

For Immediate Release January 12, 2021

### Council Connect: Highlights from the January 12, 2021 meeting of Council

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

**OPP Policing Contract and Building Licence Agreement:** Council received two reports—one on the OPP Policing Contract and one on the Building Licence Agreement for the OPP in Tecumseh—and authorized Administration to finalize and execute an agreement with the OPP for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 based on continuation of the current level of service. The three-year agreement is in anticipation that three years should be sufficient for the new Community Safety and Policing Act to come into force. Under the new legislation, policing agreements are no longer required for OPP services. The Building Licence Agreement formalizes the arrangements with the OPP to use the Tecumseh building on Lesperance Road, which is owned by the Town. Administration will now provide the agreement to the Town’s solicitor for final review, with execution to follow.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tecumseh:** Council approved the striking of a Mayor’s Task Force to plan a celebration event to be held in 2022 marking the Town’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Town of Tecumseh and the Fire Service will celebrate 100 years in 2021 however, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is recommended that an in-person celebration be held in 2022 when it is expected it will be safer to have public gatherings. Further details will be provided at a future Council meeting when the Task Force is set.

**Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Stream:** Council received a report on the updated application the Town made to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Stream. At the November 24, 2020 meeting of Council, two project submissions to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Stream for a total value of \$342,607 were approved. Since that time, Administration has learned that the High Water Rescue Vehicle requested is not eligible for the program. The application was revised to maximize the allocation available with eligible projects. The projects included in the submission are:

- Replace 10 (all original) HVAC units at Town Hall with energy-efficient units to provide better air quality/filtration and enhance total building air exchange to reduce the spread of airborne disease;
- Add 10 portable air filtration units to enhance filtration of airborne contaminants in other Town facilities;
- Install 10 –3ft counter-top glass barriers and 12 electronic wayfinding signs/meeting room displays in Town Hall to enhance physical distancing between staff and the public and to reduce the need for person-to-person interaction;
- Install an electronic on-line appointment booking system to be used Town-wide (all departments) to reduce person-to-person interaction while continuing to provide customer service; and,
- Install an electronic payment system for bulk water purchases to provide a convenient and remote method of payment for bulk water purchases, thereby reducing the need for person-to-person interaction.

**Fire Services Capital Works Plan:** Council approved spending \$45,300 on new equipment in 2021 as part of the five-year capital works plan for equipment. The items to be purchased next year include a phone pager, helmets, leather boots, bunker gear and locker replacements at Station 1.

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**Arena and Pool 5-Year Capital Works Plan:** Council approved spending approximately \$606,000 million on various projects as part of the 5-year Capital Works Plan. The arena and leisure pool works for 2021 are as follows:

- Arena: Electrical Upgrades; HVAC Units; Lighting Upgrades; and, Roof Refurbishment.
- Leisure Pool: pump and chlorine tank replacement and annual repairs.

**Sale of Town Lands:** Council adopted a by-law to authorize an amendment to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Briday to extend the timelines in the Agreement to fulfill the conditions of sale of the McColl Lands. COVID-19 has created uncertainties in relation to timelines and this is anticipated to be the case well into 2021.

Council will meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 4 p.m. for budget deliberations with an additional meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 4 p.m. if needed.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The meeting is scheduled to be held electronically. The live stream will be available on our website at [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca). The agenda for the Regular meeting will be made available on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

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