

Tecumseh Mayor and Town Council:

The city of Windsor has voted to put fluoride back into their water system and it is now up to the townships of LaSalle and Tecumseh to make their decisions on this issue. My name is Diane Benkendorf, I have lived in LaSalle along with my family for 33 years. I urge the Mayor and councillors of Tecumseh to support a healthy environment for our families and citizens by keeping fluoride out of our water system. SAY NO TO FLUORIDE.

There are many complex facts and figures about the use of fluoride. Developing children from infants to teens are already exposed to an increased toxic load in the environment including CFC, pesticides, phylates, BPA and plastics. The addition of fluoride that comes with a warning on tubes of toothpaste that, "If more toothpaste than used for brushing is swallowed contact a Poison control center", should not be added to this list.

The U.S. Protection Agency and Environment Canada have stated that "Chemicals used in artificial fluoridation should not be directly put into the lakes, rivers and oceans of the Great Lakes" and this is our local environment. The cost of adding fluoride to our local water systems is expensive.

Cavities are caused by sugar, processed foods, acid and lack of consistent brushing and dental hygiene. Perhaps the money saved by not adding fluoride to our water system could go to the health unit providing for dental care, training in oral care and access to free toothpaste and brushes.

I look forward to speaking to our Mayors and Councillors of Tecumseh and LaSalle to get their views on the issues and attending open meetings. I will be attending the meeting on January 29 2018 for the discussion of the fluoride issue. I have gathered a number of signatures of local residents that are against the use of fluoride in our townships and will present it to the council at the open meeting. I am including links to websites that support this stance that might help in your decision.

We ask that you do some research into these issues before moving forward with the reintroduction and use of fluoride. We hope that you will consider keeping Tecumseh FLUORIDE FREE! I have included a few links at the bottom of this page which demonstrate the harmful biological effects of fluoride, and I encourage you to look at them with an open mind.

Sincerely

Diane Benkendorf