

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Council Connect: Highlights from April 11, 2023, meetings of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met this evening, and here are the highlights:

Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting:

Licensing of Mobile Food Vendors: Council received [a report](#) for licensing mobile food vendors in the Town of Tecumseh, including frozen treat vehicles and refreshment vehicles. The report outlined the application requirements and the proposed annual licensing fee per vehicle (\$350). The draft by-law will be considered for approval at the regular Council meeting of April 25, 2023. If approved, Administration will launch the program to begin receiving applications on Monday, May 1, 2023, for the summer season. A Mobile Food Vendor License will be valid until December 31, 2023.

Town of Tecumseh Fireworks By-Law Review: Council reviewed By-Law 2013-50 and proposed changes to address the health and safety concerns to make the Fireworks By-Law more practical for residents and enforcement. By-Law revisions include defining dates and times that Consumer Fireworks (“family fireworks”) can be set off without a permit. The By-Law will be primarily administered by the Fire Chief or designate (permit applications) and enforced through the Town’s By-Law Enforcement Officers and Ontario Provincial Police. [Council reviewed and discussed the proposed By-law](#) amendments and current permit application fee (\$50) associated with conducting a Fireworks Display. The by-law will be brought forward for consideration of approval at the regular Council meeting of April 25, 2023.

Town of Tecumseh Seasonal Patio By-Law: To continue encouraging the development or extension of patios for local businesses after the pandemic, [Council reviewed](#) a new by-law outlining Guidelines for Seasonal Patios and Seasonal Patio Expansions and delegating authority for conducting inspections to the Chief Building Official. Going forward, this by-law will provide a permanent, clear and consistent annual application process and approvals along with enforcement measures if necessary. The by-law will be brought forward for consideration of approval at the regular Council meeting of April 25, 2023. If approved, applications for the upcoming season can be made commencing May 1, 2023. The proposed annual application fee is \$250.

Special Council Meetings

Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan: Council [received a presentation](#) on the scope and progress of the Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan. A public information centre on the secondary plan will be held on April 13th at 4 p.m. at Tecumseh Recreation Complex and Arena, Centre Ice Room (Located on the Upper Level), 12021 McNorton Street, Tecumseh.

Regular Meeting of Council

Essex Power Youth in Community Fund: Council [received a report](#) that the Essex Power Corporation (EPC) Board of Directors has approved 2023 funding for its Shareholders to continue supporting organizations that offer activities and projects geared towards youth in Tecumseh. EPC has approved \$40,000 Youth in Community Funding to be distributed among its four communities. The Tecumseh Community and Recreation Services Department is exploring several options to provide the Tecumseh community with opportunities for youth under 18 years of age to participate in recreational programs and events in 2023.

LAS Sewer and Water Line Warranty Program Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. Agreement Renewal Term: [Council authorized Administration](#) to give notice to Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. (SLWC) to exercise their renewal commencing on September 27, 2023 for an additional one-year term. SLWC provides residents with the opportunity for a low-cost warranty program that will help repair, replace, or restore this critical infrastructure from the home to the property line, which is often perceived as the municipality's responsibility.

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Amendment: The provincial government is streamlining and modernizing its environmental assessment process to maintain strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on projects that matter most to Ontario communities. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, including project schedules, archaeological screening process, and changing bump up requests. [Council received the report](#).

2023 Supply of Various Vehicles: In accordance with the Fleet Replacement Schedule, and in consultation with Administration, nineteen (19) vehicles and/or pieces of equipment are recommended for purchase in 2023. [Council approved the report](#) recommending the purchase of replacement vehicles and equipment, in the amount of \$957,500. Request for formal quotes for Supply of Various Vehicles (RFQ) will be prepared and advertised in accordance with the Town's Purchasing Policy. Subsequent to the purchase and receipt of the new vehicles and equipment, the replaced vehicles and equipment will be declared surplus and sold at auction.

12th Concession Road Watermain Replacement Project – Tender Award: [Council approved the recommendation](#) to award the tender for the 12th Concession Road Watermain Replacement Project to SheaRock Construction Group in the amount of \$195,900 (excluding HST). The project work consists of replacing approximately 185 m of existing 150 mm diameter cast iron watermain with new 150 mm diameter PVC watermain by directional drilling methods. Work will take place on 12th Concession Road just south of Pike Creek.

Amendment to the East Townline Drain (St. Clair Outlet) Drainage Assessment Schedule: Through the process of issuing the drainage assessment invoices for the East Townline Drain (St. Clair Outlet), Administration detected an inaccuracy with data presented in the schedule of Appendix A, including the total project costs that were identified within Report PWES-2022-26 and By-law 2022-096. Values

depicted in the report and by-law did not equate to the actual total project costs. Council approved the correction to Schedule A of By-law 2022-096, which amended the drainage assessments estimated in the [engineer's report](#) based on actual costs incurred for the construction of the East Townline Drain (St. Clair Outlet).

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is April 25, 2023. The agenda and livestream will be available on [the Town's website](#). Follow the Town of Tecumseh on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for news and the latest information.

For Immediate Release
Monday, April 17, 2023

Town of Tecumseh Prepares to Celebrate Earth Day

Tecumseh, ON – The Town of Tecumseh Community & Recreation Services will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd from 11 am-1 pm at Lakewood Park South. Join us for free eco-friendly activities and a special presentation from keynote speaker and bird of prey expert, Phil Roberts, as well as a drum performance from our friends at Caldwell First Nation.

"I invite all Tecumseh residents to come together to take steps towards a cleaner, greener future for ourselves and future generations," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "Participating in Earth Day events can make a meaningful difference in our environment and community."

The L'Esson's STEAM (Entrepreneurship in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts) Program will be unveiling bat boxes, that will be installed in our Tecumseh Parks. All events and activities are free, and no registration is necessary.

In preparation for Earth Day, the Town's Parks staff and students from Lakeview Montessori will once again be planting 100 trees in Lakewood South's naturalization area. The naturalization area, established in 2018, established native plants in an organic design that is left unmanicured, allowing it to mature into a naturalized woodland/wildflower area.

Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events are available at www.tecumseh.ca, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#).

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For Immediate Release
Friday, April 21, 2023

Tecumseh Celebrates National Volunteer Week 2023

Tecumseh, ON - The Town of Tecumseh celebrated National Volunteer Week with a Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 20, extending gratitude to many volunteers for their significant contributions benefiting the community.

This annual celebration is a time to thank and recognize volunteers across Tecumseh, and Tecumseh welcomed volunteers back to celebrate in person for the first time since 2019. The 2023 theme is "Volunteering Weaves us Together", strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent and energy to support one another.

At the Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 20, Tecumseh Mayor and Members of Council recognized three Tecumseh residents with awards for their volunteerism and community service:

- Heather Holding – 2022 Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award
- Shirley Drouillard– 2023 Senior of the Year Award
- Grace Allison– 2023 Youth of the Year Award

Tecumseh committees and local boards were also recognized for their dedication and an unselfish desire to help others and improve the Town of Tecumseh.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the community, driving activities that benefit us all. During Volunteer Week 2023, we celebrate their extraordinary contributions to the Town through boards and committees, as well as programs like Snow and Leaf Angels," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "I encourage everyone to consider volunteering to help build stronger and more inclusive communities across this wonderful Town."

Find more information about this and other Tecumseh news and events on the [Town's website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#).

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Golden Age Club Relocation

Tecumseh, ON – As part of interim measures to accommodate the Cada Library renovations, the Golden Age Club will be relocated to the St. Clair Beach Community Centre (13731 St Gregory's Rd) for the duration of the project. The Cada Library will continue to deliver services from the Town facility being utilized by the Golden Age Club at 12420 Lanoue St.

“In accommodating the Golden Age Club at the St. Clair Beach Community Centre, the Town is able to accommodate the Club’s existing schedule for programs and activities,” said Mayor Gary McNamara. “Recognizing timelines and logistics, the Town of Tecumseh will also assist the Golden Age Club to move and install necessary equipment and supplies at the St. Clair Beach Community Centre at no cost.”

Details shared with the Golden Age Club (GAC) include:

- The Town is legally required to provide Library space as per the existing agreement with the Essex County Library, which is consistent across all Essex County communities.
- The GAC will be relocated from the current location to St. Clair Beach Community Centre (SCBCC) for approximately 1 year as of May 1, 2023, whilst renovations to the Cada Library are underway.
- The Town of Tecumseh will prepare a contract for the GAC for the term of the relocation period and will not charge a fee for use of that facility for that duration;
- The current GAC programs and activities schedule will be fully accommodated, without change, at the SCBCC for the duration of the relocation period.
- The current schedule of bookings made by the GAC for independent groups and/or rentals for private functions will be fully accommodated, without change, at either the SCBCC or another Town of Tecumseh facility, at the current fee schedule provided by the GAC.
- All of those groups and/or rental clients for private functions will be subject to contracts by the Town of Tecumseh confirming arrangements.
- The Town reviewed concerns raised by GAC members about accessibility at the SCBCC and the space was reviewed by the Town’s Accessibility Advisory Committee, with no issues identified.
- The Town reviewed concerns raised by the GAC members about parking at the SCBCC and ensured that parking, including accessible parking, is sufficient.

Town of Tecumseh will consult with the Golden Age Club over the next year to understand their programming plans and ongoing space requirements.

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Request to Consider Engineer's Report – 11th Concession Drain Branch: [The Drainage Report](#) covers the construction work for the proposed new branch drain along the west side of County Road 43 (11th Concession Road), immediately south of County Road 42. The report was received, and the Drainage report was adopted.

Zoning By-law Amendment Condition of Consent B-05-23 1650 Shawnee Road Scheduling of a Public Meeting: Council held a public meeting to provide for public comment on a [zoning by-law amendment application](#). The zoning by-law amendment application has been filed in order to change the zoning pertaining to a 0.19 hectare (0.46 acre) parcel of land situated on the east side of Shawnee Road, approximately 80 metres (262 feet) north of its intersection with Westlake Drive (1650 Shawnee Road), in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the subject land for residential uses.

Proposed New Building By-law and Permit Fees: Council approved [a report](#) that outlines provisions of the proposed new Building By-law and proposed new permit fees. The new Building By-law and Permit Fees incorporate findings from the recent department Operational Review in addition to incorporating some housekeeping changes to reflect current operations and best practices.

Turkey Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modelling Study Phases 1 and 2 Final Reports: Council received [the report summarizing the Turkey Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modelling Study](#). The Study provides updated hydrologic and hydraulic models for the main channels within the Turkey Creek watershed which better represent the current watershed and stream characteristics. The updated models can be used to identify residential, commercial and industrial areas that are at risk of flooding and can also estimate the impacts of climate change and/or future land-use changes on future water levels.

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E Scooter Pilot Program: Council received [a report](#) for an E Scooter Pilot Program from May – September 2023 with services to be provided by Bird Canada, Inc. A limited number (30) of E Scooters will be provided by Bird Canada from May 19- September 2023, with the opportunity to extend when the pilot program ends. Bird Canada would be responsible for supplying, operating, maintaining, managing,

marketing, financing, and reporting. There is no cost or revenue to the Town of Tecumseh. Council approved the report.

Golden Age Club Relocation: Council [received and approved the accommodation](#) plan for Golden Age Club activities, existing user groups and rental clients to be temporarily relocated to the St. Clair Beach Community Centre for the period of time required to support the Cada Library use of 12420 Lanoue Street during renovations to the Cada Library building. As part of the accommodation, Council waived the fees for the Golden Age Club (GAC) for use of the St. Clair Beach Community Centre and the Town of Tecumseh honours the GAC fees for existing user groups and rental clients through the temporary relocation period. Further, Council will engage in a year-long consultation period with the Golden Age Club to determine long-term plans for programs and activities of the Club and a future facility location.

Federal Housing Accelerator Fund Program Funding for a Planning Consultant to Assist in Preparation of a Housing Action Plan and Grant Application: The Federal government recently launched the \$4 billion Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), which will provide funding to local governments to fast-track the creation of new homes in Canada. [It was recommended](#) that a planning consultant be hired at a cost of \$30,000 to prepare the HAF funding application and the required Housing Action Plan to support the application. Council approved and authorized the funding from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Revisions to By-Laws 2023-046 and 2023-047: [Council approved the report](#) that outlines the major revisions to By-law 2023-046 Temporary Outdoor Patios and Extensions and By-Law 2023-047 Mobile Food Vendors. Proposed By-law 2023-046 no longer requires permanent patios on private lands that are licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to be subject to the annual application and fee. Further, the by-law clarifies that temporary patios with AGCO licensees can be authorized for a period of up to eight months total in a calendar year. Proposed By-law 2023-047 now provides that the licensing fee is not applicable when the owner /operator of a Refreshment Vehicle is parking the vehicle on a private property location owned/operated by the same person. The applicant will otherwise continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of this By-law as applicable for Mobile Food Vendors.

Larviciding for the 2023 West Nile Virus (WNV) Program: The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) Medical Officer of Health has issued a formal Notice of Action dated April 4, 2023, to decrease the risk of WNV to persons in the Windsor-Essex County area by Larviciding for the 2023 West Nile Virus Program. The program costs in the amount of \$6,000 will be funded from the approved 2023 Public Works operating budget. [Council approved the report.](#)

Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan Area Northwest Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project Tender Award for Consulting Services: [Council approved the recommendations](#) regarding the results of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the services of qualified professionals to complete the preliminary and detailed design for the Tecumseh Hamlet Northwest Water and Wastewater Infrastructure project. Council awarded the RFP for the Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan Area – Northwest Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$1,155,465 excluding HST to Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is May 9, 2023. The agenda and livestream will be available on [the Town's website](#). Follow the Town of Tecumseh on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for news and the latest information.



April 26, 2023

Dear Key Stakeholder,

Re: County Road 42 Road Closure – CR 19 to Pike Creek

This letter is to provide advance notice and to inform you that The County of Essex has received confirmation from the general contractor (Piera Con Enterprises), completing the current Phase 1 construction work on CR 42, that they will be closing County Road 42 East of Manning Road (CR 19) to Pike Creek from May 2, 2023 to May 11, 2023.

This closure will allow for the instillation of a new storm sewer outlet into Pike Creek.

Residents and businesses will be allowed to enter and exit their properties however, County Road 42 will be closed to all through traffic trying to cross Pike Creek.

Should this work finish early, crews will be in a position to open the road earlier than May 11, 2023.

Digital oversize message sign boards have been placed on CR 42 at CR 19 (Manning Road) and CR 42 at Pike Creek to notify the public of this upcoming temporary road closure.

Please circulate this communication and its information to any affected departments and your communication team to provide additional notice to the public.

Should you require further information, please contact the County of Essex at engineering@countyofessex.ca

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Baggio", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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