

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

Present:

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

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik
Director Community Safety & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy
Director People & Culture, Michelle Drouillard
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
Manager Customer Service, Amanda Circelli
Manager Water Services, Brad Dupuis
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery
Senior Manager Recreation Services, Brett Palmer
Deputy Treasurer & Manager Financial Services, Zora Visekruna
Manager Facilities & Energy Management, Daniel Wolicki

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 by Section 239 (2)(c)(d)(h) 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;

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

During the meeting Council discussed and gave directions to Administration with respect to pending acquisitions of land by the Municipality and with respect to various further matters arising from or relation to information that was explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

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

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

H. Minutes

1. Regular Council Meeting - October 10, 2023

Motion: RCM - 283/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 minutes of the Regular Council as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

I. Supplementary Agenda Adoption

Motion: RCM - 284/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison

Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the supplementary items added to the Regular Council Meeting agenda regarding Report CRS-2023-19 Attachment 2, Letter from St. Clair College, **be approved**.

Carried

J. Consent Agenda Items

1. DS-2023-22 Tecumseh Transit Service, Recommended Minor Route Revisions
2. LCS-2023-30 Cat Intake and Voucher Program Renewal Agreement

Motion: RCM - 285/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That Reports DS-2023-2023-22 Tecumseh Transit Service, Recommended Minor Route Revisions and LCS-2203-30 Cat Intake and Voucher Program Renewal Agreement as listed under the Consent Agenda **be received and approved**.

Carried

K. Delegations

1. Chantel Budinsky, Pro Disc Golf Champion; Ronald Hebert, Windsor Essex Disc Golf

Ronald Hebert, Windsor Essex Disc Golf introduces Chantel Budinsky, a Pro Disc Golf Champion. Ms. Budinsky will be representing Canada at the Disc Golf World Championships in Florida. The Members congratulates Ms. Budinsky with her accomplishments in the sport and presents a certificate of service recognition. The Windsor Essex Disc Golf league operates out of Lakewood Park.

L. Communications

1. For Information:
 - a. Essex Region Conservation Authority dated October 16, 2023
Re: ERCA Summary of Grant Funding Received in 2021-2023

Motion: RCM - 286/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That Communications - For Information item 1 listed on the Tuesday, October 24, 2023 Regular Council Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

2. For Action:

There are no action items presented to Council.

M. Update from County Council and Boards

From County Council:

Regional Waste Management

Disappointment is expressed on the vote with area municipalities not to upload waste management services to the County especially with organic waste being implemented in 2025. The County By-law for waste management services has been rescinded.

Integrity Commissioner Workshop

County Council received conflict of interest training with the County's Integrity Commissioner.

From the County Library Board:

The Board received an update on the Cada Library construction and it is progressing.

From the BIA Board:

The BIA hosting the first BIA mixer on Thursday, October 19, 2023 and it was a success. The Board is hoping to host similar events in the future.

N. Committee Minutes

1. Court of Revision - October 10, 2023, Shuttleworth Drain

Motion: RCM - 287/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 minutes of the Court of Revision as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

2. Personnel Committee - October 10, 2023

Motion: RCM - 288/23

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the October 10, 2023 minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**;

And that the attached Personnel Committee Terms of Reference presented at the October 10, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting **be adopted**.

Carried

O. Reports

1. Community & Recreation Services
 - a. CRS-2023-19 Amend 2023 Parks Capital Works Plan, Bert Lacasse Baseball Diamond Upgrades

Motion: RCM - 289/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That in-ground dugouts as part of the Bert Lacasse Baseball Park Upgrades capital project **be added** to the 2023 CRS Parks Capital Works Plan;

And that the Bert Lacasse Baseball Park Upgrades capital project budget **be increased** by \$375,000 to accommodate the addition of in-ground dugouts as outlined in this report;

And further that the Town's share of the cost of in-ground dugouts in the amount of \$125,000 including non-refundable HST, **be authorized and funded** out of the Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried

2. Development Services

- a. DS-2023-21 Zoning By-law Amendment 12207 County Road 42, Scheduling of a Public Meeting

Motion: RCM - 290/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That Report DS-2023-21 entitled "Zoning By-law Amendment 12207 County Road 42 Scheduling of a Public Meeting" **be received**;

And that the scheduling of a public meeting, to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., in accordance with the *Planning Act* for a zoning by-law amendment application submitted for an approximate 0.50 hectare (1.23 acre) parcel of land located on the south side of County Road 42, approximately 60 metres (196 feet) west of its intersection with Lesperance Road (12207 County Road 42), seeking to amend Zoning By-law 85-18 by rezoning the subject land from "Residential Zone 1 (R1)" to a site-specific "Residential Zone 2 (R2-6)" to permit the construction of a 3-storey, 23-unit, residential development, **be authorized**.

Carried

3. Financial Services

- a. FS-2023-10 2023 Water Division Financial Plan No. 041-301

Motion: RCM - 291/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the Town of Tecumseh 2023 Water Financial Plan No. 040-301, covering the years 2023-2029, and prepared in accordance with O. Reg. 453/07 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, **be approved**;

And that notice of availability of the 2023 Water Financial Plan No. 040-301 **be advertised** to the public on the Town's website in accordance with O. Reg. 453/07, Section 3 (1) 5;

And further that the 2023 Water Financial Plan No. 040-301 **be posted** to the Town's website in accordance with O. Reg. 453/07, Section 3 (1) 5; and

And furthermore, that the 2023 Water Financial Plan No. 040-301 **be submitted** to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with O. Reg. 453/07, Section 3 (1) 6.

Carried

4. Public Works & Engineering Services
- a. PWES-2023-69 Lesperance Road Multi-Use Trail, CR 22 to CR42 Project Update

Motion: RCM - 292/24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That Report PWES-2022-69 entitled "Lesperance Road Multi-Use Path, County Road 22 to County Road 42 – Project Update" **be received.**

Carried

P. By-Laws

There are no By-laws presented to Council.

Q. Unfinished Business

1. October 24, 2023

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

R. New Business

Replacement of Play Equipment at Shawanoe Park

A Member inquired on the procedure for replacing play equipment in the Town's Parks. The Director Community & Recreation Services explains the process and considerations for the replacement of park amenities which are identified in the Parks Master Plan. This Plan is used as a guide for Administration for maintaining and replacing amenities in accordance with their lifecycle. Playset equipment has a 20 year lifecycle and are inspected annually. Lifecycle can be extended with preventative maintenance hence the annual inspection process which informs and influences repairs prior to full replacement.

The Director advises that the playset at Shawanoe Park was identified for replacement in the Plan for 2023 in approved report CRS-2022-17 due to the pea stone ground cover being identified as a hazard for the site due to the impact for

increased injuries in falls due to the material. The Shawanoe Park playset was identified for the replacement with a Council approved budget allocation of \$100,000. The new equipment has 11 features.

The Director explains that the costs for equipment has significantly increased in the past three years due to supply issues. The Director also explained that the annual Parks Lifecycle Reserve as an allocation distribution allocation from Council, per the budget process, of \$400K. This reserve is responsible for the repair/replacement of the following park amenities: playsets (21), tennis courts (7), pickleball courts (14), basketball courts (11), baseball diamonds (17) and soccer fields (28).

The Director of Finance also informed the Members that the Parks Lifecycle Reserve is currently at an annual funding deficit of \$100,000.

S. Motions

1. Confirmatory By-Law 2023-107

Motion: RCM - 293/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That By-Law 2023-107 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, October 24, 2023, regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **be given** first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

T. Notices of Motion

There are no Notices of Motion presented to Council.

U. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30 pm Public Council Meeting - Zoning By-law Amendment 12207 County Road 42

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

V. Adjournment

Motion: RCM - 294/23

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, October 24, 2023 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 8:17 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk