

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

Tecumseh Council meets in public session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario at 6:05 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Deputy Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Deputy Mayor	Joe Bachetti
Councillor	Bill Altenhof
Councillor	Andrew Dowie
Councillor	Brian Houston
Councillor	Tania Jobin
Councillor	Rick Tonial

Absent:

Mayor	Gary McNamara
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Also Present:

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
Manager Engineering Services	John Henderson

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 the meeting is to hear comments from any affected landowners on the proposed drainage works, as set out in the Drainage Report filed by Dillon Consulting on February 13, 2019 for the repair and improvement of the East Townline Drain.

5. Delegations

The Manager Engineering Services explains PWES-2019-19 regarding the subject Drainage Engineer's report and assessments to affected landowners set out in the report.

He notes that Public Information Centres were held with the affected landowners at which the majority of the concerns expressed were with respect to assessments. Assessment concerns will be considered at the Court of Revision.

Mike Cundari, 12095 Intersection Road

Mr. Cundari advises that he attended a site meeting and heard concerns regarding maintenance. He is concerned about area growth and the ability of the drain to handle any increase in capacity.

Mr. Mark Hernandez, Dillon Consulting, explains the review of the drain's capacity and the improvements recommended in the report to address future needs. The affects of the secondary planning area was reviewed. A number of culverts are recommended for improvements.

Mr. Wally Antovski, 12344 Charlene Lane

Mr. Antovski attended a meeting regarding flooding and notes it has taken a long time to address these issues. Residents should not be responsible for the cost. He acknowledges the unusual weather affects.

The Director Public Works & Environmental Services advises the immediate action undertaken by the Town on cleaning out the Baillargeon Drain between Lesperance and Manning Roads. He notes that these improvements to the drains and stormwater systems are designed for certain types of rain events, such as a two or five year storm event, not for the significant rain events that occurred in 2016. There is a Flood Mitigation Strategy endorsed by Council, and a Storm Drainage Master Plan is initiated to help further address future needs. During the larger rain events, water is designed to sit on the roads but should not exceed a certain height, and will be otherwise redirected. There has been a number of Public Information Centres on flooding, and the Storm Drainage Master Plan is expected to be finalized in the next few months.

Paul Adams, 2392 Lesperance Road

Mr. Adams does not fully support the subject report. His property backs on to the Antaya Drain. Based on the location of the drainage ditch, he believe there is more land draining in the Antaya Drain and that the East Townline Drain drainage area should be increased t include these areas. He does not see perceived or direct benefit and questions how he has been assessed. He understands the *Drainage Act* and his financial obligations; however, everyone should be assessed fairly.

Mr. Hernandez advises that he is working on a report on the Antaya Drain and acknowledges Mr. Adams' concerns. There can be drains that use other drains to move stormwater to an outlet. Residents can be assessed benefit from more than one drain.

Mr. Adams understands the proposed works will be completed in stages. He feels residents on Strawberry Drive will benefit, and should be included in the report.

Mr. Hernandez advises reports are prepared on a level of balance, and based on previous reports. There is quite an accumulation of costs on this drain and to have affected owners further explored would increase costs to this report.

Councillor Brian Houston notes that there are 600 homes assessed in Block C of this report. He suggests that residents in Block C contact Drainage Superintendent Sam Paglia if they have any questions regarding their assessment.

John Valle, 2048 St Anne Street

Mr. Valle lives in Block C of the assessment. Most of the proposed work is being done along Highway 22. He questions why he is being assessed when the works do not affect him. He cannot use one-third of his yard due to flooding and the clay soil. He questions why he is being assessed when his lands are not draining. He suggests 'drain pits' be installed to prevent flooding.

The Director Public Works & Environmental Services explains the drainage on St. Anne's Street, the limitations of the existing infrastructure and the impending improvements that are required. In response to a query regarding timelines, he advises on how the priority of projects is determined in coordination with other capital improvements.

Mr. Antovski inquires on the timelines for the Storm Drainage Master Plan regarding what works will be done immediately rather than in future years. The Director Public Works & Environmental Services reiterates the drainage work and the Storm Drainage Master Plan. The Town also has a basement flooding subsidy program to assist residents with protecting their property.

6. Communications

1. Notice of Public Meeting

Re: The Repair and Improvement of the East Townline Drain

Motion: PCM - 16/19

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof
Seconded By Councillor Brian Houston

That Communications - For Information as listed on the Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Public Council Meeting Agenda are received.

Carried

7. Reports

1. PWES-2019-19-Request to Re-Consider Engineer's Report - East Townline Drain (St. Clair Outlet)

Motion: PCM - 17/19

Moved By Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By Councillor Andrew Dowie

That the Drainage Report and Specifications for the East Townline Drain (St. Clair Outlet) as prepared by Mr. Mark Hernandez, P.Eng., of Dillon Consulting Ltd., dated February 13, 2019 be received;

And that consideration be given to the first and second readings of a provisional by-law to adopt the Drainage Report;

And further that notice be given to all affected landowners of the Court of Revision to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in accordance with Section 46(1) of the *Drainage Act* (Act) subject to adoption of the provisional by-law;

And furthermore that lands with assessments less than \$50 be assessed as imposed under Section 61 of the Act.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion: PCM - 18/19

Moved By Councillor Bill Altenhof
Seconded By Councillor Rick Toniai

That there being no further business, the Tuesday, March 26, 2019 meeting of the Public Council Meeting now adjourn at 6:49 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk