October 7, 2005

To the Municipalities of the Province of Ontario:

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Tecumseh at its meeting of September 27, 2005, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS pursuant to the Canadian Passport Order (SI/81-86) dated June 24, 1981, paragraph 3(f) every passport shall, unless sooner revoked, expire not later than five (5) years from the date on which it is issued;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Order Amending the Canadian Passport Order (SI/2001-121) dated December 19, 2001, despite paragraph 3(f), where the child is under three (3) years of age, the passport shall expire no later than three (3) years after the date on which it is issued, unless the passport is sooner revoked;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the United States Department of State a United States passport is valid for ten (10) years for persons 16 years of age or older;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the United States Department of State a United States passport is valid for five (5) years for persons 15 years of age or younger;

AND WHEREAS the cost of acquiring a Canadian passport for a person over 16 years of age is $87.00; for a child under 3 years of age is $22.00 and for a child 3 to 15 years of age is $37.00;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the United States Government’s Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, citizens of Canada will be required to have a passport or other accepted secure document that establishes the bearer’s identity and nationality, by December 31, 2006, in order to enter the United States by air and sea travel, and, by December 31, 2007, in order to enter the United States at all land border crossings, as well as air and sea travel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh requests the Federal Government to:

- extend the expiration of a passport from not later than five (5) years to ten (10) years from the date of issuance; and
- extend the expiration of a passport where the child is under three (3) years of age, from not later than three (3) years to five (5) years after the date on which it is issued

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh requests that the cost of acquiring passports be maintained;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Joe Volpe, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Municipalities, County of Essex, our local MP’s and MPP’s.

The Town of Tecumseh respectfully requests support for this resolution from all Ontario municipalities.

Please forward your endorsement to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Joe Volpe, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Municipalities, County of Essex, and your local MP’s and MPP’s.

Sincerely,
Laura Moy, AMCT
Clerk