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Council Connect: Highlights from the February 23, 2021 meeting of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met electronically this evening and here are the highlights:

Monroe Island Servicing: Following a report to Council on December 10, 2019, Administration completed a draft servicing agreement with the Municipality of Lakeshore for 454 Brighton Road, also known as Monroe Island. Council received the updated report and authorized the servicing agreement between Lakeshore and Tecumseh for the property that will permit the owner to construct a new single detached residence. Lakeshore Council gave their approval to the agreement on February 16, 2021. The property owner is in support of the servicing agreement. Council also directed Administration to provide a further report with respect to municipal restructuring to bring Monroe Island within the boundaries of the Town of Tecumseh.

Tecumseh New Official Plan: Council approved the New Town of Tecumseh Official Plan, by by-law and ordered that the Plan be forwarded to the County of Essex for review and final approval in accordance with the *Planning Act*. The New Official Plan follows public consultation conducted in 2020 and 2021 which included virtual public information centres, online engagement through the Town's PlaceSpeak portal, and a statutory Public Council Meeting. The report to Council summarized the process to prepare the New Official Plan and to identify the final revisions made to the document presented to Council for formal adoption. Upon formal review by the County, there may be possible modifications proposed by the County Planning Manager, which would be brought to Town Council for consideration prior to final approval being issued. An appeal period will follow notice of the Plan's approval by the County, in accordance with the Planning Act.

Year End Building Permit Report: Council received the 2020 Year End Permit Report from Building Services. Construction values in 2020 were approximately \$82.5 million, 41% higher than 2019. This increase is a function of three new, multi-storey, multi-unit residential buildings with a combined value of \$52 million. The number of permits is down 5% from 2019. Total revenue to the Town from Building Permits in 2020 was \$580,994 which is 51% higher than budgeted.

Site Plan Agreement: Council authorized a by-law executing the site plan control agreement with Carlesimo Holdings/1840 Blackacre Drive for two proposed 1,114 square metre (12,000 square foot) industrial buildings and associated on-site works. The 1.98 hectare (4.89 acre) property is located on the north side of Blackacre Drive, immediately north of its intersection with Roscon Industrial Drive. The property owner has secured a tenant for the first of the two buildings and once construction is complete on that building, construction will begin on the second new building. The two buildings will join an existing building on the site. The subject property is located in an area of the Town that requires Council approval of drawings only, without the need for a formal site plan agreement.

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On-Demand Transit Pilot Program: Council received a report on a potential pilot project for on-demand transit in Tecumseh and endorsed submission to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) for funding. Improving mobility options is one of the streams in the CHCI program and Administration is recommending a one-year pilot project for on-demand transit service. An on-demand service would use technology to maximize service use and increase efficiency as well as potentially increase ridership. The pilot project may also extend the service area into Lakeshore in the Amy Croft area. Access to this area has been a frequent request of transit users. Applications to the CHCI program are due March 9, 2021 and should the Town be successful in the application, full details on the pilot program will be developed for Council's approval and shared publicly.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, March 9, 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 will be made available on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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