

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

## **Council Connect: Highlights from May 9, 2023, meetings of Council**

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

### **Regular Meeting of Council**

**Pathway to Potential Funding Agreement 2023:** Since 2013, the Tecumseh Community & Recreation Services Department has been administering funding programs to assist low-income families with access to recreation programs, through the Pathway to Potential (P2P) program. The Town of Tecumseh offers children, youth, adults and seniors living on low income the opportunity to participate in any program offered through the Community & Recreation Services Department at 10 percent of the program cost. [Council approved entering an Agreement](#) with the City of Windsor & P2P for these programs for the budget year of 2023.

**CRS-2023-09 Golden Age Club User Agreement:** In accordance with approved recommendations from Report CRS-2023-07 on April 25, 2023, Administration prepared a User Agreement between the Town and the Golden Age Club (GAC) for the period they are accommodated at the St. Clair Beach Community Centre (SCBCC) during Cada Library renovations. The terms of the Agreement provide for the Town's obligations for care and maintenance of the SCBCC and the GAC's obligations for their use of it, as well as the insurance and grant reporting requirements of the GAC. [The Agreement was endorsed by Council](#) with authorization to provide the GAC a two-week period for their review and sign-off. The Agreement will return to Council for final consideration on May 23, 2023.

**Summary of Public Consultation and Recommendations Regarding Proposed Changes to the Tecumseh Transit Service Route for 2023:** Council received [a report outlining](#) the results of the engagement process and corresponding assessment for the Tecumseh Transit route, as well as recommendations on the proposed changes to the fixed route. Changes include re-introducing stops at Tecumseh Town Centre Plaza, and the Sobeys Plaza on Manning Rd, along with changes to timing for the Brighton Road Loop and relocation of the Dillon Drive route to Little River Blvd. Council approved the report, with the changes to be implemented on June 1, 2023.

**Town of Tecumseh New Fireworks By-Law:** Council [received a report summarizing](#) the revisions to the proposed fireworks by-law after feedback was received from major local stakeholders. Changes include requiring permits for aerial fireworks, further definitions in the by-law of such terms as "Fireworks Supervisor" and "Assistant", and changes to the bylaw to reflect federal recommendations. Council approved the report and adopted the By-law.



**Maisonneuve Street Sidewalk from Shawnee Road to Lesperance Road:** At a meeting on January 26, 2023, Administration was requested to prepare [a report](#) on the feasibility of installing a sidewalk along Maisonneuve Street from Shawnee Road to Lesperance Road to have it connect with the Lesperance Road Trail that is scheduled to be installed in 2024. At this time Administration does not recommend the installation of a sidewalk on Maisonneuve Street from Shawnee Road to Lesperance Street due to the high likelihood that segments of the sidewalk installed may be removed and replaced during future infrastructure improvements to the entire street. Council did not approve adding the Maisonneuve Street Sidewalk, from Shawnee Road to Lesperance Road.

**Upper Little River Watershed Drainage and Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment Study Completion and Final Adoption:** The City of Windsor and Town of Tecumseh together with the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) commenced this watershed study to document the existing conditions of the Upper Little River Watershed and to recommend stormwater management measures to mitigate potential negative impacts as development occurs over time. The Master Plan is considered approved under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process and may proceed to implementation. Council adopted [PWES-2023-34](#).

**Request to Refer Drainage Report Back to Engineer – Shuttleworth Drain:** Council approved Report [PWES-2023-37](#) to refer the Drainage Report for the Shuttleworth Drain back to the Drainage Engineer based on the requests from the two landowners and the discussions with OMAFRA. Administration recommended that Council refer the Drainage Report for the Shuttleworth Drain back to the Drainage Engineer. Once the Drainage Report has been referred back and all necessary changes have been incorporated, the Drainage Engineer will submit an updated Drainage Report for reconsideration and the Drainage Act process will proceed again.

**Request for Repair and Improvement to the North 12th Concession Drain – Appointment of Drainage Engineer:** A request was submitted to replace (and lengthen) a driveway culvert that provides access over the Drain on the west side of 12th Concession Road commencing north of County Road 46. [Council approved](#) Josh Warner, P.Eng. of R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. to be appointed Drainage Engineer to produce an updated report for the access culvert that will include the watershed boundary, plan and profiles, and updated construction and future maintenance Assessment schedules.

**Subsequent Connection to a Municipal Drain (s. 65) – Cyr Drain & Extension:** [Council approved](#) the landowner's request to allow a subsequent connection to the Cyr Drain and Extension (Drain) in accordance with Section 65(3) of the Drainage Act (the Act). This request was made to help facilitate proposed development of the parcels, whereby stormwater would be serviced into a single drainage area being the Cyr Drain.

**Amendment to the 2023-2027 PWES Capital Works Plan County Road 43 Trunk Watermain Project W-4 (CP Rail to County Road 42):** Council received recommendations to amend the 2023-2027 Capital Works



Plan to include the County Road (CR) 43 Trunk Watermain Project from CP Rail to County Road 42 as part of the County of Essex Phase 2 CR42 & 43 Improvement Project. Dillion Consulting Limited will be retained for engineering consulting services. Total project expenditures of \$4, 886,000 for engineering (2023) and construction (2024) will be funded through the Watermain Reserve Fund. [Council approved the recommendations.](#)

**Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund 2023 Intake Cedarwood Sanitary Pump Station**

**Reconstruction:** [Council approved](#) Administration to apply for federal funding under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) 2023 Intake, for the Cedarwood Sanitary Pump Station Reconstruction Project. As part of a 2022 Condition and Capacity Assessment conducted by Stantec Consulting Ltd., full reconstruction of the Cedarwood PS is recommended due to site elevation and susceptibility to flooding, as well as age of the pump station and maintenance challenges including sourcing replacement parts, frequency of repairs and increasing costs. A full replacement will mitigate risks associated with potential pump failure and ensure optimal operating efficiencies across the service area. The preliminary estimate for the reconstruction is \$7.75M, which if successful under DMAF, may be covered up to 40% (\$3.1M). The Town's share of 60% (\$4.65M) would be funded from the Wastewater Facilities Reserve Fund.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Council is May 23, 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.



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## **Council Connect: Highlights from May 23, 2023, meetings of Council**

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### **Public Council Meetings**

**Request to Consider Engineer's Report East Townline Drain (Lower Portion of the Lake St. Clair Outlet):** [The report outlines](#) the changes to the East Townline Drain under the Drainage Act which includes the relocation of the lower portion of the Drain to the east side of Manning Road (approximately 688 metres) and the enclosure of the Drain upstream (approximately 287 metres). These works were part of the Manning Road Improvements Phase 2 project, completed in 2021 and 2022. The report was received, and Council gave provisional approval of the report and authorized notice for the Court of Revision to hear this matter.

**Proposed New Zoning By-law Workshop Issues and Methodology Report – WSP Canada Inc.:** Council attended a Council workshop hosted by WSP to review the Issues and Methodology Report and give direction to key issues that would benefit from the input of Council. This allowed the process to advance to Phase 3 and the formulation of a new Zoning By-law document. [Council approved the report](#). This Workshop will be followed by a Public Open House on May 24, 2023, that will allow the public to attend, review and provide input and comments.

### **Regular Meeting of Council**

**2023 Tecumseh Corn and Music Festival:** The Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach is planning a renewed Tecumseh Corn and Music Festival, with two main components: the Main Festival grounds and the Music Festival. The Optimist Club has requested that the Town of Tecumseh waive park and event permit fees and have the Town provide in-kind support to the event with hydro electricity and water, use of fencing and fence erecting, use of the inflatable corn maze, access to onsite parking, use of the Tecumseh Corn Festival logo, access to previous signage, and possession of the 'Nibby' inflatable costume. Additionally, the Optimist Club has asked for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for consumption by patrons within a restricted area at Lacasse Park and are looking for relief from Noise By-law No. 2002-07 for the duration of the festival to permit music to play until 11:00 p.m. [Council approved the report](#).

**Development Agreement Castle Gate Towers Inc. – Business Park Development North-East Corner of 8th Concession/County Road 46:** [Council received the report](#) outlining progress on the subdivision Development Agreement, with Castle Gate Towers Inc. regarding a new business park in the hamlet of



Oldcastle. The business park consists of five (5) lots for industrial use, a block to preserve the existing woodlot and a block for a proposed stormwater pond. The area of the development consists of 29 ha (71.7 acres). Council authorized the execution of the Castle Gate Towers Inc. development agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's Solicitor. The subdivision will continue to be subject to a holding zone to restrict development until the agreement is executed and registered on title.

**Zoning By-law Amendment Petcon Realty Corp. South Side of County Road 22 (West of Sylvestre Drive)**  
**Scheduling of a Public Meeting:** Petcon Realty Corp. owns a 6.77 hectare (16.72 acre) property situated on the south side of County Road 22, immediately west of the Sylvestre Drive terminus. It is the Owner's intention to construct a hotel up to six stories in height and 170 rooms, with an approximate footprint of 1,707 square metres (18,374 square feet). The application proposes to rezone these northerly lands into an appropriate site-specific "Holding General Commercial Zone (H) C1-10 to facilitate the construction of the proposed commercial development: [Council approved the report](#) and scheduling of a public meeting on June 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**The Proposed New Provincial Planning Statement 2023 Summary Report:** [Council received the report](#) outlining changes that will affect the Town from the recently released proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, including changes to growth management, housing, servicing and agricultural lot creation policies. Planning comments on the proposed changes were provided for Council's consideration. Council approved submitting the Town's report on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement 2023 to the province through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

**2023 Water and Wastewater Rate Study:** The 2023 Water and Wastewater Rate Study (Study) was presented to Council at the Regular Council Meeting of April 25, 2023, and posted to the Town's website for a comment period. Municipal water and wastewater services are provided to Tecumseh residents based on a user-pay structure, whereby water and wastewater rates established through the Town's annual budget process are intended to generate revenues sufficient for the self-sustenance of each service. The 2023 rate study updates the last study conducted in 2015 and proposed annual increases of 3% for both fixed and volumetric rates commencing in 2024 for the duration of the Study timeframe, subject to the annual budget process. No concerns were raised by Council or residents during the comment period. [Council approved the Study.](#)

**Regulation of E-Scooters during Pilot Program - By-Law 2023- 062:** On May 9, 2023, Council consented to participating in a pilot program for the provision of E-Scooter rental services in certain designated areas of the Town. Council authorized the provision of E-Scooter rental services by Bird Canada Inc. during the period commencing May 23 and ending September 30, 2023. Extension may be made subject to the results of the initial pilot period. To give legal effect to this program/service, the Town must pass a by-law permitting the use of E-Scooters in accordance with the Provincial Pilot Project in accordance with a regulation under the Highway Traffic Act for pilot projects involving E-scooters. The report outlines the requirements for safe operation and general parameters of use during the Town's participation in the Provincial Pilot Project under this regulation. Council authorized the Town to participate in Ontario's E-

Scooter Pilot Program and [adopted amendments to the Town's](#) by-law for traffic and parking to accommodate the E-Scooter pilot program.

**Active Transportation Fund Multi-Use Trail on Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard Award of Engineering Consulting Services:** A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the Town's Bids & Tenders account and on the Town's website for engineering consulting services for the upcoming multi-use trail on Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard. The proposal submitted by RC Spencer Associates Inc. was [approved by Council](#) on the recommendation of Administration.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Council is June 28, 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.





## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

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May 31, 2023

The Town of Tecumseh  
Business Improvement Area  
Board of Management (the "Board")  
12122 Tecumseh Rd. E., Unit 2  
Tecumseh, ON N8N 1L9

### **Re: Tecumseh BIA Board of Management Meetings**

It has been brought to the Town's attention that the BIA has been unable to hold its inaugural or any subsequent meetings thus far for the 2022-2026 term of Council due to what I am advised are lack of quorum (majority of directors present) issues.

Please be advised that this inability for the Board to meet thus far may impact on the BIA's ability to carry out its mandate. Without the ability to obtain proper direction from its Board the ability to carry out the normal events and/or activities of the BIA (acting through its Coordinator) may be adversely affected.

Accordingly, I would ask all current Board members to please make their best effort to attend the meetings as and when scheduled. If, for any reason, you are aware at this point that you will not be able to regularly commit to attending the meetings, we would ask that you please consider stepping down as a current board member and advise as soon as possible so that the vacancy may be filled expeditiously.

If you are able to continue to commit your time to the Board and its meetings, then we ask that you make your best effort to attend the meetings so that the Board can fulfill its mandate. While we certainly understand that from time-to-time certain Board members may not be able to attend due to conflicting commitments, we simply ask that you advise as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting so that the Board meetings can be scheduled or re-scheduled accordingly based on Board availability. Finally, as to attendance, I wish to remind the Board of the following Town of Tecumseh procedural requirements:

*All Members of a Committee or Local Board are responsible for notifying the Clerk, or designate, if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting.*

- 1. If a member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings with unexplained absences or notice to the Clerk or designate, the member will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.*
- 2. If a member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, the Committee may request that member's removal from the Committee.*

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We look forward to the BIA Board being able to meet soon and we certainly wish for the continued success of the Tecumseh BIA. and the important work it does in promoting good business in Tecumseh.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LLB  
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

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cc: Denise Pelaccia, BIA Coordinator (via email: [bia@tecumseh.ca](mailto:bia@tecumseh.ca))  
Robert Auger  
Jennifer Alexander



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### **Tecumseh to Host F7 Festival – Firefighter Combat Challenge**

Tecumseh, ON – Tecumseh Fire & Rescue Services & Tecumseh Recreation Services are excited to host the F7 Festival on Saturday, June 3, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Tecumseh Fire Station 2 – 5520 Walker Rd, Tecumseh, ON.

This year's F7 Festival is a family-friendly event where spectators can watch local firefighters and firefighter students compete in a combat challenge. Known as the "toughest two minutes in sports", the firefighter combat challenge has individual participants, tandem, or relay teams suit up in full gear and race head-to-head in an intense obstacle course full of weights, fire hoses, stairs, mannequins, and more. There will also be a Kid's Zone with bouncy castle and face painting, as well as food and beverages available to all attendees for cash purchase.

"We are excited to see our local firefighters, students and teams from across Ontario and Michigan go head-to-head!" said Gary McNamara. "I applaud the hard work, commitment, and incredible sportsmanship of each of these athletes. A great opportunity for families and our community to witness the toughest two minutes in sports!"

The Tecumseh Combat Team recently travelled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete in the 2023 Midwest Regional Firefighter Challenge Championship, bringing home some first-place wins from the weekend.

For more information about the F7 Festival, visit the [website](#) or Tecumseh Recreation Services on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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## **Mayor McNamara Receives Prestigious Award for Leadership on Coastal Erosion**

**Chicago, IL – June 12, 2023** – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) announced that Mayor Gary McNamara of Tecumseh, Ontario, has received the Ontario Member of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the organization's mission of promoting access to clean, safe and affordable water for all residents of the basin. Mayor McNamara was honoured at the Cities Initiative's awards gala during its annual meeting taking place in Chicago.

Mayor McNamara serves as the Canadian Vice-Chair of the Cities Initiative's Mayors Commission on Coastal Resilience. In this role, he has led basin mayors in guiding the organization's vision for better protecting communities from shoreline flooding and erosion, a phenomenon exacerbated by climate change. At this year's annual meeting, Mayor McNamara also presented a resolution calling on the federal government to undertake a coastal resiliency study along the Canadian side of the Great Lakes to identify the impacts of climate change on our shorelines and identify solutions to protect coastal communities across Ontario.

"It is an honour to receive the Ontario Member of the Year Award from the Cities Initiative for my ongoing work to promote coastal resilience across the basin," said Mayor McNamara. "As a town located on the shore of Lake St. Clair that has experienced severe flooding, our community is directly experiencing the impacts of climate change. I look forward to continuing working with mayors across the basin to ensure that all levels of government make the contributions necessary to keep communities safe along the Great Lakes."

### **About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a binational, mayor-led coalition of U.S. and Canadian cities dedicated to the environmental and socioeconomic health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. With more than 230 member cities, the Cities Initiative is the largest municipally driven organization in the basin focused on these issues.

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