members discuss offering a pilot program for licensing of urban chickens for a duration of 12 to 24 months. The program should limit the number of hens to six (6) per property and take into consideration lot size, location and the surrounding neighbourhood. A limited number of licenses would be available for this program.

Motion: PPC 02/18

Moved By Councillor Andrew Dowie
Seconded By Councillor Rita Ossington

That the Report No.CS-2018-19, regarding Keeping of Urban Chickens, be received;

And that a further report on the proposed regulations under a pilot Urban Chicken Licensing Program be presented for Council's further consideration and approval.

Carried

Motion: PPC 03/18

Moved By Councillor Rita Ossington
Seconded By Councillor Andrew Dowie

That Alberto Deppi of 2015 St. Anne Street be permitted to address the Members of Council regarding the regulation of urban chickens.

Carried

Mr. Deppi states that he has been raising chickens for many years. He believes Tecumseh is still a farming community. He is opposed to paying a license fee, limiting the number of chickens on a property and prohibiting roosters.

b. CS-2018-28 Council Post-Retirement Benefits

Discussion is held on the CS-2018-28 Report and conducting an independent review of the compensation for Members of Council through a committee and/or consultant. It is noted that the last review occurred circa 2006. The review should also take into consideration the elimination of the 1/3 tax exemption for elected Municipal Council Members.

In response to a query, the Clerk advised that the deadline for passing a by-law to place a question on the election ballot has passed.

Motion: PPC 04/18

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Councillor Andrew Dowie

That Mrs Fiona Bryden be permitted to address the Members regarding post-retirement benefits for Members of Council.

Carried

Mrs. Bryden addresses her concerns with the post-retirement benefits report. She is opposed to post-retirement benefits for a part-time position. Mrs. Bryden expresses her interest in being part of a review committee.

Motion:PPC 05/18

Moved By Councillor Andrew Dowie
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That Report No.CS-2018-02 regarding Council Post-Retirement Benefits, be received;

And that a further report be provided on conducting a review of Council's compensation in consultation with a committee and/or consultant.

Carried

c. CS-2018-29 Noise By-law Amendment**Motion:PPC 06/18**

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By Councillor Rita Ossington

That By-law No. 2002-07 respecting the emission of sounds (Noise By-law) be amended by repealing and replacing Paragraph 6 (a) and Paragraph 7 with the following paragraphs:

6. Grant of Exemptions**(a) Application to Council**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this by-law, any person may make application to:

Council to be granted an exemption from any of the provisions of this by-law with respect to any source of sound or vibration for which he/she might be prosecuted and Council, by resolution, may refuse to grant any exception or may grant the exemption applied for or any exemption of lesser effect and any exemption granted shall specify the time period, not in excess of six (6) months, during which it is effective and may contain such terms and conditions as Council sees fit.

The Director Parks & Recreation for special events held in compliance with the Outdoor Special Events Policy No. 85, which do not offer the sale and/or consumption of alcohol and are scheduled within the hours of 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

7.Exemption of Traditional, Festive or Religious Activities

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law, this by-law does not apply to a person who emits or causes or permits the emission of sound or vibration in connection with any of the hereinafter listed traditional, festive, religious and other activities, namely:

Corn Festival

Christmas in Tecumseh and Santa Parade

Canada Day

Any community event organized by the Town of Tecumseh, and
Ringing of Church bells or chimes.

And that amending by-law be presented to Council at the next Regular Meeting of Council to effect the amendments;

And that Report No. CS-2018-29 regarding Noise By-law Amendments, be received.

Carried

7. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business presented to Council.

8. New Business

Canada Revenue One-Third Tax Exemption

The elimination of the one-third tax exemption for Members of Council will be considered in the review of council compensation as earlier discussed.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policies & Priorities Committee will be scheduled as needed.

10. Adjournment

Motion: PPC 07/18

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business, the August 14, 2018 meeting of Policies and Priorities Committee now adjourn at 6:22 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk