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Council Connect: Highlights from the November 24, 2020 meetings of Council

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

Town Committees: Council accepted the applications for the Committee of Adjustment; Property Standards Committee; BIA Board of Management; Youth Advisory Committee and the Essex Power Corporation Board of Directors. Council made appointments to these Committees and Boards and the Town will contact appointees on Wednesday, November 25 with a news release to follow.

Town Awards: Council considered the report on the Town's Awards program and approved the awarding of the Youth of the Year Award. Due to the absence of nominations to the other awards programs, Council moved to not award the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence, the Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer and the Senior of the Year Awards for 2020. The Town will contact the Youth of the Year Award winner and nominator(s) on Wednesday, November 25 with a news release to follow.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Stream: Council authorized two project submissions to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Stream for a total value of \$342,607, which is the amount that has been allocated to the Town by the Province. The two applications would fall under the categories of Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation for flood adaptation equipment and COVID-19 Response Infrastructure for elements to assist with COVID-19 resilience.

- Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation—the Town proposes to apply for funds to purchase a High Water Rescue Vehicle. Due to the ongoing risk of lake flooding in Town, the Emergency Response Plan developed provides for Fire and Rescue Services to lead evacuation in areas of Town where the water reaches above general vehicle heights. The High Water Rescue Vehicle would allow Fire and Rescue Services to provide immediate evacuation and emergency assistance to residents within flooded areas who have been unable to evacuate on their own.
- COVID-19 Response Infrastructure—the Town proposes to apply for funds to assist with retrofits to provide additional supports to protect staff and visitors to Town Hall including:
 - HVAC Retrofits to replace three of ten roof units to improve air quality and efficiency
 - Electronic wayfinding screens to direct visitors to the appropriate customer service counter or meetings rooms, as well as display visitor protocols
 - A web based appointment booking system for visitors to facilitate on-line booking of meetings and appointments at pre-arranged times
 - Equipping Town vehicles with automatic vehicle location technology to maximize fleet efficiencies in light of a reduction of number of field staff permitted in a vehicle at the same time

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2021 Fees and Charges By-Law: Council adopted a by-law for the 2021 Administrative Fees and Charges. Major increases to fees for 2021 include:

- Traffic Collision Report (+\$297)
- Accident Reconstruction Report (+\$527)
- Security Deposit for Alcohol Rentals at the Arena & St. Clair Beach Community Centre (+\$400)
- Illegal Water Hook-Ups, Unauthorized Hydrant Use and Alteration to Watermains (+\$1,000 plus costs)
- A new Commemorative Tree Planting with Plaque (\$850).

Details are available on our website at: www.tecumseh.ca/userfees.

Transition to Betterness Lakeview Memorial Wall Agreement: Council authorized the execution of an agreement between the Town and Transition to Betterness (T2B) to take over the former Dragon Boat Memorial Wall/Garden and transform it into something unique and special to realize its original full potential. The goal of T2B is to solicit donations for 29 of the remaining granite wall panels and to consolidate all of the current Dragon Boat donations onto one wall. There are 30 granite wall panels in total. In addition, T2B is proposing to construct a monument in the center of the garden area for additional donations. The gardens, walls and the new monument will remain/become assets of the Town. All costs associated with this work will be solely at the expense of T2B.

9-Month Building Permit Report: Council received a report summarizing the 9-Month (January-September 2020) Permit Report from Building Services. Construction values in the first nine months of the year were approximately \$75.4 million, 131% higher than 2019. This substantial increase is a result of three multi-unit buildings with a combined value of \$52.5 million. The Town also saw 278 permits for various items like backwater valves, swimming pools, fences and building additions. Total revenue to the Town from Building Permits from January to September 2020 was \$495,181.

Tecumseh Transit: Council approved the execution of a two-year extension to the existing contract with First Canada ULC (formerly First Student Canada) to provide transit services in Town from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. First Canada ULC has been providing transit services since 2009.

CIP Grant 12049 Tecumseh Road: Council approved \$10,000 in Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grant funds for parking area improvements and line painting at 12049 Tecumseh Road. The property is the former Torino's Restaurant and the current owner is in the process of completing extensive renovations to the exterior and interior of the building. A nail salon, restaurant and other commercial uses are anticipated to occupy the various units within the renovated building. As part of these renovations, the owner is planning to grade and repave the parking lot.

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The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, December 8, 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, December 3, 2020.

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