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**Subject: Extend the Trail**

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to voice my support for extending the trail here in Tecumseh. I understand the concerns of those homeowners that oppose it and I even believe some of their arguments are valid. However, the trail ABSOLUTELY should continue on the south side of Riverside as planned.

The Ganatchio Trail is on the south side of Riverside the whole way. Why would it suddenly shift to the north side? Navigating the Lesperance/Riverside intersection is bad enough without having to potentially cross BOTH streets to get to the north side (depending on where the trail would start).

The complaint from some that the trail would be 6 feet from their front porch also doesn't invalidate its necessity. There are houses in Windsor that have the current trail the same distance to their front or side doors (if not closer). It seems that the resident of Tecumseh that use the trail are fine with THIS current placement when it's other people's properties, just not their own.

I'm not entirely sure of the design of the trail but I do hope that there will be some sort of barrier (curb or strip of grass possibly?) between the trail and the road. This trail is going to be where our kids learn to rollerblade and ride their bikes. It will be where they gain some independence and use it to meet up with their friends at a central location. A small barrier will allow parents to feel safer instead of the trail just being on the side of the road like the stretch of Old Tecumseh Rd that many of the re-think group has proposed.

Something else I would like to mention is that I've heard talk of "why doesn't the town just put the hydro wires underground?!" ....I know that comes at an enormous cost. But I would be willing to see how much our taxes would need to increase to make that happen. If it was a reasonable amount, I would find that as a great compromise so that the homeowners on Riverside could keep some distance between their houses and the trail and still give trail users enough distance from the very busy road. Just my two cents.

Basically, I'm writing today to say please keep forging ahead with plans to have the trail on the south side. It gives more access to the ENTIRE town, it continues the trail instead of shifting it, it means only having to cross Lesperance, and it is long overdue. I've been a Tecumseh resident since I was 11 years old and this stretch is always intimidating, unsafe, and inaccessible. It was as a child and continues to be as an adult/parent.

Thank you,

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