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To: mayor@tecumseh.ca

Subject: [Gary McNamara] Fluoride Reply-

Dr. Robert Trajkovski sent a message using the contact form at <http://www.tecumseh.ca/>.

I would like to voice my support for returning fluoride into our drinking water. I grew up in Tecumseh and have been a private practice dentist in Essex County for more than 15 years and have also worked at the Windsor/Essex

County Health Unit as a clinic dentist for more than 5 years. Placing fluoride back into our water supply in my opinion is one step that can contribute to improving our communities overall oral health. We have seen what has happened since we removed fluoride from our water supply in the recent WECHU dental report. I have seen first hand children as young as 2 years old with cavities who have needed treatment in the hospital.

Our local pediatric and general dentists are overwhelmed with the number of patients that need extensive work. On a weekly basis I am referring the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community to Chatham or London for treatment due to long wait times here in Essex County. I agree that we need to better educate our community on the importance of their oral health.

Educating our patients, proper brushing, flossing and modifications in their diets will all help decrease our patients chances of developing cavities. Fluoride in our water is one simple way that we can provide a way to decrease the likelihood of developing cavities in all members of our community regardless of age or socioeconomic status. I ask you to please vote to reintroduce fluoride back into our water supply.

Thank you