



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Community & Recreation Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Beth Gignac, Director Community & Recreation Services

Date to Council: March 26, 2024

Report Number: CRS-2024-09

Subject: Senior Active Living Centre – Operating Agreement

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CRS-2024-09 Senior Active Living Centre – Operating Agreement, **be received;**

And that the Senior Active Living Centre – Operations Contract Award for Community Support Centre of Essex **be approved** and that By-Law 2024-024 on the Operations Agreement **be considered** for first, second, third and final readings;

And further that By-Law 2024-025 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Golden Age Club **be considered** for first, second, third and final readings.

Background

Previous Council direction was provided through approval of Report CRS-2024-06 Tecumseh Seniors' Active Living Centre, which directed Administration to return to Council at the Regular Council Meeting of March 26, 2024 whereby Council will consider a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Community Support Centre of Essex Operating Agreement for the Tecumseh Senior Active Living Centre made subject to a successful Senior Active Living Centre grant.

Further direction was given to Administration to return to Council at the Regular Council Meeting of March 26, 2024 (or as soon as possible thereafter) with a new proposed User Agreement with the Golden Age Club also made subject to a successful Senior Active Living Centre grant.

Additional Council Reports for reference include: [CRS-2023-07](#) Golden Age Club Relocation, [CRS-2023-09](#) Golden Age Club User Agreement CRS-2023-17 Healthy Aging Strategy.

Comments

In support of the Senior Active Living Centre, Administration has submitted a Senior Active Living Centre grant application. The Town of Tecumseh has been a recipient of this grant for many years. Further, Administration has also submitted a Senior Community Grant application, which is complimentary to the Senior Active Living Centre grant, and of which the Town has also been a previous recipient.

The grant applications have been submitted with the intention to leverage funding to expand recreation programming for seniors in Tecumseh. These grant programs will now be working together so that an integrated programme schedule can be operated at the Senior Active Living Centre and in Town parks, trails, pool, arena and pickleball/tennis courts.

Community Support Centre of Essex

Administration has met with the Community Support Centre of Essex regarding the operating requirements for Tecumseh Senior Active Living Centre based on the proposed programming schedule.

Subsequently, Administration is able to provide an Operating Agreement with the Community Support Centre of Essex to operate Tecumseh's Senior Active Living Centre for a one-year period, commencing May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 with an option to renew based both on future successful Senior Active Living Centre grants and performance, per the Terms of the Agreement.

The Community Support Centre of Essex has worked closely with Administration to develop a programme of activities for the Senior Active Living Centre. As a result, an Operating Agreement has been drafted for Council consideration as By-Law 2024-024 on the Regular Council meeting agenda.

Programming schedules will be developed in collaboration with CRS to ensure that there are a diverse range of activities and opportunities for seniors in Tecumseh. As per the usual approach to recreation scheduling, there will be a Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter calendar.

The Spring/Summer calendar for the Senior Active Living Centre will be made available upon completion and posted on the Town's website. The quantity and type of activities will be adjusted based on the approved Senior Active Living Centre grant amount, which should be known in May 2024. Additional factors that inform the quantity and types of activities include: interests of the community; availability of instructors; equipment requirements; seasonal restrictions or opportunities and a commitment to integrate and leverage existing seniors programming in Tecumseh and adjacent communities.

To complement the offerings of the Senior Active Living Centre, Chartwell Residences have offered \$1,000 in sponsorship, the use of their community programming rooms for Senior Active Living Centre programming use and an exchange of their own offerings at the Senior Active Living Centre.

Golden Age Club

Administration provided correspondence to the Golden Age Club on February 23, 2024 regarding the Senior Active Living Centre in By-Law 2024-025. In that letter, the Town invited the Golden Age Club and its members to become a part of the Senior Active Living Centre and to integrate their programs and services accordingly as follows:

1. All current programs of the Golden Age Club will automatically become part of the new Senior Active Living Centre program schedule – on the exact same days of the week and time of day;
2. All current members of the Golden Age Club will automatically become members of the new Senior Active Living Centre; and
3. A new Agreement will be provided between the Golden Age Club and the Town of Tecumseh to guarantee the above.

Administration has received notification from the Golden Age Club that they have agreed to these terms. Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding is provided to Council which confirms our mutual understanding that the card activities will be called "Golden Age Cards" and that members of the Golden Age Club will lead the day-to-day activities associated with the operations of the card games until January 1, 2025.

Next Steps

Tecumseh's Senior Active Living Centre will open on Monday, May 6, 2024 with the full schedule of programming available on the Town's website and through other mediums.

To accommodate the transition, the St. Clair Beach Community Centre (SCBCC) will be closed as of April 27, 2024, which will impact the Golden Age Club and three (3) rental clients and everyone will be notified accordingly.

Administration is also recommending that a formal launch of the Tecumseh Senior Active Living Centre be scheduled in early June with sponsorship provided by Chartwell Residences. This launch event will also serve as an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of the Golden Age Club to seniors in Tecumseh.

Consultations

Chief Administrative Officer
Legislative Services & Clerk
Community Support Centre of Essex
Golden Age Club
Chartwell Residences

Financial Implications

As reported in CRS-2024-06 Tecumseh Senior Active Living Centre, the Town of Tecumseh has submitted a 2024 Senior Active Living Centre grant in the amount of \$50,000 for Operations and a Special Equipment request in the amount of \$15,000 to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, Province of Ontario. Conditional on a successful grant application, these funds will be used to retain the Community Support Centre of Essex to manage all activities associated with the Senior Active Living Centre.

Typically, these grants are awarded in April/May annually, which is Q1 for the Government of Ontario. Once the total award is known, the final program and operating budget will be developed for the Senior Active Living Centre.

The Town will support facility management, maintenance, and utilities at SCBCC through its annual operating budget.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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