

Public Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Time: 5:00 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 & Recreation Services, Beth Gignac
Director Development Services, Brian Hillman
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

C. 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.

D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

E. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment on a zoning by-law amendment application for a 15-hectare (37 acre) parcel of land located on the north side of South Talbot Road, immediately east of its intersection with Howard Avenue.

F. Delegations

1. Director Planning Services, Brian Hillman

The Director Development Services provides an overview of the subject property and report as appended on the agenda. The 37-acre property is located north of South Talbot Road. It had been used as an excess soil site for the multi-year construction of the Herb Grey Parkway and continued to be used in this manner after the completion of that project. The property is proposed to be used as a temporary reuse site in accordance with Ontario Regulation 406/19: Onsite and Excess Soil Management, and long-term to be used for a naturalized, passive municipal recreational property. At the time the property is converted for a naturalized, passive recreational area with trails, it will be transferred to the Town. The Director highlights that the proposed use of the property and its ultimate transfer to the Town will be the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding and a site plan control agreement

The Mayor opens the floor to questions from the Members.

A Member inquires on the current condition of the property and whether it is usable farmland. The Director confirms that the property is currently in a condition that would not support its use for agricultural cultivation.

In response to an inquiry on public notice, the Director advises that the Town met the requirements for public notice as established by the Planning Act.

2. Dwayne Dawson, District Manager, Amico Infrastructures

Mr. Dwayne Dawson was available for questions from the members. There were no questions raised.

G. Communications

1. Public Notice dated July 24, 2024

2. County of Essex dated July 30, 2024

Re: Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment, Application/File: D19 AMICO

3. Essex Region Conservation Authority dated August 7, 2024

Re: Zoning By-Law Amendment D19 Amico S Talbot Road

4. DS-2024-27 Memorandum of Understanding Amico Excess Soil Fill Site and Transition to Municipal Recreational Area

Motion: PCM - 17/24

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That Communications - For Information 1 through 4 as listed on the Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Public Council Meeting Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

H. Adjournment

Motion: PCM - 18/24

Moved By Councillor James Dörner
Seconded By Councillor Alicia Higgison

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, August 13, 2024 meeting of the Public Council Meeting **be adjourned** at 5:12 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk