



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: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Report Number: CRS-2025-11

Subject: Community Support Centre of Essex County Operating Agreement

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CRS-2025-11 Community Support Centre of Essex County Operating Agreement **be received;**

And that By-Law 2025-078 on the Agreement **be considered** for first, second, third and final readings.

Background

At the March 26, 2024 RCM, and pursuant to [By-law 2024-024](#), Council approved (pursuant to Report [CRS-2024-09](#)) the Senior Active Living Centre – Operating Agreement between the Town and the Community Support Centre of Essex County to provide daily operations and management of the Town's Senior Active Living Centre at the St. Clair Beach Community Centre.

The Community Support Centre of Essex County assumed daily operations and management of the Senior Active Living Centre in mid-May 2024.

The Town receives annual funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility to support the Senior Active Living Centre. In 2024, the Town received \$55,000 to fund

the Operating Agreement with the Community Support Centre of Essex County for the Senior Active Living Centre.

Comments

Community Support Centre of Essex County Operating Agreement

The original Operating Agreement is currently in its one-year extension of term. Hence, the Community Support Centre of Essex County continues to provide daily operations and management of the Town's Senior Active Living Centre. This continuation of operations is premised upon the fact that funding for the Senior Active Living Centre continues to be provided by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility in the amount of \$55,000 for operations and \$4,420 for equipment (Special Grant).

Since opening the Senior Active Living Centre in mid-May 2024, there have been 238 members and over 6,800 attendees to various recreation and social programs. Some of the activities include yoga, dance fitness, arts and crafts, tai chi, cards, trivia and a book club program in collaboration with the Cada Library. There are 25 classes offered, weekly, Monday to Friday within standard operating hours 10:00AM – 3:00PM.

The Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility has identified Tecumseh's Senior Active Living Centre as one of the fastest growing programs in southwestern Ontario and have commended the team approach between the Town and the Community Support Centre of Essex County for its inclusivity and diversity of program offerings.

To ensure sustainable operations and to facilitate the rapid growth of the Senior Active Living Centre, it is recommended that a new Operating Agreement between the Town and the Community Support Centre of Essex County be entered into so as to provide for a 5 year term as opposed to one-year annual renewals but with such 5-year term and its continuation thereof being contingent on annual performance reviews and subject to budget availability as determined by the continuation of and extent of funding provided by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility. The fundamental terms of the original Operating Agreement otherwise continue to be reflected in the new proposed Agreement.

Administration would like to acknowledge the commitment, care and high quality of services being provided by the professional team at the Community Support Centre of Essex.

Seniors Programming in Tecumseh

The activity of the Senior Active Living Centre has been augmented by an expansion of seniors-related activities as described below:

Town of Tecumseh Recreation

Through the successful receipt of a Senior Community Grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, the Town secured \$15,000 in funding in 2024, supporting the delivery of 20 programs that engaged 349 participants. This represents a year-over-year increase of \$5000 in funding, 43% in programs and 22% in participant engagement, highlighting strong provincial government support, program growth and community interest.

This is an annual grant program, and submissions have been made to support 2025 programming activities with notification imminent.

The Senior Active Living Centre and the Seniors Community Grant programs are now working together to provide an integrated programme schedule that can be operated at the Senior Active Living Centre and in Town parks, trails, pool, arena and pickleball/tennis courts.

Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre

There has also been an effort to expand community and public health services for seniors through a partnership with the Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre who have offered workshops in poll walking, nutrition, diabetes education, mental wellness and fall prevention at the Tecumseh Arena. This program is expected to continue to grow as demand increases.

Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare

With the opening of the Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare Bob Probert Tecumseh Campus at 12420 Lanoue Street in March 2025, seniors' health services increased in Tecumseh. The campus is operating its renowned Cardiac Wellness Program to provide medical, educational, exercise, nutritional and psychosocial supports for people with cardiac-related concerns for approximately 200 clients per week, Monday to Friday.

Taken together, the community has received a 50% increase in seniors' recreation, health and wellness programming in the past year. Due to the demographics, the participation and interest in all these offerings will increase.

Administration would like to acknowledge the contributions of these new partners in the increase of seniors' services to residents in Tecumseh.

Consultations

Chief Administrative Officer
Legislative Services & Clerk
Community Support Centre of Essex County

Financial Implications

The Town of Tecumseh has submitted a 2025 Senior Active Living Centre grant in the amount of \$55,000 for Operations and a Special Equipment request in the amount of \$15,000 to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, Province of Ontario. The Town has received confirmation of \$55,000 for Operations and \$4,420 for Special Equipment. These funds will be used to retain the Community Support Centre of Essex County to manage all activities associated with the Senior Active Living Centre.

The Town will continue to submit an annual grant application to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility program that supports Senior Active Living Centres throughout Ontario.

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 continue to support facility management, maintenance, and utilities at the SCBCC through its annual operating budget.

These terms and conditions are articulated in the new Operating Agreement with the Community Support Centre of Essex.

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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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
None	None