

TECUMSEH MAKES SANDBAGS AVAILABLE TO WATERFRONT PROPERTIES

As a result of the Lake Flooding Emergency Preparedness resolution adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting on May 14, the Town is making sandbags available to property owners living adjacent to Lake St. Clair and Pike Creek. Owners along the **north side of Riverside Drive** from the City of Windsor limit to Pike Creek, and along **Pike Creek** from Lake St. Clair to the VIA Rail line can pick-up **100 sandbags at no cost**. Photo identification showing proof of address must be provided to collect the sandbags. Additional bags can be purchased at hardware stores or online.

Bags can be picked up at the Tecumseh Arena, 12021 McNorton Street, during the following hours:

Thursday, May 16 – 8:00 to 4:00

Friday, May 17 – 8:00 to 4:00

Saturday, May 18 – 8:00 to 4:00

Sunday, May 19 – 8:00 to 12:00

Monday, May 20 – 8:00 to 12:00

Following the long weekend, hours of pick-up will be 8:30 to 4:30. Times may be adjusted as necessary with full details on times and locations available at www.tecumseh.ca.

Sand is available in the **Lakewood Park South parking lot**. Owners are required to bring their own shovels and fill the bags themselves. Volunteers are being organized to assist with bag filling and loading. Sandbags not provided by the Town may be filled at this location as well.

Examples of sandbag walls will be on display in the parking lot to demonstrate how to build effective protection. The Town requests that this example not be destroyed or removed. A full video on building a sandbag wall is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rj7aUwIHYlw>.

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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.**

The Town of Tecumseh is providing **100 sandbags at no cost** to your property. Photo identification showing proof of address must be provided to collect the sandbags. Additional bags can be purchased at hardware stores or online.

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