

Tecumseh Council
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Dear Tecumseh Councillors:

I would like to thank you for your efforts in understanding community water fluoridation and discussing this important public health measure in order to make the best decision for the citizens of Tecumseh.

I am a dentist and I am writing in support of reintroducing community water fluoridation in Tecumseh.

As a dentist who has worked in fluoridated and non-fluoridated communities, I have seen how those living without the advantage of water fluoridation get decay more easily. Tooth decay is preventable and water fluoridation is the least expensive way to benefit an entire community.

There are other ways to protect our teeth and get fluoride, but community water fluoridation is an important adjunct to the other methods as it is the most effective and efficient method. Individual rights are important, but what is best for the community is also important. By providing fluoride in the water, everyone in Tecumseh can reap the benefits which helps achieve oral health equality.

When challenged with opposing information and opinion, it is best to trust the experts such as your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wajid Ahmed who has spoken in favour of water fluoridation. There are over 70 years of evidence and the support of every major health organization that optimally fluoridated water protects our teeth without harming our health.

I trust that you will make the best decision to improve the oral health of the Tecumseh community.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Mohanta".

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