

Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall – Council Chambers
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, ON N8N 1W9

Present:

Mayor, Gary McNamara
Councillor, James Dorner
Councillor, Alicia Higgison
Councillor, Brian Houston
Councillor, Tania Jobin
Councillor, Rick Tonial

Absent:

Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misk-Evans
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Robert Auger
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik
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
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery
Development Engineer, Shane McVitty

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:37 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

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

E. Delegations**1. Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan Update**

Re: Dorsa Jalalian, Senior Urban Designer, DIALOG; Kristine Wilkinson, P. Eng. and Laura Herlehy, Associate, Dillon Consulting

The Director Development Services introduces the Consultants for the Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan (Plan). The Consultants, Dorsa Jalalian of Dialog, is joined by Kristine Wilkinson and Laura Herlehy of Dillon Consulting, and provides an overview and status update of the Plan as appended in the presentation on the agenda.

The Mayor opens the floor for questions from the Members.

A Member inquires on the drainage maintenance schedules with the development given that maintenance for these drains has been recently updated. The Director Public Works & Engineering Services explains that there will be a stormwater network. As development moves forward and drains are enclosed into the swim ponds, various drainage reports will be updated.

A Member raised concern with the Shield Street extension through McAuliffe Park as the Banwell Road area is developed. The Director Development Services responds that there will be a need to carefully consider the design and function of the roadway so that park users are protected.

In response to a pedestrian crossing at the CP railway tracks, the Director Development Services indicates that railways pose mobility challenges between neighbourhoods and that an at-grade crossing is being considered. He notes that it is a priority to have a crossing to provide a walkable community.

A Member raises concerns with the traffic patterns and the potential with the grid design which could encourage motorists speeding. The Director Development Services explains that the grid street pattern promotes the dispersion of traffic and through appropriate street design, including the introduction of side friction, can help communicate to drivers that reduced speeds are required. The Director also noted that grid street patterns create more walkable communities.

The Director Development Services indicates that some development could commence next year.

Motion: SCM - 21/23

Moved By Councillor Rick Toniai
Seconded By Councillor James Dorner

That the PowerPoint presentation entitled "Tecumseh Hamlet Secondary Plan - Update" **be received**.

Carried

F. Communications

There are no Communication items presented to Council.

G. Reports

There are no Reports presented to Council.

H. Adjournment

Motion: SCM - 22/23

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, April 11, 2023 meeting of the Special Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 7:45 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk