

**THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH
COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL

MAY 9TH, 2005

6:45 p.m. The meeting convened with His Worship, Mayor Jeff Kohler, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mayor J. Kohler

Alderman B. Aarts

C. Barwick

H. Chapman

T. Johnston

T. Shackelton

M. Turvey

D. Warden

Officials

W. Graves, City Clerk

Addition of Council (Alderman) Position

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that this is a public meeting as required by the Municipal Act to afford any person an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed addition of a Council position which, if approved, would be in effect as a result of the 2006 Municipal Election.

The Mayor asked the Clerk what method of notice and when was the notice given to the public for this meeting.

The Clerk responded that notice was given in the St. Thomas Times Journal on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone in attendance from the public who wished to address Council on this matter.

Mr. John Allen was in attendance and addressed Council.

Mr. Allen was concerned that Council may consider a reduction in the size of Council stating that as the City continues to grow, a reduction in size would not position future Councils to meet the needs of the City.

Mayor Kohler informed Council that a poll had been posted on the City's web site by the Mayor's Task Force and it had received 16 responses. Five of the responses supported the addition of a member, 10 supported reducing Council by one and one response suggested that Council should stay the same.

Alderman Warden stated in light of the attendance at the public meeting and the small number of responses on the City's web site, it is apparent that this is not a big issue within the community.

Alderman Barwick inquired about when the actual by-law would be brought forward.

The Clerk responded that staff would work to have it prepared for the next Council meeting.

The Mayor reminded Council that this process was specifically about adding a new member to Council. Should Council wish to consider reducing Council size, a new public process would have to be initiated.

Alderman Shackelton stated that he had received one phone call indicating that Council should be reduced by one member.

The Mayor then stated that if there were no further questions or comments this public meeting was now concluded.

CITY CLERK _____ CONFIRMED _____ MAYOR _____

ADJOURNMENT

6:52 p.m. The meeting adjourned.