



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Tony Haddad, Chief Administrative Officer

Date to Council: January 15, 2019

Report Number: CAO-2019-01

Subject: Public Meeting Re: Fluoridation of Water Supply

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CAO-2019-01 Public Meeting Re: Fluoridation of Water Supply **be received.**

That Administration **be directed** to hold a Public Council Meeting on January 29, 2019 to allow for public comment on the Fluoridation of Water Supply.

Background

The City of Windsor Council, at its meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2018, received a number of delegations on the issue of water fluoridation and in follow up to the Windsor Essex County Health Unit's Oral Health Report 2018. Windsor Council voted to extend the end of the meeting to allow for all delegations to speak.

Following that meeting, a number of individuals have expressed their opinions regarding putting fluoride in the water both on the Town's social media channels and in the Windsor Star.

The City of Windsor is currently conducting internal meetings on the issue, which includes meeting with ENWIN Utilities, and is expected to reach out to local CAO's on the issue prior to making a recommendation to their Council on this topic.

Comments

Council should note that there has always been a degree of controversy regarding fluoridation of drinking water. The practice has been subject to strong support and vehement opposition.

Administration does not have the expertise to ascertain whether the fluoridation of drinking water is beneficial or harmful. Therefore, Administration does not adopt a position on this public health debate because it is not qualified to do so. This matter is best addressed by health care professionals.

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) has subject matter expertise on the fluoridation of water and it is therefore recommended WECHU present its report and opinion on this matter to members of Council. A copy of the report, "Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Oral Health Report 2018" is attached.

The public and residents have also expressed interest in addressing Tecumseh Council on the matter of fluoridation of drinking water. The Public Meeting of Council being recommended will provide the opportunity for a presentation from WECHU of its Oral Health Report as well as permitting delegations an opportunity to share their opinions. A notice of such meeting will be advertised on the Town's website, social media and in local papers.

Consultations

None

Financial Implications

None

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of the Town of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

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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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Oral Health Report 2018 Update