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To: Laura Moy <lmoy@tecumseh.ca>

Subject: Extend the trail

The extension of the trail has been something that I have hoped for as long as I can remember. Extending the trail means a lot to me as a child raised in East Riverside and a Tecumseh resident since my early teens. I walked, biked, roller bladed, rode tandem with best friend to the end of Lesperance and riverside drive more times than I can count. Seeing people have equal access to a safe place to walk dogs, stroll their children, seniors and people with mobility devices moving safely was never taken for granted.

My father was hospitalized with covid 19 last month and sadly lost that fight. We spoke with him before he made the most difficult, fearful choice to go on the ventilator as the only life saving option he had my sister and I are honouring his wishes for his voice to be heard. We had the heart wrenching conversation about his funeral arrangements, keeping our family together, expressing love for one another all while trying to keep a positive attitude that he can beat this and not to feel lonely and scared. As an avid bike fan he asked us to continue the mission to extend the trail. We both promised him we will be sure to rally our T-town supporters who know what is right for the entire community. I ask that Tecumseh residents help my Dad's voice be heard and that this extension is nothing more than a benefit for the entire community. We biked together as long as I can remember and would like other families to enjoy the same benefits the extension has to offer. Spring has arrived and it is heartbreaking to know my dad cannot enjoy one more ride but I urge council to allow others to be able to have that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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