

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Town of Tecumseh Launches Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Tecumseh, ON - The Town of Tecumseh will once again be seeking the assistance of residents to complete a Citizen Satisfaction Survey, from March 1 to March 14, 2023. The survey will allow residents to share their thoughts on various elements of Town Services.

“Gathering public feedback about our Town Services will help us plan our strategic priorities for the next year and beyond,” said Mayor Gary McNamara. “In previous years these surveys help us identify where we have done well and where we can do better, and we are confident that this year provides the same guidance.”

The survey was designed by Nanos Research Inc., who will complete telephone interviews with a random and representative sampling of 400 adult residents of Tecumseh. Residents can also complete the survey online on [Placespeak](#) starting later this week. Tecumseh Town Council will receive a report and presentation on the survey at the March 28 Regular Meeting of Council.

Information on this and all Town of Tecumseh news and events is available at www.tecumseh.ca, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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For Immediate Release
Friday, March 3, 2023

Town of Tecumseh joins Tampon Tuesday Collection

Tecumseh, ON - In honour of International Women's Day, the Town of Tecumseh has joined United Way/Centraide Windsor Essex County in collecting menstrual hygiene products for Tampon Tuesday.

Until March 10, residents can drop off donated items such as pads, tampons, menstrual cups and other menstrual items at the Tecumseh Arena (12021 McNorton St) or Tecumseh Town Hall (917 Lesperance Rd). All donations collected from Tampon Tuesday will be distributed locally to organizations supporting vulnerable clients in our community.

"The collection of menstrual products is extremely important for so many in our community," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "United Way's Tampon Tuesday drive allows local organizations to have a supply of products available to give out to our residents in need. By donating to Tampon Tuesday, you're ensuring equality and dignity to people who need menstrual products."

34% of women and girls in Canada had to occasionally make budgetary sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Although menstrual hygiene products are a necessity, many people in our community cannot afford to purchase them. This is where Tampon Tuesday helps. To find out more, visit the United Way website.

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For Immediate Release
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Dog licensing is made easy as the Town of Tecumseh launches a partnership with DocuPet

Tecumseh, ON - The Town of Tecumseh has partnered with the company, [DocuPet](#) to launch a new licensing system that will provide pet owners with a more convenient and accessible way to register their dogs. The new system will be in place and ready for dog guardians on March 14th, 2023.

"We are thrilled to partner with DocuPet as their online dog licensing solution will be extremely valuable to pet owners and a necessity for animal safety within the community itself," said Mayor Gary McNamara. "We are excited for residents to utilize this program to help protect their dog and all pets in the community."

With a mission to provide a safe and happy home for every pet, DocuPet's innovative platform will supply significant resources to the Town of Tecumseh, allowing it to efficiently deliver critical animal services including the 24/7 HomeSafe™ program and automatic alerts if your dog goes missing. "We are very excited to kick off this effective program with the Town of Tecumseh to increase pet identification and reunification services for all residents," said Grant Goodwin, DocuPet's CEO. "Pets wearing DocuPet tags spend little to no time in the shelter versus unlicensed pets. We thank the Town of Tecumseh for coming on board to be an impactful part of the solution."

All dogs in the Town of Tecumseh must be licensed yearly. Previously, all licences expired annually on December 31st, but through the new licensing program with DocuPet, all licences will be valid for a full 365 days after purchase. Current dog licenses are valid until April 30, 2023. Pet owners can learn more about the program and fees and register dog licences online at tecumsehdogtags.ca. Licensing by mail, phone, or in person is also available.

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About DocuPet

DocuPet provides the most advanced pet licensing program in North America, driving ordinance compliance while reducing municipal costs and providing new value to pet owners. DocuPet launched its first municipal pet licensing program in 2014. Since that time, DocuPet has partnered with more than 60 communities. Its offices are in Kingston, Ontario and Syracuse, New York. In the last year, DocuPet boosted license sales by an average of more than 85% in the communities it serves and helped return hundreds of lost pets to their owners.

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Council Connect: Highlights from March 14, 2023, meetings of Council

Tecumseh Town Council met this evening, and here are the highlights:

Regular Meeting of Council

MPP Andrew Dowie: MPP Andrew Dowie addressed Council to congratulate the Town of Tecumseh on the success of the 100th Anniversary Celebration, on behalf of Premier Ford.

Taste of Tecumseh Festival 2023: Council received a recommendation that the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach be authorized to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption by patrons at Lakewood Park during the 2023 Taste of Tecumseh Festival taking place Friday, June 16 - Saturday, June 17, 2023. A recommendation was also received that relief be granted from Noise By-Law 2002 for purposes of musical entertainment during the event between 5:00pm-1:00am on June 16 & 17. The Optimist Club has hosted the Taste of Tecumseh Festival at Lakewood Park since 2015 and funds raised at the event are used to support community initiatives. [Council approved the recommendations.](#)

2022 Year End Building Permit Report: Council received the report that summarizes building permits issued in 2022 and compares the values in the same period of the previous year. The report outlines construction values, the number of permits, and permit types. You can read the full report [here](#).

Zoning By-law Amendment 13931 Riverside Drive: A Zoning By-law amendment application was submitted by L.J.B. Family Holdings to facilitate the redevelopment of 13931 Riverside Drive. The owner is proposing the construction of a one-storey, two-unit semi-detached dwelling. After reviewing the planning application and issues raised through public consultation, Administration recommended allowing the proposed residential development as it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforms to the County Official Plan and Tecumseh Official Plan and will result in appropriate development. Council approved [this report](#).

Proposed New Building By-law and Permit Fees: The 2022 Building Services Operational Review identified service delivery challenges and recommendations, including a proposed new building by law and permit fees. The proposed new building by-law covers all provisions that are consistent with legislative requirements and can be viewed [here](#). Current fees have not changed since the by-law was adopted in 2018. The proposed 2023 fees are based on inflationary trends since 2018 and will provide sufficient funds to support the staffing and technological changes required to provide the service to the

public. To notify the general public of the change in fees, a public meeting will be held on April 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Notice has been issued accordingly. Council approved the report.

Manning Road Farm Lease – Option to Renew: The Town is the owner of approximately 18 acres of farmable lands located on the south side of Baseline Road, west of Manning Road. Olinda Farms Inc. has again requested a further extension of this lease of farmland. [Council approved the report](#) for a two-year extension period, subject to and as provided for in the current Farm Lease.

Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner: The Municipal Act, 2001, requires a municipality to establish a Code of Conduct for Members of Council and local boards, and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner. Administration recommends that Mr. Robert Swayze's appointment as the Integrity Commissioner the Town be extended for a further one-year period commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024. Council approved [the report](#).

Maidstone Recreation Centre Transfer and Facility Agreement: [Council approved and accepted](#) the transfer to the Town of the land and premises identified as the Maidstone Recreation Centre located at 10720 Talbot Road (County Road 34). The transfer is subject to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and is expected to be finalized on or about April 3, 2023. This valued recreational facility is highly accessible to the residents of Wards 4 and 5 and will address growing recreational needs in this area.

Adoption of Municipal Drain By-Laws 10th Concession Drain and the Burke Drain: Council received [Report PWES-2023-19](#) "Adoption of Municipal Drain By-Laws, 10th Concession Drain and the Burke Drain" and adopted Municipal Drain by-laws for the 10th Concession Drain and the Burke Drain. Drainage projects initiated by a single municipality often have effects on neighbouring municipalities. Adopting Engineering Drainage Reports for municipal drainage projects undertaken by neighbouring municipalities ensures the Town will have the authority to assume future maintenance works and issue assessments on segments of drains located within the Town of Tecumseh.

Food, Organics and Biosolids Waste Management Update & Regional Waste Management Proposal: Council received the report [PWES-2023-23](#), and, in principle, endorsed a Regional Waste Management Proposal after hearing a presentation by the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority and the County of Essex. The presentation included an overview of the proposal, which extends beyond the original requirement to participate in a regional organic waste program. Administration recognizes the benefits of a regional waste management approach and working collectively with our municipal partners. Tecumseh Administration will report back at a future Council meeting with additional details and a recommendation.

Active Transportation Fund - Multi-Use Recreational Trails Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard and the Rehabilitation of Lesperance Road: Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign a [Transfer Payment Agreement](#) with the Government of Canada regarding the Active Transportation Fund. Funds will be applied to a multi-use recreational trail located on the west side of Lesperance Road (from Riverside Drive to First Street) and on Little River Blvd. between Gauthier Dr. and Lesperance Road. This work will coincide with road rehabilitation on Lesperance Road from McNorton Street to First Street.

Snake Lane Culvert Replacements (Culvert No. 42, 53 & 54) – Tender Award: Council [approved a report](#) outlining the bids and tenders for the Snake Lane Culvert replacement. Ten tender submissions were received and based on the low tender submission and subsequent discussions, Administration, in consultation with Dillon Consulting Inc., recommended that Council award the tender for the Snake Lane Culvert Replacements in the amount of \$1,178,330 excluding HST to South Shore Contracting of Essex County Inc.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is March 28, 2023. The agenda and livestream will be available on [the Town's website](#). Follow the Town of Tecumseh on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for news and the latest information.



March 13, 2023

**Lesperance Road VIA Rail At-Grade Crossing Improvements
Chatham Subdivision MP 99.31
Notice of Construction Works
Town of Tecumseh**

Dear Property Owner/Resident/Business Owner

The Town of Tecumseh has awarded Rudak Excavating Inc. as the general contractor to construct the Lesperance Road Via Rail at grade crossing improvements. The summary of works to be constructed are as follows;

- Full depth road reconstruction of the rail approach including revising the existing road grades to meet the required maximum approach gradient outlined within the Transport Canada (TC) Grade Crossing Standards;
- Jack and bore of two steel casings across the VIA Rail Tracks to accommodate joint utility crossings;
- Relocation of the existing rail signal north of the rail, west of Lesperance Road, to meet minimum design requirements of the Transport Canada Grade Crossing Standards;
- Installation of 2.0m wide asphalt sidewalks on both sides of the rail crossing;
- Replacement of a 1200mm dia. storm sewer north of the Rail right-of-way, on the west side of Lesperance Road;
- Repainting of all pavement markings and placement of regulatory signs to meet Transport Canada (TC) standards; and
- Reconstruction of boulevard areas, including full streetscape and landscaping in the boulevard area, north of the Rail right-of-way, west of Lesperance Road.
 - Streetscape works include implementation of tree plantings, decorative streetlighting, retaining wall/planter, and improved pavement surface.

The Town has retained Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to serve as their representatives during the construction of this project. Construction for the Lesperance Road and VIA Rail Crossing Improvements in the Town of Tecumseh is scheduled to commence Monday April 3rd (weather permitting), and is expected to be substantially completed in July 2023, weather permitting.

In order to facilitate the construction of these improvements, Lesperance Road, from Tecumseh Road to First Street, will be closed to local traffic until July 2023 (weather permitting). Appropriate signs will be posted to direct traffic to alternative detour routes. Signage at the Tecumseh Road and Lesperance Road intersection will name each individual business and direct customers of local businesses to St. Denis Street. Refer to the Detour Plan attached.

Between April 3, 2023 and the end of May 2023, Lesperance Road will be fully closed at the Railway crossing to facilitate construction and maintain safety. During these times, the Contractor will coordinate directly with each property owner regarding access to driveways and schedule of works in the vicinity of directly affected properties. Access to properties throughout the work area, including those on Lachance Court will be maintained over the course of this closure, however, minor delays during working hours are expected.

The Town of Tecumseh has created a leaflet for all affected businesses to distribute to their patrons prior to and during construction. This leaflet will be available at the BIA prior to construction and demonstrates the proposed business access and detours for patrons to use during construction.

The current schedule for roadside placement of garbage, yard waste and recycling will remain unchanged. It is recommended that business owners engage commercial garbage pick-up services of this upcoming closure. In areas where access to municipal collection services is not available due to construction, the Contractor will collect materials placed at the roadside and deposit these in an appropriate area for collection. Should you have any issues with garbage, yard waste, or recycling collection, please contact the undersigned. It is not anticipated that postal services and mail delivery services within the construction area will be disrupted during construction.

Prior to construction, a consultant was retained by the Contractor to complete a survey of existing structures which may be affected by the construction activities. This survey will act to document the condition of existing buildings and identify the need for protective measures. A separate notification letter has been sent by 'Blackrock Project Management' on behalf of the Contractor to schedule the Pre-Condition Survey.

Additional communications regarding this project will be delivered as needed throughout the project duration.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Town of Tecumseh

Cameron Hedges - Engineering Project Manager - 519-735-2184, Ext. 128 (Office)

Dillon Consulting Limited

Laura Herlehy - Project Manager - 519-818-3105 (Office)

Stu Kelch - Construction Observer - 519-791-5838 (Cell)

Rudak Excavating Inc.

Quoc To - Contractor, General Manager - 519-946-0297 (Office)
519-818-1747 (Cell)

VIA Rail

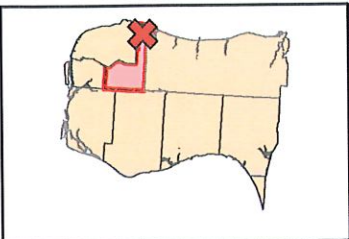
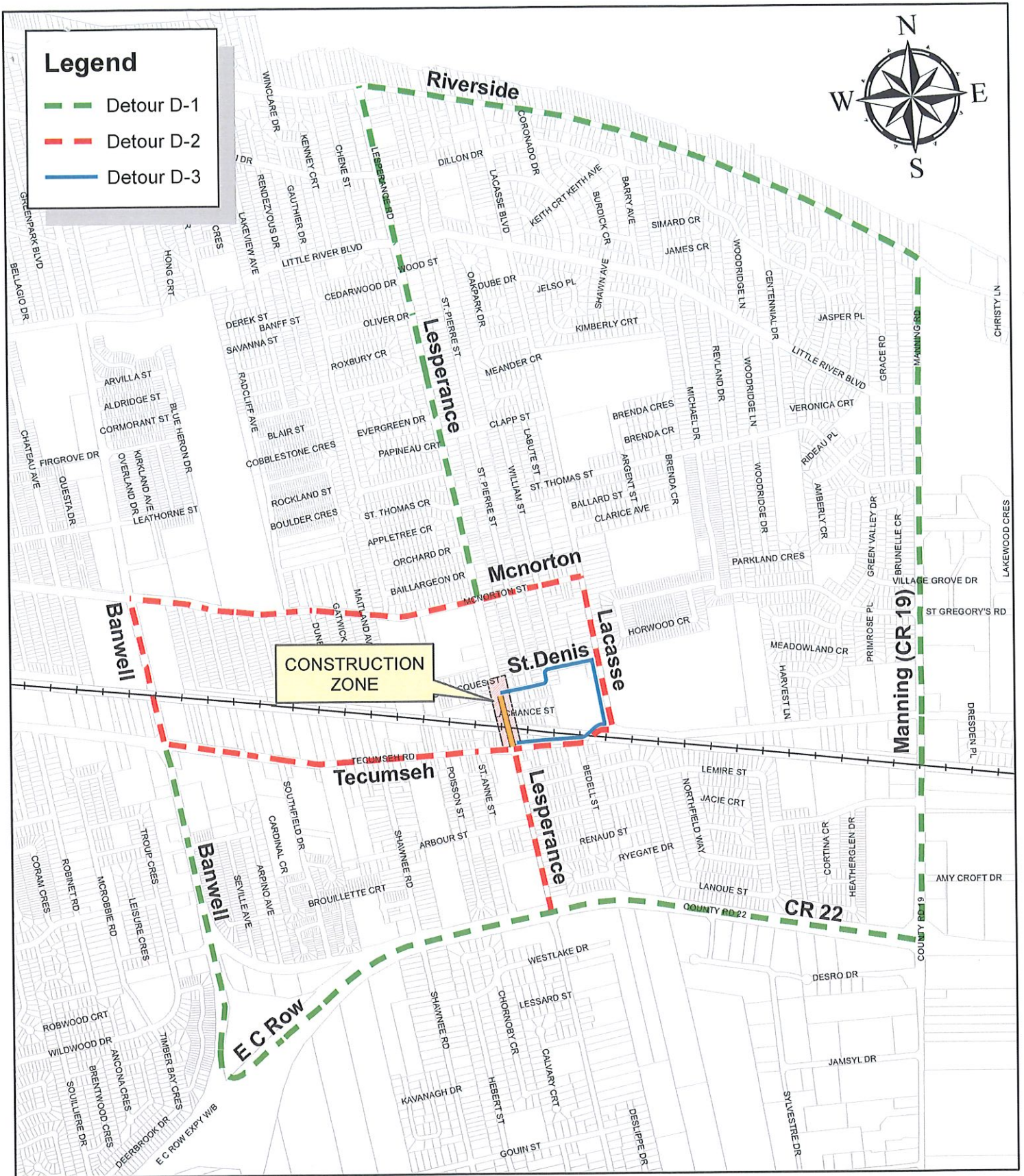
Paul Charbach - Engineer (Track Infrastructure,
Infrastructure and Bridges - 519-871-6154

We truly appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Hedges', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cameron Hedges, P.Eng.
Engineering Project Manager
Town of Tecumseh



RAIL CONSTRUCTION DETOUR ROUTE

LESERANCE RD @ CPR TRACKS



Spring 2023
Tecumseh G.I.S



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

March 16, 2023

**Riverside Drive Multi-Use Pathway
Notice of Construction Recommencement
Town of Tecumseh**

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

Construction of the Riverside Drive Multi-Use Pathway is anticipated to recommence on **March 27, 2023** and is expected to be substantially completed by the end of **May 2023** (weather dependant). This work will generally take place along Riverside Drive between Coronado Drive and the western Town Limits (west of Winclare Drive). Restoration (topsoil, seeding, pavement markings, etc.) and streetlighting works will also take place throughout the project limits (Manning Road to western Town Limits). Preliminary works such as exploratory digs and staging of construction signage are expected to commence prior to March 27th.

In order to facilitate construction, temporary lane closures along portions of Riverside Drive will be required for the duration of the project. Sidewalk use will also be restricted throughout the project limits. Appropriate signage will be in place to notify vehicle operators and pedestrians of any closures or reductions.

Access to properties will be maintained with the exception of when works are being completed adjacent to driveways/accesses. The Contractor will minimize these restrictions as much as possible, but some inconvenience will be unavoidable. Residents/property owners will be notified in advance of any access restrictions.

The current schedule for roadside collection of garbage, yard waste and recycling will remain unchanged. In areas where access for municipal collection services are not available due to construction, the Contractor will collect materials placed at the roadside and deposit these in an appropriate area for collection. Disruption to the current community mailbox delivery is not anticipated.

Additional communications regarding this project will be delivered as needed throughout the project duration.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Dillon Consulting Limited

Dean Rice - Project Manager - 519-948-5000, Ext. 3249

Piera-Con Enterprises Inc.

Jeremiah Baker - Project Manager - 519-972-0323 (Office)

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Cameron Hedges - Engineering Project - 519-735-2184, Ext. 128
Manager

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Engineering Project Manager
Town of Tecumseh

Cc: Jeremiah Baker, Piera-Con Enterprises Inc.
 Dean Rice, Dillon Consulting Limited

