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Sam Paglia, P.Eng
Drainage Superintendent
The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh
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Dear Mr. Paglia:

Thank you for your letter dated August 17, 2021, requesting an emergency designation under Section 124 of the [Drainage Act](#) for the replacement of an access bridge over the West Townline and Mooney Creek Municipal Drain which provides the only access to the lands at 5285 County Road No. 19 with Roll No. 500000011020000 and legal description of Sandwich South CON 12 PT LOT 11 in the Town of Tecumseh.

Your letter and the accompanying photographs demonstrate that the access bridge has a significant risk of failure and the bridge needs to be replaced as soon as practicable.

You indicate the Town of Tecumseh has taken a pro-active approach to place signs that restrict the traffic load on the bridge and inspect the bridge until it is replaced. Alternative access arrangements were investigated however there are no reasonable means of access to the property. The impacts of waiting for the normal process to replace the crossing will jeopardize the safety of daily crossing for the owner.

You indicate that Dillon Consulting Limited has been appointed by the Town of Tecumseh to prepare a report for the replacement of this access bridge under Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

After considering this information, I hereby designate the replacement of the residential access bridge over the West Townline and Mooney Creek Municipal Drain which provides the only access to the lands at 5285 County Road No. 19 with Roll No. 500000011020000 and legal description of Sandwich South CON 12 PT LOT 11 in the Town of Tecumseh to be an emergency within the meaning of Section 124 of the Drainage Act.

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This designation is granted on the condition that the replacement is made under the supervision of an engineer from Dillon Consulting Limited, appointed by council under Section 78 of the Drainage Act. Any additional drain improvements will need to progress through the normal Drainage Act process. Since the total project cost is unknown at this time, all involved property owners must be given an opportunity to appeal their share of the project cost to the appeal bodies established under the act.

Please note that this emergency designation does not exempt you and your municipality from any approvals that may be required from other agencies.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Thompson

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

COVID-19 Reminders

- For vaccination booking details visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
- Follow your local public health/safety measures: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>
- Practice physical distancing – stay 2 metres away from others in public
- Get the facts - www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread