

Minutes of a Public Meeting of
The Council of the Town of Tecumseh

Tecumseh Council meets in public session on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario at 5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor	Gary McNamara
Deputy Mayor	Joe Bachetti
Councillor	Bill Altenhof
Councillor	Andrew Dowie
Councillor	Brian Houston
Councillor	Rick Tonial

Absent:

Councillor	Tania Jobin
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Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer	Tony Haddad
Director Parks & Recreation Services	Paul Anthony
Director Public Works & Environmental Services	Phil Bartnik
Director Planning & Building Services	Brian Hillman
Director Corporate Services & Clerk	Laura Moy
Director Fire Services & Fire Chief	Doug Pitre
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services	Jennifer Alexander
Deputy Treasurer & Tax Collector	Tom Kitsos
Manager Engineering Services	John Henderson
Manager Strategic Initiatives	Lesley Racicot
Manager Roads & Fleet	Kirby McArdle
Manager Planning Services	Chad Jeffery

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from the Town's consultant, Dillon Consulting Limited, on the feedback and recommendations of the Public Information Centre held on September 26, 2018 regarding the Lesperance Road Bike Lanes.

5. Delegations

a. Andrea Winter from Dillon Consulting Ltd

Andrea Winter presents the proposed line-painting project for the Lesperance Road Bike Lanes. The proposed bike lanes are located along Lesperance Road between Riverside Drive and McNorton Street. This location is identified in the Town's Transportation Master Plan, specifically to adopt the principle of "Complete Streets" with the implementation of bicycle lanes and the removal of the centre left hand turn lane.

Ms. Winter discusses the Public Information Centre that occurred in September and provides a summary of resident feedback and concerns. Some key concerns are safety of cyclists and speed of vehicles on this

road. A traffic analysis was conducted to examine the speed and volume of vehicles. The results indicated that traffic patterns at this location were normal. A recommendation is made for increased enforcement in the proposed project area to ensure vehicles are adhering to speed limits, traffic signals and signs.

The addition of a multiuse trail as an alternative for cyclists and users of all ages is raised and identified as a future Public Works and Environmental Services Capital Works Project. The Lesperance Road Bike Lanes would not replace the multiuse trail.

In response of a query, the bike lanes on Riverside Drive was reviewed and it was noted this location has higher traffic counts and does not have a center left hand turn lane. This route is functioning without concerns. Ms. Winter does not anticipate an increase of traffic with the implementation of bike lanes on Lesperance Road.

A member recommends more information and identification on the bike lanes for the riders and motorists. Ms. Winter indicates that traffic sign indicators will be placed along the route and additional painted road markings can be considered where the bike lanes merge at the intersections.

Discussion ensues and suggestions for seamless integration with the road and the new bike lanes include using a different paint colour for the bike lanes, reaching out to the OPP to assist in education of motorists, and road markings.

b. Lori Newton, Executive Director of Bike Windsor Essex

Lori Newton presents her support for a "Complete Streets" policy that encourages residents to choose active transportation. The proposed bike lanes will assist in increasing healthier lifestyles for residents. Street signage is key to educating motorists and cyclists on the new changes to the road.

c. Debbie Mantha, Resident

Ms. Mantha explains to the members her opposition to the proposed bike lanes on Lesperance Road. Her residence is on Lesperance Road. She has concerns with backing out of her driveway safely with the addition of bike lanes.

d. Robert Mantha, Resident

Mr. Mantha explains to the members his opposition to the proposed bike lanes on Lesperance Road.

6. Communications

a. Notice of Public Meeting

Re: Lesperance Road Bike Lanes

b. Letter from Lisa Lavack dated January 30, 2019

c. Email from Alexa Sylvester dated February 3, 2019

d. Resident Letter from Joanne and David Springer dated February 4, 2019

Motion: PCM - 07/19

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston

Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That Communications - For Information A through D as listed on the Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Public Council Meeting Agenda are received.

Carried

7. Reports

a. PWES-2019-05 Lesperance Road Bike Lanes PIC Feedback and Recommendations

Motion: PCM - 08/19

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That Report PWES-2019-05 Lesperance Road Bike Lanes (Riverside Drive to McNorton Street) Public Information Centre Feedback and Recommendations be received;

And that Administration be authorized to proceed with the work to incorporate bike lanes on Lesperance Road from Riverside Drive to McNorton Street.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion: PCM - 09/19

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof
Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, February 12, 2019 meeting of the Public Council Meeting now adjourn at 6:00 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk