

## **Special Meeting of Council**

### **Minutes**

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023  
Time: 1:00 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 Community Safety & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy  
Director Technology & Client Services, Shaun Fuerth  
Director Community & Recreation Services, Beth Gignac  
Director Development Services, Brian Hillman  
Director Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer, Tom Kitsos  
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert

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

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

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 1:02 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, Leni 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. Delegations**

**1. StrategyCorp**

Sabine Matheson, Principal, StrategyCorp. and Tony Haddad, Senior Advisor, StrategyCorp

Janice Forsyth, Forsyth Consulting, will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

With reference to the Presentation attached to the meeting Agenda Ms. Matheson proceeded to present and provide Council with an overview of the strategic planning process explaining the importance and purpose of a municipal council strategic plan and its impact on a municipality as a whole. Ms. Matheson proceeded to advise on: the value of a strategic plan, its role in the overall decision making cycle, the five principles of good strategic planning, the importance of timelines in the process, the scope of planning and the need to utilize all governmental tools in carrying out the eventual strategic plan that is created.

**Motion: SCM - 07/23**

Moved By Councillor Tania Jobin

Seconded By Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** the presentation from Sabine Matheson of StrategyCorp entitled "Tecumseh Pre-Strategic Planning Session" **be received.**

Carried

**F. Communications**

There are no Communication items presented to Council.

**G. Reports**

There are no Reports presented to Council.

Council recessed at 2:06 pm and returned from recess at 2:21 pm.

**H. Motion to Proceed In-Camera**

**Motion: SCM - 08/23**

Moved By Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded By Councillor James Dorner

**That** Council now move into closed session at 2:22 pm in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* Section 239 (2)(k) which states that a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

**I. Motion to Leave In-Camera Session**

**Motion: CW-06/23**

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial  
Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** Council rise from the closed session and return to open session at 4:15 pm.

Carried

**J. Reporting Out of In-Camera Session**

The Chair reported out that Council had just held a discussion in closed session in accordance with and as permitted by Section 239 (2) (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. During this closed session Council received information regarding intergovernmental relations and negotiation strategies for the municipality to consider as relating to future interactions with those intergovernmental bodies during the current term of Council.

**K. Adjournment**

**Motion: SCM - 09/23**

Moved By Councillor Alicia Higgison

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** there being no further business, the Monday, February 13, 2023 meeting of the Special Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 4:17 pm.

Carried

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Gary McNamara, Mayor

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Robert Auger, Clerk