

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Ground-breaking Marks Start of Construction for Scully-St. Mark's Pump Station and Riverside Drive East Reconstruction Project

Tecumseh, ON - Today, Irek Kusmierczyk, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and Member of Parliament for Windsor – Tecumseh, and His Worship Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh, broke ground for the Scully-St. Mark's Pump Station and Riverside Drive East Reconstruction Project. The project will support Tecumseh in better managing flood risks triggered by climate and environmental conditions and is a major part of the overall Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) project, which was approved for funding in 2021.

The work involves the construction of a new, consolidated Scully-St. Mark's Storm Pump Station; construction of a new Riverside Drive Trunk Storm Sewer to move stormwater runoff to the consolidated Scully and St. Mark's pump station and the decommissioning of the existing Scully and St. Mark's Storm Pump Stations. A future phase of the DMAF project is the replacement of the existing PJ Cecile Pump Station. These improvements will enhance the level of service for the drainage areas and are a major step forward in the Town's long-term strategy to reduce flood risks due to climate change.

The Government of Canada invested \$10.7 million in this flood resiliency project through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF).

"The Government of Canada is committed to investing in infrastructure that supports inclusive communities, creates jobs, supports a strong economy, and builds greener, more resilient communities," said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. "Today's announcement is an example of our commitment to a strong and resilient Canada, now and in the future."

"In the face of climate change, disaster mitigation measures are more crucial than ever," said Irek Kusmierczyk, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh. "The Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund exists to support communities like the Town of Tecumseh in protecting residents, businesses, infrastructure and the environment. By upgrading the stormwater drainage system, we are ensuring that the community will be prepared for rare, but serious flooding events for many more years to come."

"As we break ground today on the Scully-St. Mark's pump station, we embark on a significant endeavour to safeguard our community against flooding and enhance our infrastructure," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "By investing in advanced flood protection measures, we are building a stronger foundation for our future by taking real measures to address climate change. Thank you to the Government of Canada for your support through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund."

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Five men in business attire and white hard hats standing in a line, each holding a ceremonial shovel.



For Immediate Release
Friday, August 4, 2023

Media Advisory: Riverside Drive Trail Grand Opening

Tecumseh, ON - Members of the media are invited to the grand opening of the Riverside Drive Multi Use Trail with Irek Kusmierczyk, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh, and His Worship Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh.

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. EDT

Location: Riverside Drive Trail

Catalina Cv St & Riverside Dr E
Tecumseh, ON

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For Immediate Release
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Council Connect: Highlights from August 8, 2023, meetings of Council

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

Regular Meeting of Council

Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area Budget Presentation: Council [received a report](#) outlining the Tecumseh Business Improvement Area (BIA) new marketing strategy, a new logo, as well as long-term beautification goals, the need for an additional staff member to continue to grow and the budget for 2023. In order to act on marketing and beautification plans and projects over the coming year, the requested budget for the BIA of \$270k represents an increase of 50 percent over 2022. Council approved the budget. Details on the budget, marketing and beautification plans can be found at: tecumsehbia.com.

CRS-2023-14 Tecumseh Arena Flood Damage Assessment - Council [received a report](#) providing an update on the Tecumseh Arena flood damage assessment and repair status. Estimated replacement costs are \$891,000, which are expected to be initially funded through the Arena Lifecycle Reserve, pending the outcome of an insurance claim for the damages. A recommended modelling assessment of the existing on-site storm water infrastructure is estimated to cost up to \$30,000. Council approved the estimated costs and the Arena Lifecycle Reserve funding.

DS-2023-15 Adoption of the Tecumseh Housing Action Plan - Council [received a report](#) summarizing the Tecumseh Housing Action Plan (HAP). The Tecumseh HAP is a mandatory requirement for a community to be eligible for funding from the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) - a \$4 billion fund that will allow local governments to fast-track the creation of new homes in Canada. Council approved the Tecumseh HAP, authorized Administration to submit a Housing Accelerator Fund application to the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation and authorized the Chief Financial Officer and Director Development Services to sign such documents required to support the application.

DS-2023-16 2023 Six Month Building Services Permit Report - Council [received a report](#) summarizing the permits issued and permits closed for the first six months of 2023 and comparing the values for the same period of the previous year. Construction value was reported at \$20,132,837 – up by 99 percent over the last year. The number of permits is down 52 units over last year for the first six months of the year. A total of 3 new single dwelling unit permits were issued and 5 additional residential units (ARU). In the first six months of 2023, 430 outstanding permits were closed. The Town is anticipating an increase in residential permits in the next six-month period, and an increase in non-residential permits in the last quarter of the year.



FS-2023-06 Taxes Receivable – June 2023 – Council [received a report](#) outlining the status of property taxes outstanding as of June 30, 2023, for the Town of Tecumseh. Despite the uncertainties posed by COVID-19 in the past few years, property tax collection remains strong; with 276 property owners in arrears. Approximately 34 percent of all properties in Tecumseh have successfully enrolled in the pre-authorized debit (PAD) plan – a 1 percent increase from 2022. Tecumseh continues to maintain a healthy balance between ensuring the timely collection of taxes and understanding the challenges faced by some of our property owners.

LCS-2023-23 Council Conferences for 2024 - Council [received a report](#) outlining the conferences requested to be attended by Members of Council in 2024. As per the Town’s Professional Development Policy No. 73, Members of Council may be authorized to attend up to three conferences per year, as well as workshops or seminars which have been approved by Council and are within the Department’s budget. The Town’s Travel Policy No. 14 provides certain allowances for travel, accommodation, and other related expenses for attending conferences, workshops, and/or seminars. Council authorized the requested conferences and approved attendance at 2024 workshops, webinars, and training opportunities for members of Council.

LCS-2023-26 Right of Access for Maintenance – The Building Department recently contacted the Municipal Clerk to inquire whether the Town had a by-law to permit a resident to access the property of their adjoining neighbour in order to be able to attend to the repair or maintenance of their own property. Section 132 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipality may pass a by-law to authorize an owner or occupant of land to enter adjoining lands for the purpose of maintenance, making repairs, or alterations to any building, fence, and/or other structure on the land of the owner or occupant but only to the extent necessary to carry out such maintenance, repairs or alterations. Several municipalities have a by-law with respect to granting a right to access for property maintenance or construction, but Tecumseh does not currently have such a by-law in place. [Council approved](#) the report. Council considered By-law 2023-086 for first, second, and third readings and approved the new by-law.

PWES-2023-58 West Townline and Mooney Creek Drain, Emergency Replacement of Residential Access Bridge, 5285 County Road 19 – Tender Award: [Council approved the](#) tender for the West Townline and Mooney Creek Drain, Emergency Replacement of Residential Access Bridge in the amount of \$749,970 excluding HST to be awarded to Sterling Ridge Infrastructure Inc. By-law 2023-087 was adopted, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is September 12, 2023. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. 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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Wednesday, August 9, 2023

The Town of Tecumseh Unveils Riverside Drive Trail Expansion, Fostering Connectivity and Active Living

Tecumseh, ON - The Town of Tecumseh is thrilled to announce a milestone in its efforts to promote active transportation and foster community connectivity. The much-awaited Riverside Drive Trail expansion, stretching from Manning Road to the Tecumseh/Windsor municipal boundary, is now officially open to the public.

This historic project marks a significant step forward in enhancing the Town's active transportation network, encouraging healthier lifestyles, and bridging the gap between Tecumseh and Windsor's trail systems. The 2.4 kms trail connects Tecumseh to the County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS), which will link seven local municipalities with an active transportation network spanning some 800 kms.

“Along with our Council, we are excited to deliver more active transportation routes within the Town of Tecumseh” says Mayor Gary McNamara. “Connecting our residents to cycling infrastructure and trails throughout Windsor-Essex is key to promoting a healthy lifestyle and building a more sustainable Tecumseh.”

With this new trail segment, funded by the Government of Canada through the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#) (FedDev Ontario), citizens of Tecumseh and Windsor can now enjoy seamless access to an extensive 20 kms network, thanks to the Ganatchio Trail connection. This trail integration serves as a catalyst for further regional collaboration and reinforces the sense of unity among neighbouring communities.

“Congratulations to the Town of Tecumseh on the opening of the Riverside Drive Trail expansion. The one-of-a-kind trail spanning from Tecumseh to Windsor will be a great place for locals and visitors to enjoy the outdoors for years to come,” said the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. “Our government is thrilled to support projects that build communities and give people a place to stay active.”

“Our government loves partnering with Mayor McNamara and the Town of Tecumseh to build trails that connect people, provide opportunities to stay active, and that boost quality of life,” said Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh. “The best validation of this terrific partnership is seeing Riverside Drive Trail packed with walkers, joggers and cyclists!”







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For Immediate Release
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Tecumseh Wraps up Summer 2023 with Two Exciting Events

Tecumseh, ON - The Town of Tecumseh's Community and Recreation Services is excited to announce two final events to close out the summer on August 18 and September 2.

On Friday, August 18 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM, come out to McAuliffe Park for Tecumseh Twilight! This event will feature a classic car show, local food truck vendors, kid-friendly activities, a live performance from Tecumseh singer-songwriter Carson Janik, and a sunset movie. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Team Goran RE/MAX Care Realty, and our activity sponsor, the Windsor Family Credit Union, for supporting this event.

On Saturday, September 2 kicking off at 6:30 PM, come celebrate the end of summer at Lakewood Park. The End of Summer Celebration will feature a bonfire at the beach, a community marshmallow roast, live music by Max Marshall, and a sunset fireworks display.

"These events are the perfect way to bring our community together, support local businesses, and enjoy the last days of summer," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "We hope to see you there, Tecumseh!"

Both events are free to attend, and no tickets are required.

Don't forget to bring your blankets, lawn chairs and bug repellent to both events. On-site parking is limited, and a free bike valet will be available to encourage active transportation. For more information, please visit tecumseh.ca or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/tecumsehrec.

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LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY IN TECUMSEH

TECUMSEH END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Tecumseh Community and Recreation Services is excited to host an End of Summer Celebration event on Saturday, September 2nd at Lakewood Park starting at 6:30pm. The event begins with a Community Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast by the beach, while local artist Max Marshall plays some tunes! Afterwards, fireworks will take place at Lakewood Park South!

TOWN HALL

The Town of Tecumseh offices will be closed on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4 to celebrate the Labour Day holiday.

Payments may be dropped off at Town Hall using the secure drop box located beside the main entrance door. Please ensure information on the envelope is clearly outlined (e.g. name, address, tax roll number, application and/or other identifying details to assist staff). As an alternative, the Town's website also offers online services and payments (www.tecumseh.ca).

TECUMSEH TRANSIT

There will be no transit service on Monday, September 4. Information on the Town's transit service is available on the Town's [website](#).

TECUMSEH ARENA & RECREATION COMPLEX

The Tecumseh Arena office will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4, 2023. The arena will remain open for all scheduled rentals.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

There are no changes to the Garbage Collection schedule. To view the schedule, visit the [EWSWA website](#).

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