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Council Connect: Highlights from the September 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

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

Essex Power Reliability Report: Council heard from Essex Powerlines Corporation via a delegation outlining the power outages for the year to August 19 and reasons for the outages. This was following a previous presentation to Council where members asked for an update on the causes of multiple outages experienced in Town this year. During January 1 to August 19, there were 50 total outages in Town. 28 were planned and publicly shared; 8 were animal interference; 7 were equipment related; 3 were loss of supply; 2 were lightning strikes; 1 was a downed tree; and, 1 was adverse contact. Essex Power advised that asset replacement was progressing on schedule and the company is being proactive in replacing switches to avoid failures.

Postal Code Initiative: Council received a report on the Canada Post Postal Code Initiative launched to address the various mailing addresses assigned to the Town of Tecumseh. Going forward, all addresses within Town will have either a “primary” address of Tecumseh or a separate primary address with the “secondary” being Tecumseh. The addresses are outlined as follows:

- All addresses in St. Clair Beach, Tecumseh and the Tecumseh Hamlet will be assigned an address identifier of “Tecumseh” and this will be the only Town identifier;
- All addresses in areas associated with Maidstone will be assigned “Maidstone” as their primary identifier and “Tecumseh” as their secondary; and,
- All addresses in areas associated with Oldcastle will be assigned “Oldcastle” as their primary identifier and “Tecumseh” as their secondary.

This provides flexibility for residents and businesses to choose what works for them while still ensuring mail delivery. Some addresses will require a postal code change (200 addresses in Oldcastle; 375 in Tecumseh Hamlet; and, 726 in Maidstone) and mail will be delivered regardless of whether the primary or secondary address identifier is used by the sender. Canada Post will begin an information campaign this month to notify residents of this change. The Town will assist by promoting the changes on the website and social media.

Call for New Members for Town Committees: four of the Town’s committees will be seeking new members in 2021 with Council’s approval of the ‘Call for Committees’ Report. Nominees for the Committees will be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on November 24, 2020.

Discontinuation of Tecumseh Arena Canteen Services: Council approved the closure of canteen services at the Tecumseh Arena for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021. This follows the review of Tecumseh Arena operations and traditional services offerings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing restrictions on capacity and use. In the last two years, the canteen has operated at a deficit. Due to reduced programming and limits on the number of people inside the arena, there is a reduced need for the canteen and operation will result in reduced revenues for 2020.

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Moving Forward with the Multi-Use Sportsplex: Council received a report on the next steps for the Multi-Use Sportsplex. The purpose of the report was to provide Council with information regarding options to move forward with the Multi-Use Sportsplex. Assuming a go-forward direction on the project, options presented in the report include:

1. Maintain the Multi-Use Sportsplex project proposal in a state of readiness for another grant opportunity from senior levels of government;
2. Undertake a design and cost analysis of a phased approach to the total project proposal, such that components would be built over time; and,
3. Undertake a design and cost analysis of a reduced project proposal.

Under any of these three options, the Town can proceed with the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH) cardio rehab facility project, subject to Council's approval of an agreement with HDGH. Analysis of all three options will require the assistance of the architects and a report back to Council with the outcomes. Council authorized the engagement of CS&P Architects to undertake the analysis and costing for all three options and report back to Council at a future date.

Industrial Expansion at 5455 Roscon Industrial Drive in Oldcastle: Council approved the site plan control agreement for the subject property provided by Prominent Fixture & Gauge Ltd. (c/o Rosati Construction). An application for site plan approval has been filed for the construction of a 334 square metre (3,600 square foot) expansion to the existing 1135 square metre (12,222 square foot) industrial building, along with associated on-site works such as additional parking spaces, curbing and stormwater management measures.

New Commercial and Office Uses at 3455 North Talbot Road in Oldcastle: Council adopted a by-law to amend the Sandwich South Zoning By-law 85-15 from "Industrial Zone (M1)" to a site-specific "Business Park Zone (BP)" for the property located at 3455 North Talbot Road. The change will permit the addition of general/business offices, professional offices, a union hall, restaurants, craft industries/specialty workshops and retail sales. The report followed a public meeting held on August 11, 2020 with only one public comment received.

Facade Improvements for Tecumseh Road Hair Salon: Council approved \$3,000 in community improvement grant funds for the preparation of drawings for building façade improvements to 12357 Tecumseh Road currently occupied by Bosley Hair Salon.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is Tuesday, September 22, 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 of Council will be made available on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

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