

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council
The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Tecumseh Council meets in special session on Tuesday, June 24, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario at 6:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Gary McNamara

Joe Bachetti

Bill Altenhof

Andrew Dowie

Brian Houston

Tania Jobin

Rick Tonial

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer

Director Parks & Recreation Services

Director Public Works & Environmental Services

Director Planning & Building Services

Director Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer

Director Corporate Services & Clerk

Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services

Manager Strategic Initiatives

Manager Recreation Programs & Events

Margaret Misek-Evans

Paul Anthony

Phil Bartnik

Brian Hillman

Tom Kitsos

Laura Moy

Jennifer Alexander

Lesley Racicot

Kerri Rice

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Report of the Closed Meeting

The Mayor reports that a Closed Meeting of Council was held earlier this evening, on June 24, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 which permits a meeting, or part of a meeting, to be closed to the public when the matter to be considered is litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

At the meeting, the Town's Legal Counsel provided an update and advice regarding the Lottery Fee Litigation involving a class action by charities operating bingo lottery events at the Classic III Bingo Hall, located in the Town of Tecumseh.

Motion: SCM- 13/19

Moved By

Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded By

Councillor Rick Tonial

That the June 24, 2019, Closed meeting report by the Mayor regarding the Lottery Fee Litigation be accepted.

Carried

5. Delegations

The Director Parks & Recreation Services provides the Members with an update on the design process since the last meeting held in January. He has met with community groups to discuss the design features and program requirements.

a. **Craig Goodman, Principal and Sebastian Spataro, Senior Associate CS&P Architects Inc.**

Mr. Craig Goodman unveils the schematic designs for the SportsPlex. There are three design options with costs provided to the Members. In all options, parking has doubled to allow 365 parking spots.

Design option "A" includes all the program requirements discussed during the consultation process. Most of the design has not changed from the conceptual drawings from January, with the exception of the aesthetics of the building and reducing the exterior glass. The structure of the main soccer hall has changed to reduce costs. The cost estimate for this design is \$54.05 Million.

Design option "B" is more streamlined which will reduce the cost of the project. This option has smaller workspaces and community rooms, which will decrease the amount of programming that can be offered. This option allows the Town to have flexibility and the ability to construct the building in stages. The cost estimate for this design is \$49.65 Million.

Design option "C" is further refined by not including the gymnasium. There are opportunities to phase in an addition. The cost estimate for this design is \$42.65 Million

Motion: SCM- 14/19

Moved By Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That members of the audience be permitted as a delegation to address Council regarding Agenda Item 7a - Report PRS-2019-09 Multi-Use SportsPlex Updated Design, Costing, Funding, and Fundraising.

Carried

b. **Tecumseh Pickleball Association, Jo-Anne Neilson Re: Pickleball Association**

Jo-Anne Neilson presents on behalf of the Tecumseh Pickleball Association their support for the SportsPlex to include a double gym. She provides an overview of the sport and explains pickleball's growing popularity, which is capturing the likes of seniors and youth. Their membership continues to grow and they would like to expand their season to year round. This would require facility space indoors, which is currently not available due to other sport programming.

c. **Brandon Pottie and Chris Robillard, Tecumseh Saints Basketball Club**

Mr. Brandon Pottie, Mr. Chris Robillard, and members of the Tecumseh Saints Basketball Club present their support for the SportsPlex. Mr. Pottie explains the lack of indoor facilities has prevented the expansion of their basketball program. Currently, their program has over 250 members ranging from ages 7 to 19. This year, the Club was not able to run full programming for their members due to lack of gym space availability. The Club is requesting that the SportsPlex design include a gymnasium.

Mr. Pottie has submitted his written comments to the Clerk for the record.

d. **Aaron Howell, Tecumseh Minor Baseball Association**

Mr. Aaron Howell on behalf of the Tecumseh Minor Baseball Association expresses his support for the SportsPlex. He explains the baseball

program in regards to practices, games in season, and skill development during the off-season. The Association has expended considerable money and time for indoor facilities located outside of Tecumseh. They would like the opportunity to move into the new SportsPlex.

The proposed upgrades to McAuliffe Park to a turf infield is raised. Mr. Howell is excited on the upgrades as it will provide an advantage which no other Association has available to salvage games due to inclement weather.

Mr. Howell has submitted his written comments to the Clerk for the record.

e. Ryan Mendonca, Tecumseh Soccer Club

Mr. Ryan Mendonca speaks on behalf of the Tecumseh Soccer Club to support the new SportsPlex. He explains that the Club could fill the facility three to four days a week. The new SportsPlex will allow more flexibility in program times and opportunity for kids to try the sport.

f. Bill Marra, Hôtel Dieu Grace

Mr. Bill Marra, on behalf of Hôtel Dieu Grace, supports the new SportsPlex and the opportunity to have a Cardio Rehab Wellness facility. This opportunity can double the services offered in the region. He explains the services provided and the size of facility required. The location is ideal for patients not having to travel into the City.

g. Richard Zarour, Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach

On behalf of the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach, Mr. Zarour expresses to the Members his support for the SportsPlex.

6. Communications

There are no Communications presented to Council.

7. Reports

a. PRS-2019-09 Multi-Use SportsPlex Updated Design, Costing, Funding, and Fundraising

Motion: SCM- 15/19

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That the Town of Tecumseh authorize staff to proceed with Multi-Use SportsPlex Option A, as presented by CS&P Architect and apply to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant program;

And that the project final design, construction documents, tendering and completion of the construction commence upon securing the following sources of funding:

- a. 27% from Municipal reserves, debt financing, proceeds from fundraising
- b. 73% from senior levels of government through the ICIP grant program (application pending);

And further that fundraising as per Option 1, be established to create a fundraising program and commence fundraising for the project;

And furthermore that upon final project funding commitment and approval, a contract project manager be secured to oversee the project from final design, construction drawings, tendering award of construction contract and final completion of the project, with associated costs referred to the 2020 budget cycle;

And further moreover that administration be authorized to negotiate with Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH) an agreement for the construction of a cardio rehabilitation centre addition to the project, inclusive of exterior construction and services and interior finishes, fixtures and furnishings, at HDGH's cost, along with an annual operating lease agreement for Council's consideration.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion: SCM- 16/19

Moved By Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded By Councillor Bill Altenhof

That there being no further business, the Monday, June 24, 2019 meeting of the Special Council Meeting now adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Carried

Gary McNamara, Mayor

Laura Moy, Clerk