



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

May 16, 2019

**HAND DELIVERED**

Dear Property Owner,

Re: Lake Flooding Emergency Preparedness  
Low-lying Lake St. Clair & Pike Creek Shoreline Properties  
Town of Tecumseh

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At the Regular Meeting of Council on May 14, the Essex Region Conservation Authority advised Tecumseh Town Council that recent heavy rainfall within the Great Lakes Basin and increased snow and ice levels on Lake Superior this winter have impacted the Great Lakes watershed. Environment Canada projects water levels in Lake St. Clair to be close to, if not greater than, the high water levels experienced in 1986 during which time significant portions of Tecumseh experienced lake flooding. **Lake St. Clair water levels are currently sitting slightly above the 1986 May levels and are expected to continue to rise to their peak level which typically occurs in July/August.**

Shoreline properties provide the first line of defense against further inland flooding which can impact critical infrastructure such as roads, sewer systems and pump stations. Within Tecumseh, the type, extent and elevation of shoreline protection varies significantly from property to property.

Over the last two weeks, the Town has used existing topographic mapping and has completed a shoreline survey to determine the location of low-lying properties that pose a high risk for inland flooding.

**Based on this information, the Town has identified several key locations where existing low-lying properties create high risk areas for inland flooding. Your property is within one of the identified locations.**

The Town would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss temporary mitigation measures on your property to reduce the potential impacts of lake flooding. Please note that no work will completely remove the potential for flooding, however it is hoped that strategically placed mitigation measures may reduce the potential for inland flooding and adverse impacts to your property.

This letter has only been provided to properties in identified low-lying sections of the Lake St. Clair and Pike Creek shorelines, which includes your property. You will also be receiving another letter in the near future regarding the Town's sandbag program through which the Town is providing 100 sandbags to residents along the shoreline. You are also eligible to participate in the Town's sandbag program.

We trust that you are amenable to working with the Town to implement a flood mitigation strategy and we look forward to working with you regarding this matter.

Please contact Phil Bartnik or John Henderson to schedule an on-site meeting to further discuss the importance of this matter and the assistance the Town can provide.

Sincerely,

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