

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
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, Tania Jobin
Councillor, Rick Tonial

Absent:

Councillor, Brian Houston

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Margaret Misek-Evans
Director Community Safety & Fire Chief, Wade Bondy
Director Technology & Client Services, Shaun Fuerth
Director Community & Recreation Services, Beth Gignac
Director Development Services, Brian Hillman
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Deputy Treasurer & Manager Revenue, Vanessa DaDalt
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert
Manager Public Works & Transportation, Kirby McArdle
Deputy Treasurer & Manager Financial Services, Zora Visekruna
Manager Facilities & Energy Management, Daniel Wolicki
Manager Parks & Horticulture, Casey Colhurst

A. Roll Call

B. Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:36 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) (h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, which permit a meeting may be closed to the public if the following is discussed:

h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a crown agency of any of them.

At this meeting direction was given to Administration to pursue certain actions to fulfill federal government program requirements.

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

Councillor James Dorner declares a pecuniary interest on agenda item O.1.b CRS-2025-Lakewood Park Improvement Project - Tender Award as he has a close relationship with a subcontractor for this tender award.

H. Minutes

- 1. Regular Council Meeting - February 25, 2025**
- 2. Public Council Meeting - February 25, 2025 - ZBA/OP 5883 Malden Road**
- 3. Public Council Meeting - February 25, 2025 - J.C. Smith and McPherson Drains**

Motion: RCM - 60/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the February 25, 2025, minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and the Public Council Meetings, as were delivered to the Members, **be adopted.**

Carried

I. Supplementary Agenda Adoption

Motion: RCM - 61/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That the supplementary items added to the Regular Meeting agenda regarding the March 5, 2025, minutes of the Tecumseh Housing Advisory Panel and revisions to Report CRS-2025-01, **be approved.**

Carried

J. Consent Agenda Items

1. DS-2025-11 Tecumseh Transit Service (TTS) 2024 Annual Status Report

Motion: RCM - 62/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That Report DS-2025-11 Tecumseh Transit Services 2024 Annual Status Report **be received and that the respective recommendations noted in the reports be approved.**

Carried

K. Delegations

There are no Delegations presented to Council.

L. Communications

1. For Information:

a. City of Windsor dated February 24, 2025

Re: Opioid Crisis and Homeless Encampments

b. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Re: Help Shape the Future, Call for Resolutions

c. Town of LaSalle dated March 4, 2025
Re: Tariffs on Canadian Production

Motion: RCM - 63/25

Moved by Councillor James Dorner
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That Communications - For Information A through C as listed on the Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Regular Council Agenda, **be received.**

Carried

2. For Action:

There are no Communication Action items presented to Council.

M. Update from County Council and Boards

Essex County Council

A Member advised that County Council passed a resolution regarding the funding for the [Border Mayors Alliance](#).

N. Committee Minutes

1. Personnel Committee Meeting - February 25, 2025

Motion: RCM - 64/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the February 25, 2025, minutes of the Personnel Committee, as were delivered to the Members, **be adopted;**

And that following polices: Retirement Policy No. 5, Provision of Vacation Policy No. 11 and Survivor Benefits Policy No. 15 **be repealed;**

And further that the revisions to the following attached policies: Compensation and Salary Administration Policy No. 67 and the Flowers or Contribution In Lieu of Flowers Policy No. 30, **be approved.**

Carried

2. Court of Revision - February 25, 2025 - 11th Concession and East McPherson Drain

Motion: RCM - 65/25

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting of the Court of Revision as were delivered to the members, **be approved**.

Carried

3. Tecumseh Housing Advisory Panel - March 5, 2025

Motion: RCM - 66/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting of the Tecumseh Housing Advisory Panel as were delivered to the Council members, **be accepted**;

And that the Tecumseh Housing Advisory Panel **supports** the Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives 1, 2, and 3 as presented in Report DS-2025-07, DS-2025-08 and DS-202509 as appended on the agenda.

Carried

O. Reports

1. Community & Recreation Services

a. CRS-2025-01 Community & Recreation Services 2025-2029 Five Year Capital Works Plan

Motion: RCM - 67/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That Report CRS-2025-01 Community & Recreation Services 2025-2029 Five (5) Year Capital Works Plan **be received**;

And that the Community Recreation Services Capital projects for 2025, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CRS-2025-01, **be approved**;

And further that the 2025 CRS Capital projects **be funded** through the following reserves and reserve funds as set out in Report CRS-2025-01;

- Municipal Buildings Lifecycle Reserve
- Parks Development Lifecycle Reserve

- Reforestation Lifecycle Reserve
- Trails Lifecycle Reserve
- Pool Lifecycle Reserve
- Arena Lifecycle Reserve
- Infrastructure Reserve

And furthermore, that the Community Recreation Services Capital works Plan for 2025-2029, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CRS-2025-01, **be approved;**

And furthermore, that \$2.5 Million be transferred from the Infrastructure Reserve to the Arena Lifecycle Reserve to address the Arena Lifecycle Reserve 2024 year-end deficit position as referenced in Council Reports CRS-2024-10 and CRS-2024-22.

Carried

- b. CRS-2025-02 Lakewood Park Improvement Project - Tender Award

Motion: RCM - 68/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That the tender of the Lakewood Park Improvement Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$3,899,319.40 (excluding HST) **be awarded** to Bear Construction and Engineering Inc.;

And that a by-law **be prepared** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's Solicitor, with Bear Construction and Engineering Inc.;

And further that project funding allocations, reflecting a total budget requirement of \$3,967,947.42 inclusive of non-rebated HST with an increase of \$1,081,332.93 to the original allocation be accommodated as follows:

- Infrastructure Reserve Fund – additional funding increase of \$1,081,332.93

Carried

c. CRS-2025-04 Fairplay Woods Update

Motion: RCM - 69/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That Report CRS-2024-04 Fairplay Woods Update **be received**;

And that a by-law to amend By-Law 2001-37 **be prepared** to prohibit the discharge of Firearms and Bows in Fairplay Woods, including the farmed section, the closed right of way (12th Concession), Pike Creek and the parking lot at Baseline Road and to provide for enforcement penalties related to infractions thereof;

And further that the signage on the entire perimeter of the property be approved as follows:

- identify the area described above as property of the Town of Tecumseh;
- indicate that the use of Firearms and Bows is prohibited;
- indicate that motorized vehicles are prohibited except for agricultural equipment within cleared areas and the former road right of way.

Carried

2. Public Works & Engineering Services

a. PWES-2025-18 Adoption of Municipal Drain By-Law - 3rd Concession Drain

Motion: RCM - 70/25

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That Report PWES-2025-18 titled "Adoption of Municipal Drain By-Law – 3rd Concession Drain" **be received**;

And that By-Law 2025-028, being a By-Law to adopt the Engineer's Drainage Report for the 3rd Concession Drain (prepared by Dillon Consulting Ltd. and N.J. Peralta Engineering Ltd. dated June 7, 2019) recommending drain improvements and providing an updated schedule of assessments, as approved by the Town of LaSalle By-law 8335, **be considered** for first, second, third and final reading.

Carried

b. PWES-2025-19 Brouillette Court Watermain Replacement - Tender Award

Motion: RCM - 71/25

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That Report PWES-2025-19 Brouillette Court Watermain Replacement – Tender Award, **be received**;

And that the tender for the Brouillette Court Watermain Replacement in the amount of \$357,741 excluding HST **be awarded** to D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd.;

And further that a by-law **be prepared** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's solicitor, with D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd.;

And furthermore, that funding allocations reflecting the total budget requirement of \$521,000 with a \$9,000 decrease to the original allocation **be accommodated** as follows:

- Watermain Reserve Fund – decrease from \$530,000 to \$521,000.

Carried

c. PWES-2025-20 Cedarwood Sanitary Pump Station Reconstruction Project - Award of Engineering Consulting Services

Motion: RCM - 72/25

Moved by Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That Report PWES-2025-20 Cedarwood Pump Station Reconstruction Project, Award of Engineering Consulting Services, **be received**;

And that Council **award** the Engineering Consulting Services for the Cedarwood Sanitary Pump Station Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$939,885 excluding HST to Stantec Consulting Ltd.;

And further that By-Law 2025-029 **be considered** for first, second, third and final reading, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement, satisfactory in form to the Town's solicitor, with Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Carried

P. By-Laws

1. By-Law 2025-028 Municipal Drain By-Law 3rd Concession Road

Being a by-law to provide for the repair and improvements to the 3rd Concession Drain.

2. By-Law 2025-029 Cedarwood Pump station Reconstruction Tender Award

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Stantec Consulting Limited for the Cedarwood Pump Station Reconstruction Project.

3. By-Law 2025-030 Tecumseh CIP Amendment By-Law

Being a by-law to amend the Community Improvement Plan for the Tecumseh Road Main Street CIP Area.

Motion: RCM - 73/25

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That By-Law 2025-028 being a by-law to provide for the repair and improvements to the 3rd Concession Drain;

That By-Law 2025-029 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Stantec Consulting Limited for the Cedarwood Pump Station Reconstruction Project;

That By-Law 2025-030 being a by-law to amend the Community Improvement Plan for the Tecumseh Road Main Street CIP Area.

Be given first and second reading.

Carried

Motion: RCM - 74/25

Moved by Councillor James Dorner
Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

That By-Law 2025-028 being a by-law to provide for the repair and improvements to the 3rd Concession Drain;

That By-Law 2025-029 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and Stantec Consulting Limited for the Cedarwood Pump Station Reconstruction Project;

That By-Law 2025-030 being a by-law to amend the Community Improvement Plan for the Tecumseh Road Main Street CIP Area.

Be given third and final reading.

Carried

Q. Unfinished Business

1. March 11, 2025

The Members receive the Unfinished Business listing for Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

R. New Business

There is no New Business items presented to Council.

S. Motions

1. Confirmatory By-Law 2025-031

Motion: RCM - 75/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That By-Law 2025-031 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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, March 25, 2025

6:30 pm Court of Revision - J.C. Smith and McPherson Drain

7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting

V. Adjournment

Motion: RCM - 76/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Toniai
Seconded by Councillor James Dorner

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Regular Council **be adjourned** at 8:41 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Robert Auger, Clerk