

## Regular Meeting of Council

### Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

#### Present:

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

#### Absent:

Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti  
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  
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert  
Manager Building Services & Chief Building Official, Peter Valore

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

#### **B. Order**

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **C. Report Out of Closed Meeting**

A closed meeting of Council was held at 6:00 pm in accordance with and as permitted with Section 239 (2)(c)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, which states that

a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

During this meeting, Council gave further direction to Administration on a potential litigation matter and the proposed acquisition of two properties.

**D. Moment of Silence**

The Members of Council and Administration observe a Moment of Silence.

**E. National Anthem**

The Members of Council and Administration observe the National Anthem of O Canada.

**F. 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.

**G. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Councillor Houston declares a pecuniary interest on Report DS-2023-53 entitled Gouin Drain Tender Award and its related By-Law 2023-084.

**H. Minutes**

**1. Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2023**

**Motion: RCM - 197/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the July 11, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

**I. Supplementary Agenda Adoption**

**Motion: RCM - 198/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** the supplementary item added to the Regular Meeting agenda regarding Report DS-2023-14 Summary of Draft Tecumseh Housing Action Plan, **be approved.**

Carried

**J. Delegations**

1. New Housing Action Plan - Federal Housing Accelerator Fund

Larry Silani, MillerSilani Inc.

Mr. Larry Silani, Miller Silani Inc, presents the PowerPoint entitled " New Housing Action Plan: Federal Housing Acceleration Fund" as appended on the agenda and together with the Director Development Services responds to questions from the Members. The final version of the Plan is expected to be presented to Council at the August 8 2023 Regular Council meeting.

- a. DS-2023-14 Summary of Draft Tecumseh Housing Action Plan, Federal Housing Accelerator Fund Program

**Motion: RCM - 199/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** Report DS-2023-14 entitled "Summary of Draft Tecumseh Housing Action Plan: Federal Housing Accelerator Fund Program", **be received.**

Carried

**K. Communications - For Information**

There are no Communication For Information items presented to Council.

**L. Communications - Action Required**

1. Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor Essex

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

**Motion: RCM - 200/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the correspondence, dated July 12, 2023 from the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor-Essex, a cross-sectional committee comprised of community-based organizations that work together to provide a coordinated response for women experiencing violence and their children, seeking support in declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an epidemic in Windsor Essex County, **be received and supported;**

**And that** Town of Tecumseh Council recognizes the issues of violence against women and children in Windsor-Essex as serious to the health and wellness of local families;

**And further that** the Town of Tecumseh hereby declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic and advocates for the systemic change that needs to occur in all of our communities to best protect those at risk;

**And furthermore that** this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity in support of provincial legislation to address family violence, and request that intimate partner violence be formally declared an epidemic in Ontario.

Carried

#### **M. Committee Minutes**

There are no Committee Minutes presented to Council.

#### **N. Reports**

1. Chief Administrative Officer - People & Culture

a. CAO-2023-06 Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026

##### **Motion: RCM - 201/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** Report CAO-2023-06 entitled "Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026", **be received;**

**And that** the "Town of Tecumseh Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026" **be adopted;**

**And further that** Administration **be directed** to incorporate the strategic priorities into objectives and action plans as part of the Corporation's work plans;

**And furthermore, that** progress on the strategic priorities **be provided** annually over the term of the plan.

Carried



b. CAO-PC-2023-02 Electronic Monitoring Policy

**Motion: RCM - 202/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** Report CAO-PC-2023-02 entitled “Electronic Monitoring Policy”, be received;

**And that** Attachment 1 to Report CA-PC-2023-02 “Electronic Monitoring Policy” **be approved.**

Carried

c. CAO-PC-2023-03 Council Remuneration Review

**Motion: RCM - 203/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** Report CAO-PC-2023-03 entitled “Council Remuneration Review”, **be received;**

**And that** Council **authorize** the Director People & Culture to proceed with the Council Remuneration Review in conjunction with a compensation consultant as further outlined in Report CAO-PC-2023-03;

**And further that** upon receipt and approval of the final remuneration report by Council, that By-Law No. 2006-84 and its Schedule “A” be presented to Council for amendment to reflect the recommended process for and final recommendations arising from the Council Remuneration Review.

Carried

2. Community & Recreation Services

a. CRS-2023-16 CRS Five (5) Year Capital Works Plan Update

**Motion: RCM - 204/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** Report CRS-2023-16 CRS Five (5) Year Capital Works Plan Update, **be received.**

**And that** the changes to the implementation of the CRS (5) Five Year Capital Works Plans for 2023, **be approved.**

**And further that** \$4,260,000 in 2023 CRS Capital projects **be deferred** as follows:

- Southfield Multi-Use Court - \$110,000 – Trails Lifecycle Reserve;
- Southfield Perimeter Trail - \$150,000 – Parks Lifecycle Reserve
- Lakewood Washroom and Splash Pad - \$2,000,000 - \$1.5M Infrastructure Reserve and \$500,000 Parks Lifecycle Reserve;
- L'Essor Soccer Fields Phase 1 - \$2,000,000 - \$1,000,000 Infrastructure Reserve and \$1,000,000 French Catholic School Board.

Carried

3. Public Works & Engineering Services

a. PWES-2023-53 Gouin Drain Tender Award

Councillor Brian Houston having declared a pecuniary interest on the Gouin Drain refrains from voting on this report.

**Motion: RCM - 205/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** the tender for the Gouin Drain in the amount of \$393,120 excluding HST **be awarded** to Mark G. Contracting Inc.;

**And that** By-Law 2023-084 **be given** first, second, third and final reading, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's Solicitor, with Mark G. Contracting Inc.

Carried

b. PWES-2023-54 Antaya Drain Tender Award

**Motion: RCM - 206/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** the tender for the Antaya Drain in the amount of \$76,814 excluding HST **be awarded** to Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd. (Murray Mills Excavating);

**And that** By-Law 2023-082 **be given** first, second, third and final reading, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's solicitor, with Murray Mills Excavating.

Carried

- c. PWES-2023-55 Demonte Branch Drain Tender Award

**Motion: RCM - 207/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** the tender for the Demonte Branch Drain in the amount of \$198,687 excluding HST **be awarded** to Mark G. Contracting;

**And that** By-Law 2023-083 **be given** first, second, third and final reading, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's Solicitor, with Mark G. Contracting.

Carried

- d. PWES-2023-56 West Townline and Mooney Creek Drain, Emergency Replacement of Residential Access Bridge, 5285 County Road 19

Mr. Mark Hernandez, P.Eng, of Dillon Consulting is in the audience and available to answer any questions from the Members as he is the appointed Drainage Engineer. Mr. Hernandez advises on the condition of the bridge and explains the assessment.

**Motion: RCM - 208/23**

Moved by Councillor James Dorner  
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** Report PWES-2023-56 for the Emergency Replacement of Residential Access Bridge for 5285 County Road 19 over the West Townline and Mooney Creek Drain **be received**.

Carried

- 4. Technology & Client Services

- a. TCS-2023-03 Policy 118 Video Surveillance - Municipal Properties

**Motion: RCM - 209/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

**That** Report TCS-2023-03 entitled "Video Surveillance – Municipal Properties Policy" **be received**.

**And that** Attachment 1 to Report TCS-2023-03 "Video Surveillance – Municipal Properties Policy No. 118" **be approved**.

Carried



**O. By-Laws**

1. By-Law 2023-068 Golden Age Club  
Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and the Tecumseh Golden Age Club
2. By-Law 2023-078 Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund - Scully and St. Mark's Pump Station and Riverside Drive Reconstruction - Award of Engineering Consulting Services  
Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Dillon Consulting Limited for the Scully/St. Marks Pump Station and Riverside Drive East Reconstruction
3. By-Law 2023-082 Antaya Drain Tender Award  
Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Murray Mills Excavating and Trucking Limited for the repair and improvements to the Antaya Drain
4. By-Law 2023-083 Demonte Drain Tender Award  
Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Mark G. Contracting for the repair and improvements to the Demonte Branch Drain
5. By-Law 2023-084 Gouin Drain Tender Award  
Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Mark G. Contracting for the repair and improvements to the Gouin Drain  
  
Councillor Brian Houston having declared a pecuniary interest on the Gouin Drain refrains from voting on By-Law 2023-084.

**Motion: RCM - 210/23**

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin  
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

**That** By-Law 2023-068 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Tecumseh Golden Age Club;

**That** By-Law 2023-078 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Dillon Consulting Limited for the Scully/St. Marks Pump Station and Riverside Drive East Reconstruction;

**That** By-Law 2023-082 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Murray Mills Excavating and Trucking Limited for the repair and improvements to the Antaya Drain;

**That** By-Law 2023-083 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Mark G. Contracting for the repair and improvements to the Demonte Branch Drain.

**Be given** first and second reading.

Carried

**Motion: RCM - 211/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** By-Law 2023-068 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Tecumseh Golden Age Club;

**That** By-Law 2023-078 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Dillon Consulting Limited for the Scully/St. Marks Pump Station and Riverside Drive East Reconstruction;

**That** By-Law 2023-082 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Murray Mills Excavating and Trucking Limited for the repair and improvements to the Antaya Drain;

**That** By-Law 2023-083 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Mark G. Contracting for the repair and improvements to the Demonte Branch Drain.

**Be given** third and final reading.

Carried

**Motion: RCM - 212/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** By-Law 2023-084 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Mark G. Contracting for the repair and improvements to the Gouin Drain

**Be given** first, second, third and final readings.

Carried

**P. Unfinished Business**

1. July 25, 2023

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

**Q. New Business**

There are no New business items presented to Council.

**R. Motions**

1. Confirmatory By-Law 2023-085

**Motion: RCM - 213/23**

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston  
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

**That** By-Law 2023-85 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, July 25, 2023, regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **be given** first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

**S. Notices of Motion**

There are no Notices of Motion presented to Council.

**T. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

3:30 pm Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting

5:30 pm In Camera Council

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

**U. Adjournment**

**Motion: RCM - 214/23**

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison  
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

**That** there being no further business, the Tuesday, July 25, 2023 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 9:12 pm.

Carried

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Gary McNamara, Mayor

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Robert Auger, Clerk