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Tecumseh Tribune announces new ownership

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"Mirror Of The Community" reads the slogan under "The Tribune" masthead of that very first issue

It is a fitting coincidence that the first issue date is January 30, 1959, as we prepare this January 31, 2008 issue, 49 years later, under new owner and publisher Ron Dunn.

Clarence and Isabelle Lesperance turned over the keys, so to speak, to Dunn earlier this month and are gradually phasing themselves into retirement as they assist in the transition of the newspaper operation. Dunn has joined yours truly in the enjoyment of pouring over issues of the Tribune from those early years, enthralled and intrigued by how much has changed with the march of time (political correctness, the wonders of a two element electric dryer and of course, the price of groceries) yet inspired and motivated by the recognition that this publication still delivers the same positive sense of community, celebrates its strengths and enlightens a readership that is active and engaged and involved in so many ways in that community.



"We feel we have found a well suited person to carry on the torch of the **Tecumseh** Tribune tradition, says Clarence Lesperance, who continues to assist in running the print shop, Tribune Printing & Publishing, with son Gerry Lesperance.

"Ron is enthusiastic, personable and has a strong business acumen," adds Isabelle Lesperance.

Ron's familiarity with **Tecumseh** extends back to his great-grandparents who grew up here and raised their own families here. Ron and his wife Ruth intend to relocate from Riverside to the Town in the near future. Ron's business education and entrepreneurial background as well as previously working in radio and print media lead him to the publishing foray. He also owns The Crafters News, and in acquiring the **Tecumseh** Tribune, Dunn Publishing Inc. was born.

"This is an exciting time for myself and my family as well as for the community of **Tecumseh**. I am prepared to put in the hard work and innovation required to keep the **Tecumseh** Tribune a viable and important component in the local publishing industry at a time when smaller, independent papers are proving their worth amidst the challenges," Dunn said.

He looks forward to involvement in the local BIA while continuing his commitments on the board of directors for the Downtown Mission, Drouillard Place, F.J. Brennan and Princess Elizabeth Parent Councils!! .

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From left, new owner of the Tecumseh Tribune, newspaper, Ron Dunn, with previous owners Isabelle and Clarence Lesperance. The Lesperances are assisting Ron in the smooth transition of the newspaper as they continue to run the printing operation with son Gerry – Tribune Printing & Publishing– located in the same building.