



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Legislative & Clerk Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Robert Auger, Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Date to Council: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Report Number: LCS-2025-12

Subject: Update to Manning Road Farm Lease Agreement

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report LCS-2025-12 entitled "Update to Manning Road Farm Lease Agreement", **be received;**

And that By-Law 2025-022, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Farm Lease Agreement between the Town and Paul Jobin for the 2025 Crop Year, **be considered** for first, second, third and final readings.

Background

The Town is the owner of approximately 18 acres of farmable lands located on the south side of Baseline Road, west of Manning Road (Farmlands). The Town initially entered into a Farm Lease Agreement with Olinda Farms Inc. ("Olinda") for a one-year lease commencing January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, with an option for Olinda to request two additional two-year term renewals. There have been two agreement renewals in 2021 and 2023.

In February, Council approved the execution of a lease agreement for one-year term with Olinda. Upon signing the new agreement with Olinda, the owner advised the Town that they were no longer interested in the Farmlands due to the increased costs in farm production and have decided to not renew the agreement for the 2025 crop year.

Comments

Earlier this month, the Town was contacted by another farmer who has leased the surrounding lands beside the Town's Farmlands and expressed interest in leasing the Farmlands for this crop year. Administration recommends moving forward with the execution of a lease agreement in essentially the same form and manner as the recently approved lease agreement with Olinda. The agreement is for a one-year term for the 2025 crop year at the rate of \$225.00 per acre or an annual lease amount of \$4,050.00 plus HST.

The Farm Lease Agreement for the 2025 Crop Year has been prepared in keeping with previous agreements for this Farmland. The payment installments have been split 50/50 effective June 1, 2025, and October 1, 2025.

In summary, the Lessee will be responsible for:

- growing crops and such ancillary tasks necessary to grow the crops;
- all labour, materials and equipment, including the cost of same, for the purpose of the Lease;
- providing to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs a valid Farm Business Registration number to maintain the farm property class rate for each taxation year;
- giving evidence of public liability and property damage insurance of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) naming the Town as an additional insured on the Farmer's policy of insurance; and
- leaving the Farm in good condition in accordance with proper farm husbandry and ready for the next farm crop year.

Further, should the Town require the lands for municipal purposes, then upon 90 days written notice to the farmer, the Town may terminate this agreement early. In the event that such termination takes place after a crop has been planted by the farmer, the Corporation shall, upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Corporation, acting reasonably, reimburse the farmer for all amounts properly expended by the farmer with respect to the terminated or reduced acreage during the term of this agreement and the Corporation shall have no further obligation to the farmer.

Consultations

None

Financial Implications

The lease payment to the Town for the 2025 Crop Year under the Farm lease agreement is due in two installments:

- First installment is due June 1, 2025, for \$2,025.00
- Second installment is due October 1, 2025, for \$2,025.00

The total lease payment for the 2025 Crop year is \$4,050.00 plus HST, as applicable.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input 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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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
None	None