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Council Connect: Highlights from the April 8, 2021 special meeting of Council

Tecumseh Town Council held a Special Meeting of Council electronically this evening to hear public comment on the Riverside Drive Trail: Tecumseh-Windsor Border to Manning Road. Council heard from the Director of Public Works & Environmental Services, the Town's Consultant's, Bezaire Partners and Dillon Consulting Limited, as well as 20 delegations. Additional written comments were also included in the package received by Council.

The proposed Riverside Drive Trail is a multi-use recreational trail spanning the Tecumseh-Windsor border to Manning Road. It would connect the existing active transportation facilities of the Ganatchio Trail to the trails within Lakewood Park and the existing Riverside Drive and Manning Road Trails. This connection has been discussed in a number of previous studies and documents.

The presentation from the Town's Consultants summarized the project process to date, the public consultation and comments received, and included an evaluation of options and a recommendation on the trail location, alignment and design features, while having regard to context sensitivity. In arriving at their recommendations, the consulting team evaluated several scenarios including:

- consideration for whether the trail should be on the north or the south side of Riverside Drive;
- an alternative interior route for the trail (Lesperance to Dillon to Little River to Manning)
- alternative trail configurations and types;
- special considerations, for example, commercial parking, trees and utilities;
- public concerns, for example, safety, location and design, accessibility and flooding.

Based on the Consultants' review and analysis, including the results of public consultation, and the comparative costs and key issues, the Consultants recommend proceeding with the detailed design and construction of a 2.4-2.7m wide asphalt, off-road multi-use recreational trail along the south side of Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road.

Project information and the video recording of this meeting will be uploaded on the Town's PlaceSpeak platform for a 30-day period on April 9. Administration will report back on any additional public input received during the 30-day period and make further and final recommendations for Council's consideration.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at www.tecumseh.ca. The agenda for the Regular meeting was made available on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

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