

Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Time: 6:00 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 & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Water Services, Brad Dupuis
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert
Manager Engineering Services, John Henderson
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery
Manager Public Works & Transportation, Kirby McArdle

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Shoreline Management Plan Coastal Flood Risk Assessment Report

Peter Zuzek, Zuzek Inc.

Mr. Peter Zuzek presents the "Town of Tecumseh Coastal Flood Risk Assessment" PowerPoint as appended on the agenda. The Consultant provides a background of the study conducted and advises on various options and their possible costs to reduce coastal flood risk and cost estimates for mitigation measures.

The Mayor opens the floor to questions from the Members.

In response to an inquiry, the Consultant indicates more work needs to be done with property owners to come up with solutions to be attractive with mitigation in mind.

The Director Public Works & Engineering Services explained that next steps would be to integrate this report into the Public Works and Engineering Services Capital Works Plan with focus on public engagement and how to implement this study.

A Member inquires if there are temporary measures that can be done. The Consultant reviewed some temporary measures that have been implemented in various locations in Europe but he opined that those temporary measures likely would not be optimal for this community.

A Member suggested that this study be circulated to our neighboring municipalities and the County of Essex. The CAO requested that the study be circulated first through the Flood Working Group for discussion and consideration.

F. Communications

There are no Communication items presented to Council.

G. Reports

1. **PWES-2023-08 Shoreline Management Plan, Town of Tecumseh Coastal Flood Risk Assessment Report**

Motion: SCM - 09/23

Moved By Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That Report PWES-2023-08 Shoreline Management Plan – Town of Tecumseh Coastal Flood Risk Assessment Report, **be received.**

H. Adjournment

Motion: SCM - 10/23

Moved By Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded By Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, February 14, 2023 meeting of the Special Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 7:06 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk