

April 6 2021.

Attn.

Mayor G. MacNamara

L. Moy

B. Altenhof

D.Crowder

(Please distribute to concerned parties)

Subject- Riverside Trail Extension

Please allow me to preface this note with two points, #1, we wholeheartedly support mobility around our community and a trail is a natural for the residents of Tecumseh.

#2 We understand that the property adjacent to Riverside Drive belongs to the town of Tecumseh. We also realize that for over 25 years we have been the stewards to maintain the town property, lawn cutting, fertilizing and water sprinklers Etc. These actions have enhanced our property along with that of the town.

As presented by the most recent Consultant's report, the only option available to the residents along Riverside Drive is an asphalt trail across numerous properties and roadways as the trail moves to the east to Lakewood Park.

It is frustrating to see how little time has been spent exploring the option of a northside enhancement to the trail that already exists.

For over 50 years residents along Riverside Drive have utilized the North sidewalk/ pathway to travel east and west along Riverside Drive.

By doing so, they have avoided Crossroads and have enjoyed the views of the lake and the beautiful Homes on the northside of the Drive.

While the apparent stumbling block are the water hydrants on the north side, we would hope professional consultants would have offered other options to explore while maintaining the beauty of the north side.

We know that even with the establishment of a southside trail on Riverside Drive, the north sidewalks will continue to be utilized and maintained as well a south side walk.

As council already knows there are numerous busy streets with no sidewalks for pedestrians, one example being Centennial travelling south to a park and public school. This is just one example.

This should also be a priority.

Should we require two paths north and south, we should also consider that all the sidewalks on Riverside Drive, north side from the town line with Windsor are cement and even past Manning, most of the sidewalks travelling further east are also cement.

As a long time resident, I have concerns about asphalt adjacent to my lawns and cement driveway plus ongoing maintenance issues on my property as result of a south trail. As such we can not support it in its present proposal.

Should this proposal move forward as currently presented, please extend the courtesy of the contractor to contact us regarding concerns and impacts to our property.

Regards,
Jim and Paula Kenney
Riverside Drive Tecumseh