

## **Public Meeting of Council**

### **Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

Present: Mayor, Gary McNamara  
Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti  
Councillor, James Dorner  
Councillor, Alicia Higgison  
Councillor, Brian Houston  
Councillor, Tania Jobin  
Councillor, Rick Tonial

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans  
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Robert Auger  
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik  
Director Technology & Client Services, Shaun Fuerth  
Director Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer, Tom Kitsos  
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander  
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert  
Manager Engineering Services, John Henderson  
Drainage Superintendent, Alessia Mussio

#### **A. Roll Call**

#### **B. Call to Order**

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 5:36 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**

Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti declares a pecuniary interest on the Gouin Drain as he owns affected property. Councillor Houston declares a pecuniary interest on the Gouin Drain as he owns affected property. Both Members refrained from discussion and voting.

**E. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting**

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment any affected landowners on the proposed drainage works set out in the Drainage Repot filed by Mark Hernandez of Dillon Consulting dated January 20, 2023 for the Gouin Drain.

The Town Drainage Superintendent provided background for the drainage works proposed in the Drainage Report which is appended to the agenda. Mr. Palombo, the applicant, also joined the meeting as a delegate but did not ask any questions when called upon by the Chair.

**F. Delegations**

1. Mark Hernandez, P.Eng, Drainage Engineer, Dillon Consulting  
Mark Hernandez, Drainage Engineer, was available to answer any questions from the Members on the Drainage Report. There were no questions raised from the Members or the public.

**G. Communications**

1. **Notice of Public Meeting dated January 30, 2023**
2. **By-Law 2023-022**

Being a bylaw to provide for the repair and improvements to the Gouin Drain

**Motion: PCM - 13/23**

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial  
Seconded By Councillor James Dorner

**That** Communications - For Information 1 and 2 as listed on the Tuesday, February 14, 2023 Public Council Meeting Agenda, **be received.**

Carried

## H. Reports

### 1. PWES-2023-05 Request to Consider Engineer's Report - Gouin Drain

#### **Motion: PCM - 14/22**

Moved By Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded By Councillor James Dorner

**That** the Drainage Report and Specifications for the Gouin Drain (Drain) as prepared by Mark Hernandez, P.Eng., of Dillon Consulting Limited, dated January 20, 2023 (Drainage Report) **be received**;

**And that** consideration **be given** to the first and second readings of a provisional by-law 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 Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm in accordance with Section 46(1) of the Act, subject to the adoption of the provisional by-law.

Carried

## I. Adjournment

#### **Motion: PCM - 15/23**

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial  
Seconded By Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** there being no further business, the Tuesday, February 14, 2023 meeting of the Public Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 5:42 pm.

Carried

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Gary McNamara, Mayor

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Robert Auger, Clerk