

For Immediate Release November 10, 2020

Council Connect: Highlights from the November 10, 2020 meetings of Council

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

Zoning Application—13375 Desro Drive: Council held a public meeting to receive public input on the application for a Zoning By-law amendment filed by Windsor Holdings for 13375 Desro Drive. The applicant is seeking to amend the Sandwich South Zoning By-law 15-18 Industrial Zone (M1-10) to a site specific Industrial Zone (M1-26) to permit the addition of general or business offices and professional offices and to establish site specific parking requirements.

Awards Policy: Council approved an amendment to the Town's Awards policy including revisions to the Evaluation Form for applications. At the November 26, 2019, Special Meeting of Council (SCM), Administration was directed to review the Awards Policy to streamline the nomination process and develop a ranking for applications in order to assist in fairly evaluating nominations for each award. The revised Evaluation Form will establish a consistent manner in which nominations are reviewed and recipients are selected. The Awards Nomination period for 2020 was extended from October 30 to November 11 and a Special Meeting of Council is scheduled for November 24 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the nominations.

Donation to Goodfellows: Council approved the one-time waiving of provisions set out in the Proclamation, Declaration and Donation Requests Policy Number 23 to donate \$1,500 to the local Goodfellows Holiday Drive. The money will come from the Town's annual Holiday Dinner and Employee Recognition Event budget. The 2020 Employee Recognition event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Goodfellows has been a part of the fabric of Tecumseh for a number of years with staff and Council members, particularly Fire and Rescue Services, participating in Goodfellows' annual fundraising events. On November 2, 2020, it was announced that the annual on-the-street newspaper drive and grocery bagging event would be cancelled due to health and safety concerns. Although alternative methods of collecting donations are being considered, it is anticipated that overall donations will be significantly lower this year. In previous years, the charity has provided 120-150 food hampers to local families and a greater need is anticipated this year given the current pandemic and impacts to the economy.

Odours and Lighting from Cannabis Cultivation: Council approved a motion directing Administration to review and report back to Council on the appropriateness of a By-law in accordance with the *Municipal Act* that will address and regulate nuisances related to odour and lighting from the cultivation of cannabis plants. This includes Administration investigating opportunities to consider the matter with the other municipalities in Essex County to try to seek a common regulatory approach.

.../2



- 2 -

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, November 24, 2020. 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, November 19, 2020.

Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events is available at www.tecumseh.ca, Twitter (@TownofTecumseh), and Facebook (www.facebook.com/townoftecumseh).

-30-

Media Contact:

Lesley Reeves, Manager Strategic Initiatives, 519-735-2184 Ext. 150

