

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 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 Misk-Evans
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Robert Auger
Director Public Works & Engineering Services, Phil Bartnik
Director Community Safety & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy
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
Deputy Treasurer & Manager Revenue, Vanessa DaDalt
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert

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 4:00 pm in accordance with and as permitted with 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 relates to:

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

d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

h) discussions concerning information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, by Canada, a Province or Territory or a Crown Agency any of them.

At this meeting Council received:

- An update concerning and relating to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Municipality by Canada, province or territory or a Crown agency;
- An update concerning proposed acquisitions of land; and
- Council provided direction with respect to a performance review and employment extension of an identifiable employee.

D. Moment of Silence

The Members 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 - November 14, 2023
2. Public Council Meeting - November 14, 2023 - 12207 County Road 42

Motion: RCM - 309/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the November 14, 2023 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and the Public Council Meeting, as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted.**

Carried

I. Supplementary Agenda Adoption

There are no supplementary agenda items.

J. Consent Agenda Items

There are no Consent Agenda items presented to Council.

K. Delegations

1. 8 th Concession Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet Main and Lateral Charges Cost Recovery Part XII By-Law

Gary Scandlan and Daryl Abbs, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

The Consultants Gary Scandlan and Daryl Abbs of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., present the PowerPoint entitled " 8th Concession Road Area Capital Charges" as appended on the agenda and responds to questions from the Members.

Motion: RCM - 310/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That the presentation entitled "8th Concession Road Area Capital Charges", **be received.**

Carried

- a. PWES-2023-73 8th Concession Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet, Main and Lateral Charges Cost Recovery, Part XII By-Law

Motion: RCM - 311/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That Report PWES-2023-73 entitled "8th Concession Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area Main and Lateral Charges Cost Recovery Part XII By-Law," **be received;**

And that Administration be authorized to proceed with a Public Information Centre to communicate estimated charges to the property owners within the 8th Concession Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area;

And further that Administration report back to Council with a summary of the comments received at the Public Information Centre for consideration in preparing the 8th Concession Road Sanitary Sewer Outlet Area Main and Lateral Charges Cost Recovery Part XII By-Law.

Carried

2. 2024 Police Services Board Budget

Chris Hales, Chair, and Inspector Angela Ferguson, Essex County OPP

The Police Services Board Chair and OPP Inspector present the 2024 Police and Police Services Board presentation as appended on the agenda and responds to questions from the Members.

Motion: RCM - 311/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That the presentation entitled "Tecumseh Police Services Board 2024 Proposed Budget" **be received**.

Carried

3. 2024 Proposed Budget and Business Plan

Tom Kitsos, Director Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer; Marg Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer; and Vanessa DaDalt, Deputy Treasurer and Manager Revenue Services

Motion: RCM - 312/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That the 2024 Proposed Budget and Business Plan **be received and tabled** for further discussion and deliberation to the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2023.

Carried

L. Communications

1. For Information:
 - a. Municipality of Wawa dated November 7, 2023
Re: Tax Credit for Firefighters

Motion: RCM - 313/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

Whereas Canada has 90,000 Volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

Whereas many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

Whereas without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

Whereas in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

Whereas volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential responders:

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit become seven less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer

firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and;

Furthermore that a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario Association of Municipalities and all area municipalities.

Carried

M. Update from County Council and Boards

Essex County Council

The Deputy Mayor advised at the Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Essex County Council meeting, County Council received the County Wide Active Transportation System Master Plan update, the contract was awarded for Environmental Assessment for County Road 46, and an update received on the County Road Rationalization Study.

N. Committee Minutes

There are no Committee Minutes presented to Council.

O. Reports

1. Development Services
 - a. DS-2023-23 Draft Plan of Subdivision, Approval Cedarhurst Avenue Business Park Subdivision

Motion: RCM - 314/23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That the granting of draft plan of subdivision approval by the County of Essex (the Approval Authority) for the application filed by 851381 Ontario Limited (County of Essex File No. 37-T-23009) for a 2.9 hectare (7.3 acre) parcel of land located on the south side of County Road 42, approximately 385 metres (1,263 feet) east of its intersection with Banwell Road (County Road 43) which proposes the creation of a business park subdivision consisting of five commercial/industrial blocks and one block for a stormwater management facility, all of which front on a new municipal road extending south from County Road 42, **be supported**, subject to the inclusion of appropriate conditions as noted in Report DS-2023-23;

And that the County of Essex **be advised** of Council's support for County of Essex File No. 37-T-23009 along with the associated requested conditions of draft plan approval.

Carried

2. Public Works & Engineering Services
 - a. PWES-2023-74 Water and Wastewater Rates for 2024

Motion: RCM - 315/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That Report No. PWES-2023-74, Water and Wastewater Rates for 2024, **be received;**

And That By-law No. 2023-113, being a by-law to adopt the water and wastewater rates for 2024, based on the recommendation of the 2023 Town of Tecumseh Water and Wastewater Rate Study, **be adopted.**

Carried

- b. PWES-2023-75 Water Service Vehicle Tender Award

Motion: RCM - 316/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That the purchase of the 2023 Water Services Vehicle and service body, in the amount of \$133,745, **be awarded** to Oxford Dodge Chrysler;

And that the annual funding allocation, reflecting a total budget requirement of \$140,000 with a \$25,000 increase to the original allocation **be accommodated** as:

- Fleet Lifecycle Reserve – Increase from \$115,000 to \$140,000

Carried

3. Technology & Client Services
 - a. TCS-2023-05 Town of Tecumseh Semi Annual Direct Mail Publication

Motion: RCM - 317/23

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That Report TCS-2023-05 entitled “Town of Tecumseh Semi-Annual Direct Mail Publication” **be received;**

And that consideration of initiating a semi-annual Town newsletter, at an estimated annual cost of \$5,000, **be referred** to 2024 budget deliberations.

Carried

P. By-Laws

1. By-Law 2023-111 Essex Region Conservation Authority Cost Apportionment Agreement

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Cost Apportioning Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Essex Region Conservation Authority for a funding contribution for non-mandatory ERCA Programs and services

2. By-Law 2023-112 CUPE Local 702.13 Agreement

Being a by-law to execute an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 702.13

3. By-Law 2023-113 Water and Wastewater Rates for 2024

Being a by-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2024

Motion: RCM - 318/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That By-Law 2023-111 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Cost Apportioning Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Essex Region Conservation Authority for a funding contribution for non-mandatory ERCA Programs and services;

That By-Law 2023-112 being a by-law to execute an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 702.13;

That By-Law 2023-113 Being a by-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2024.

Be given first and second reading.

Carried

Motion: RCM - 319/23

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That By-Law 2023-111 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Cost Apportioning Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Essex Region Conservation Authority for a funding contribution for non-mandatory ERCA Programs and services;

That By-Law 2023-112 being a by-law to execute an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 702.13;

That By-Law 2023-113 Being a by-law to establish the water and wastewater rates for the year 2024.

Be given third and final reading.

Carried

Q. Unfinished Business

1. November 28, 2023

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

R. New Business

OPP Traffic Enforcement

Council provided a request to be circulated to the Police Services Board regarding traffic concerns and additional enforcement at the following locations: Westlake Drive at Chornoby Crescent and McNorton Street at St. Thomas Crescent for vehicles not stopping at the stop sign along with speeding; and Tecumseh Road near Goodlife Fitness for vehicles not stopping for school buses that pick up students at the Daycare Centre.

S. Motions

1. Confirmatory By-Law 2023-114

Motion: RCM - 320/23

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded by Councillor Brian Houston

That By-Law 2023-114 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, November 28, 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, December 12, 2023

4:00 pm In Camera Meeting

5:00 pm Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

V. Adjournment

Motion: RCM - 321/23

Moved by Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, November 28, 2023 meeting of the Regular Council **be adjourned** at 9:47 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk