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Candidate Name: Cheryl Hardcastle

Seeking Office: Councillor, Ward 4

My name is Cheryl (Lesperance) Hardcastle. As a resident of Ward 4, I am seeking to represent us on Tecumseh Council.

I grew up in Tecumseh, where my four adult children were also raised and I have four grandchildren who keep me committed to building a bright future for generations to come. I am currently president of Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women.

At 65 years of age, my community commitment is extensive. From building Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association, establishing our historical society to creating beginning readers for adults, I have always been inspired to do more because of the people around me.

I served as Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh in the 42nd Parliament, where I co-chaired the International Human Rights Subcommittee; developed protocols on concussion and for reporting sexual abuse in sport. As Deputy Mayor of Tecumseh (2011-2014) I chaired active committees including designation of Banwell Road Historical Black Cemetery, the naturalized storm water channel at Lakewood Park, the War of 1812 Tecumseh stamp commemoration. My regional boards included Pathway to Potential, Essex Region Conservation Authority and Essex -Windsor Solid Waste Authority.

Before entering politics, I earned a solid reputation in my 20 years at the Tecumseh Tribune.

How we collaborate is important – public meetings are democratic spaces where concerns and rationale are put on the record. I want to see the downtown become the vital space imagined in the CIP, conscientious development and committees brought back in order to build our social capital and future leadership.

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