

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH  
COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

**AUGUST 21ST, 2006**

5:00 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

**Others**

J. Sanders, Solicitor

**Officials**

W. Graves, City Clerk  
R. Barber, Fire Chief  
M. Carroll, Valleyview Administrator  
B. Clement, Manager of Engineering  
G. Dart, Director, Human Resources  
S. Datars Bere, Director, Ontario Works  
W. Day, Director of Finance & City Treasurer  
J. Dewancker, Director, Environmental Services  
O. Jensen, Deputy Fire Chief  
P. Keenan, Director, Planning  
D. Morgan, Manager of Culture and Recreation  
R. Tucker, Parks Supervisor  
R. Wheeler, Economic Development Manager  
D. White, Supervisor, Roads and Transportation  
Constable T. Calvert, St. Thomas Police Department

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session was held in Committee Room #204 and the minutes are located at the end of Regular Open Council Business.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Alderman Johnston declared a conflict of interest relating to a matter of property in closed session as he has a business relationship with the solicitor. He refrained from all comment and action relating to the matter.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Warden:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on July 17th and 27th, 2006 be confirmed.

Carried.

**DEPUTATIONS**

**Elgin County Primary Health Care Model**

Norm Gamble, Chairman, South West Local Health Integration Network, Mr. Bob Habkirk, Board member, and Dawn Maziak, Primary Care Consultant, were in attendance and made a presentation relating to the Local Health Integration Network.

Mr. Gamble informed the members that the Local Health Integration Network was just over one year old and that some 60 meetings are being planned across the region to determine how best to improve health services.

Ms. Maziak provided an overview of the Local Health Integration Network through a power point presentation.

Mayor Kohler thanked Mr. Gamble and Ms. Maziak for their information.

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Save Alma College Petition

Ms. Dawn Doty was in attendance to discuss a petition that had been developed relating to Alma College, which is intended to petition the Ontario and Canadian Heritage Society to save Alma College.

Ms. Doty stated that some 3100 signatures were on the petition representing some 30,000 people.

Mayor Kohler thanked Ms. Doty for her deputation.

Police Services Report

Constable Tanya Calvert of the St. Thomas Police Department was in attendance and presented the Police Services Report for the month of July 2006.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - Chairman H. Chapman

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Orchard Park Subdivision Street Names - Appendix "A"

Motion by Alderman Warden - Turvey:

THAT: Report CC-41-06 be received for information, and further,

THAT: Council approve the following street names to be used in the Orchard Park Subdivision development area:

Raven Avenue  
Peach Tree Boulevard  
Cherry Blossom Lane  
Cider Mill Lane  
Harvest Court  
Majestic Court  
Bridle Path  
Pear Tree Avenue

Carried.

CIP Program - Ansell's Awards and Specialties Façade Grant - Appendix "B"

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Shackelton:

THAT: Report CC-42-06 be received for information, and further,

THAT: Council enter into a Grant Acknowledgement Agreement for the project relating to Application 2005-033, Ansell's Awards and Specialties.

Carried.

Draft Plan of Subdivision File #34T-06501 - Dalewood Meadows Development Area - Block Development Plan - Inn Services Inc. - Appendix "C"

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Motion by Alderman Aarts - Johnston:

THAT: The application by Inn Services Inc. for a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision File #34T-06501 be received; and further,

THAT: Council approve the revised Draft Plan of Subdivision File #34T-06501 (Residential Plan of Subdivision) of lands owned by Inn Services Inc. which lands are legally described as part of Lot 6, Range 2, North of Edgeware Road and part of Lot 6, Concession 10 and part of the Road Allowance between Concession 10 and Range 2, North of Edgeware Road, geographic Township of Yarmouth and all of Block 16, Registered Plan 11M-130 and all of Block 50, Registered Plan 11M-145 in the City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, subject to the standard draft plan conditions including the requirement for the developer to enter into a subdivision agreement with the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas with respect to the provision of municipal services, financial, administrative and other related matters.

Carried.

Alma College - 96 Moore Street - Appendix "D"

Mr. Andrew Gunn was in attendance and provided the members with an overview of a proposal to establish a university at Alma College.

Mr. Gunn requested that Council deny the demolition permit in order for the university project to develop and he informed the members that a group had come together to take on this monumental task.

Mr. Gunn stated that a deferral of the demolition permit would allow the forces of nature to demolish the building.

Mr. Gunn stated that funds were ready to purchase the property and that a proposal had been sent to the current owners on July 31st.

Mr. Gunn stated that he needed a firm decision tonight from Council to reject the demolition permit.

The City Clerk read a letter dated August 21, 2006 that had been received from Mr. Brian Worrada, Solicitor, representing Alma Heritage Estates Corporation.

Mrs. Jill Zubick was in attendance and questioned why a firm offer had not been presented, whether Mr. Gunn knew how much it would cost to mothball the building, and if a business case had been seen.

Mrs. Zubick was concerned that the proposed design charrette that had been planned would not take place should Council vote against the demolition permit tonight.

The members thanked Mr. Gunn for his information and for identifying the fact that a group of individuals is willing to restore Alma College.

A request was made to deal with the following motion by recorded vote.

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Warden:

THAT: Report CC-43-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council concur with Alma Heritage Estates and grant an extension to the consideration of a demolition permit for Alma College until September 18, 2006.

**Recorded Vote**

Yeas

Nays

Mayor Kohler

Alderman B. Aarts

C. Barwick

H. Chapman

T. Johnston

T. Shackelton

M. Turvey

D. Warden

Motion Lost.

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A request was made to deal with the following motion by recorded vote.

Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Chapman:

THAT: The request made by Alma Heritage Corporation on December 23, 2005 for a demolition permit for Alma College, 96 Moore Street, be denied; and further,

THAT: Council put the mechanism in place so that the minimum property standards can be enforced.

**Recorded Vote**

Yeas

Nays

Mayor Kohler

Alderman B. Aarts

C. Barwick

H. Chapman

T. Johnston

T. Shackelton

M. Turvey

D. Warden

Carried.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Zoning By-Law Amendment - 46393 Roberts Line

Notice of a public meeting concerning a proposed zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to permit the proposed kennel and accessory uses as a rural home occupation on the subject property at 46393 Roberts Line.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Zoning By-Law Amendment - 7825-7851 Springwater Road

Notice of a public meeting concerning a proposed zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to permit the proposed expansion of the building systems manufacturing operation on the subject property at 7825-7851 Springwater Road.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Zoning By-Law Amendment - Lot 38 and Part of Lot 39, Plan 117

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Notice of a public meeting concerning a proposed zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to permit the proposed new residence to be constructed on the subject lands at Lot 38 and Part of Lot 39, Plan 117.

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** - Chairman M. Turvey

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Intersection of First Avenue and Edward Street

Intersection of Edward Street and Burwell Road

Road and Sidewalk Reserve Fund

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dennis Road, Burwell Road to Highbury Avenue Watermain, Sewers and Road Base Construction  
- Tender Award - Appendix "E"

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Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Shackelton:

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THAT: The tender submitted by Van Bree Drainage and Bulldozing Limited in the amount of \$1,072,093.43, including gst, for the Dennis Road Watermain, Sewers and Road Base Construction, be accepted; and further,

THAT: Funding required to complete this work be from the City's Working Reserve as per Report No. TR23-06; and further,

THAT: Staff be directed to prepare a by-law for Council's consideration to execute a contract.

Carried.

Pinafore Park Services Building Project- Appendix "F"

The Director, Environmental Services informed the members that the approved site plan for this project identified the need for the storm sewer connection.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Chapman:

THAT: Report ES82-06 be received as information; and further,

THAT: The City proceed to install the site storm sewers required for the Pinafore Park Services Building at an estimated cost of \$90,000 using in-house staff; and further,

THAT: A quotation be called for the construction this year of the grading and granular base for the parking lot serving the Pinafore Park Services Building in compliance with the Purchasing By-Law; and further,

THAT: The installation of the curbs and asphalt be tendered and constructed in 2007 in conjunction with the annual sidewalk and road resurfacing program.

Carried.

Wellington Street Reconstruction, First Avenue to Fairview Avenue - Public Information Centre  
Appendix "G"

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Chapman:

THAT: Report ES83-06 concerning the results of the Public Information Centre held on June 21, 2006 for the Wellington Street reconstruction project be received for information.

Carried.

Request for Use of City Lands for Parking - Talbot Spur Property adjacent to Royal Canadian Legion, 24 John Street - Appendix "H"

Motion by Alderman Warden - Johnston:

THAT: The request by the Lord Elgin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion to use a portion of the Talbot Spur property for parking overflow purposes during its 80th anniversary celebrations from August 25th to October 29th, 2006 be approved.

Carried.

Request for Additional Pedestal Signs - 400 Highbury Avenue and 1012 Talbot Street  
Appendix "I"

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Mayor Kohler:

THAT: Report ES85-06 be received as information; and further,

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THAT: The request for the installation of a second pedestal sign on the property at 400 Highbury Avenue be approved.

Carried.

Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Aarts:

THAT: The request for the replacement of a third pedestal sign on the property at 1012 Talbot Street, as outlined in Report ES85-06 be approved.

Carried.

Wellington Street and Stokes Road - Traffic Lights

Alderman Warden inquired about the status of the installation of the traffic control lights at the intersection of Wellington Street and Stokes Road.

The Director, Environmental Services stated that a request for proposals for 12 traffic light installations were currently being sought and that he hoped the installation could take place by the end of fall.

Mayor Kohler recommended that a further public information session be held to inform the residents about the timelines.

The members, by consensus, agreed to this public information session.

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**PERSONNEL AND LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE** - Chairman D. Warden

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** - Chairman C. Barwick

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Cash Advances & Expenses Reimbursement Report

St. Thomas Consolidated Courthouse Project - Police Facilities

**NEW BUSINESS**

2006 Municipal Elections - Electronic Vote Tabulators - Appendix "J"

The City Clerk advised the members that voter cards were being considered for the municipal election. Further, he informed the members that the Clerk's Department was dealing with a list of approximately 2600 unconfirmed Canadian citizens that had been included on the Preliminary Voters' List and that consideration was being given to sending these individuals a form which they would complete and return to City Hall to confirm their citizenship.

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Mayor Kohler:

THAT: Report CC-40-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council direct administration to prepare a by-law for Council's consideration authorizing the use of optical scan vote tabulators for municipal elections.

Carried.

CITY CLERK\_\_\_\_\_CONFIRMED\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

Development Charges - Appendix “K”

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Chapman:

THAT: Council approve the inclusion of the following intersection improvement and signalization projects in the capital project listing set out on page 5-49 of the Development Charge Background Study dated March 2005:

Project Description	Estimated Cost
Southdale Line and Sunset Drive	\$100,000
Railway Signalization on Southdale Line West of Sunset Drive	\$100,000
Ron McNeil Line and Pine Valley Drive	\$350,000
Elm Street and orchard Park	\$150,000
Burwell Road and Ron McNeil Line	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$800,000

AND THAT: Council approve the deletion of the following intersection improvement and signalization projects from the capital project listing set out on page 5-49 of the Development Charge Background Study dated March 2005:

Project Description	Estimated Cost
Fairview Ave at Southdale	\$300,000
Elm Street at Fairview Ave	<u>\$500,000</u>
Total	\$800,000

Carried.

June 30, 2006 Current Budget Monitoring Report - Appendix “L”

Alderman Warden inquired about operating deficits at the St. Thomas Community Centre and requested that a report be prepared to identify staff overtime that had been paid out for both the St. Thomas Community Centre and Memorial Arena.

The Director of Finance and City Treasurer stated that the budget projections were on target and that specifics on overtime could be provided within the end of September budget monitoring report.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Mayor Kohler:

THAT: Council approve the June 30, 2006 current budget monitoring report.

Carried.

City Hall Window Blinds

The members inquired about the cleaning of the window blinds and chairs at City Hall and if this could be reviewed.

The Committee, by consensus, directed the Director of Finance and City Treasurer to review this matter.

St. Thomas Community Centre - Railings for Events

Mayor Kohler inquired if staff could investigate the possibility of acquiring temporary railings that had been used at a recent event at the St. Thomas Community Centre so that they could be used at future events. Mayor Kohler indicated that the railings had an approximate cost of \$5000 - \$6000.

The Committee, by consensus, directed that a report be brought back to the Committee regarding the railings.

St. Thomas Community Centre - Cost Analysis for Events

Alderman Warden inquired if staff could prepare an analysis of costs relating to a recent major

event at the St. Thomas Community Centre, which would provide good information for future events.

Chairman Barwick concurred that a report should be prepared but that it should be presented through the Community and Social Services Committee.

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** - Chairman B. Aarts

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

St. Thomas Community Centre - Deficiency List

**NEW BUSINESS**

2006/2007 Non-Ice Facility Rates and Ice Program Fees - Memorial Arena and St. Thomas Community Centre - Appendix "M"

The members discussed the leisure skating activity and the fact that there was no public skating at Memorial Arena.

The Manager of Culture and Recreation stated that individuals who acquired memberships for leisure skating could skate as many times per week as they wanted and that leisure skating was offered 5 days a week. Further she stated that Memorial Arena was not the best facility for public skating.

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Johnston:

THAT: Report TR 50-06 be received; and further,

THAT: City Council approve the 2006-07 Non-Ice Facility and Ice Program Fee Structures for Memorial Arena and the St. Thomas Community Centre, effective September 1, 2006, as outlined in Report TR 50-06.

Carried.

Memorial Arena - Painting

The members discussed the recent painting of Memorial Arena and the fact that, while the painting looked good, perhaps there was too much grey.

The Members directed the Director of Finance and City Treasurer to review with staff and the painters the possibility of highlighting some components with a different colour.

Memorial Arena - Mold

The members inquired if there was a concern regarding mold at Memorial Arena

Chairman Aarts stated that staff had not indicated a problem.

St. Thomas Community Centre Capital Campaign

Alderman Warden requested that a breakdown of the amount of money raised through pledges along with an accounting of the \$100,000 budget for the St. Thomas Community Centre Capital Campaign be provided to the members.

Motion by Alderman Warden - Chapman:



THAT: Representatives from the Fund Raising Group for the Community Centre be requested to appear in front of St. Thomas City Council on September 18, 2006, under delegation status, to give a complete report and accounting for their activities and to answer any questions that Council may have.

Carried.

Skateboard Park

Mayor Kohler stated that he had received a letter inquiring about the possibility of enforcing the use of helmets at the skateboard park.

The members, by consensus, directed the Environmental Services Department to pursue options relating to this matter.

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** - Chairman T. Shackelton

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Intersection of Redan Street and Woodworth Avenue - Appendix "N"

Motion by Mayor Kohler - Alderman Turvey:

THAT: Report ES 77-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Traffic By-Law 45-89 Schedule II (No Parking Zones) be amended as to implement a No Parking Anytime restriction on the east side of Woodworth Avenue from Redan Street to 25 metres south; and further,

THAT: A concrete pad be installed by the Environmental Services Roads operations staff between the curb and sidewalk to create an extension of the existing sidewalk from the side entrance of the Evangelical Missionary Church building at 100 Redan Street.

Carried.

Intersection of Manor Road and Chestnut Street

Leash Free Dog Park

Intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue - Appendix "O"

Mayor Kohler inquired if a yield sign could be considered, as vehicles approach the intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue, to advise motorists of the intersection.

The Supervisor, Roads and Transportation stated that the installation of intersection warning signs would be reviewed.

The Supervisor, Roads and Transportation stated there was a need to get current traffic counts for the intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue.

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Aarts:

THAT: Report ES 87-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: Updated traffic count information be collected at the intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue during the Fall 2006 data collection program for future operational review and report to Council.

Carried.

Bus Services to 1063 Talbot Street and Shopping Complex near Elm Street and Wilson Avenue

Request for Four-way Stop Signs - Intersection of White Street and Elizabeth Street

**NEW BUSINESS**

Replacement of Pump 6 - Appendix “P”

A request was made to deal with the following motion by recorded vote.

Motion by Alderman Aarts - Johnston:

THAT: Report FD02-06 regarding replacement of Pump 6 be received; and further,

THAT: Council authorize the Fire Department to prepare tender specifications and then tender for the replacement of Pump 6; and further,

THAT: This 2007 purchase be funded from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**Recorded Vote**

Yeas

Nays

Mayor Kohler

Alderman B. Aarts

C. Barwick

H. Chapman

T. Johnston

T. Shackelton

M. Turvey

D. Warden

Carried.

St. Thomas Transit - Update - The Ridership Growth Strategy and Asset Management Plan Review Committee - Appendix “Q”

The members discussed the possibility of developing a comment card for the public to complete regarding the Transit Service. Further, the members discussed the structure of the Committee including the number of meetings and the appointment of a chairman.

The Supervisor, Roads and Transportation stated that he would investigate a comment card process and further that there was no intent to limit Committee membership and further that he did not feel a Chairman would be required.

Motion by Alderman Warden - Turvey:

THAT: Report ES 86-06 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The Mission Statement of the Ridership Growth and Asset Management Plan Review Committee be “To Review the Ridership Growth & Asset Management Plan, along with related transit issues, to arrive at a consensus on the issues, while preparing an acceptable implementation plan for the approval by City Council”.

Carried.

New Developments - Intersection Traffic Control Issues - Appendix “R”

Motion by Alderman Barwick - Warden:

THAT: Report ES 88-06 be received for information; and further,

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THAT: Traffic By-Law 45-89 be amended to permit the installation of Stop Sign control and Yield Sign control as identified in Report ES 88-06.

Carried.

Traffic Lights at Talbot Street and Manitoba Street

Alderman Barwick stated that there appeared to be a problem with the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of Talbot Street and Manitoba Street, which backed traffic up on Talbot Street.

The Supervisor, Roads and Transportation stated that the traffic lights were not working properly and that the repair of the wiring for the traffic lights was being investigated.

Dennis A Redman No. 2 Fire Station

Alderman Turvey inquired if the fire truck at the Dennis A. Redman No. 2 Fire Substation only responded to emergencies on the north side of the city.

The Fire Chief stated that Pumper #1 at the station responded to all minor calls on the north side but that both fire stations responded to any alarms throughout the city.

Line Painting on City Streets

Alderman Turvey inquired if the turning arrows at some intersections could be reviewed because they did not indicate straight through traffic movements.

The Supervisor, Roads and Transportation stated that this would be reviewed.

**BUSINESS CONCLUDED**

**REPORTS PENDING**

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND USE - P. Keenan

REVIEW OF CITY BUS ROUTES - J. Dewancker

ALMA COLLEGE - Management Board

ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM - BUDGET FORECASTS - J. Dewancker

**COUNCIL**

Council reconvened into regular session.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Planning and Development Committee - Chairman H. Chapman

Environmental Services Committee - Chairman M. Turvey

Personnel and Labour Relations Committee - Chairman D. Warden

Finance and Administration Committee - Chairman C. Barwick

Community and Social Services Committee - Chairman B. Aarts

Protective Services and Transportation Committee - Chairman T. Shackelton

Motion by Alderman Warden - Turvey:

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THAT: The recommendations, directions and actions of Council in Committee of the Whole as recorded in the minutes of this date be confirmed, ratified and adopted.

Carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Royal Canadian Legion - Legion Week September 17th to 23rd, 2006 - Proclamation and Flag Raising

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Motion by Alderman Warden - Shackelton:

THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas proclaim the week of September 17th to 23rd, 2006 as “Legion Week” in the City of St. Thomas; and,

THAT: The Legion flag be flown at City Hall for the week of September 17th to 23rd, 2006.

Carried.

St. Thomas Fire Muster Days - September 2nd and 3rd, 2006

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Aarts:

THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas has no objections to the “St. Thomas Fire Muster Days” taking place; and further,

THAT: The Council authorizes the St. Thomas Fire Muster Days to be held from September 2nd to September 3rd, 2006 in Pinafore Park; and further,

THAT: The St. Thomas Fire Muster Days be declared a Community Festival; and further,

THAT: The usual certificate of public liability and property damage insurance with a covering limit of \$5,000,000.00 to be provided by the affiliated organizations, certifying that the City of St. Thomas has been named as an additional insured for this event only, be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the start of the event unless it is determined by the City that the insurance is not required; and further,

THAT: All other necessary requirements are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas, and further,

THAT: Council provide 100 St. Thomas city pins to the St. Thomas Professional Fire Fighters Association to distribute to the participants of the Fire Muster.

Carried.

Request for a Letter of Tolerance - 4 Laing Blvd.

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Turvey:

THAT: A Letter of Tolerance be issued for the existing 1.7 foot encroachment of the chain link boundary fence located along the south boundary of Edward Street at 4 Laing Boulevard, as shown on a Plan of Survey by J.G. Rupert, OLS and dated May 30th, 2005.

Carried.

5th Anniversary of 9/11 - Honouring and Remembering - American Flag Raising

A letter was received from Owen Day requesting that Council raise the American flag at City Hall on September 11th, 2006 to honour the policemen, firemen and people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks 5 years ago.

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The members took no action regarding this matter.

### Petition - 47 Forest Avenue

The members discussed the fact that there was work proceeding at 47 Forest Avenue.

The Director, Environmental Services stated that both the building permit issues and planning issues would need to be investigated.

Motion by Alderman Barwick - Warden:

THAT: The Forest Avenue petition regarding a potential violation of Section 7.2 of Zoning By-law 50-88, pertaining to the location of provincial group homes in the vicinity of 47 Forest Avenue, be received for information; and further,

THAT: The information be directed to the Environmental Services Department for review.

Carried.

### Thank You Letter

A letter was received from Dr. Sheela V. Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister, thanking the Mayor and Members of Council for their support and expressions of concern regarding the Revitalizing Ontario's Public Health Capacity Report of the Capacity Review Committee.

### Thank You Letter

A letter was received from Colleen Harris, Media Relations Officer Thames Valley Children's Centre, thanking the Mayor and Members of Council for their generous donation to the Thames Valley Children's Centre Expansion Campaign.

### Thank You Letter

A letter was received from Paul Collins, STEGH President and David Mennill, STEGH Foundation President, thanking the Mayor and Members of Council for their generous donation to the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital for beds and furnishings.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Minimum Maintenance Standards for Heritage Properties

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Titterington Drain - Court of Revision - Municipality of Central Elgin

Motion by Alderman Chapman - Shackelton:

THAT: Council appoint the following member to the Court of Revision, to represent the City of St. Thomas for the Titterington Drain:

Alderman Turvey.

Carried.

### Canadian Championship - Acknowledgment Signage

Alderman Warden stated that he felt it would be a good idea to recognize teams who had achieved a Canadian Championship, on the City's signage.

The members discussed the fact that perhaps this matter could be postponed to allow the Walk of Fame Committee to meet and further, that this matter could be brought back to Council for the second meeting in October in the event that the Walk of Fame Committee had not met.

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Alderman Aarts provided the members with an overview of the Association of Municipalities' conference that he had recently attended stating that there was discussion regarding the fiscal imbalance between municipalities and other levels of government.

**BY-LAWS**

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Turvey:

THAT: Leave be granted to bring in the following by-laws:

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 21st day of August, 2006.
2. A by-law to establish a residential property tax rate for all rental housing developments constructed under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.
3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and OMNI Facility Services Canada Corp. (\$12,986.62 plus gst monthly - 1st year; \$13,225.05 plus gst monthly - 2nd year - Janitorial Services - Valleyview Home - June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2008)
4. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Gillian Martin. (Ansell's Awards and Specialties - 648 Talbot Street -\$7,500 Facade Improvement Grant - Community Improvement Plan)
5. A by-law to authorize the use of electronic vote tabulators for municipal elections in the City of St. Thomas.
6. A by-law to assume certain lands as part of the public highway. (Elm Street)
7. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being a By-Law to revise and consolidate certain by-laws regulating Traffic and the Parking of Motor Vehicles. (No Parking - Woodworth Avenue, south of Redan Street)
8. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being a By-Law to revise and consolidate certain by-laws regulating Traffic and the Parking of Motor Vehicles. (Stop Signs and Yield Signs in New Subdivisions)
9. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Christopher Michael Onyschuk and Lora Lee Onyschuk. (Property Taxes)
10. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain contract between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Van Bree Drainage and Bulldozing Limited. (\$1,072,093.43 - Dennis Road Watermain, Sewers, and Road Base Construction)

Carried.

**First and Second Readings**

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Turvey:

THAT: The by-laws be now read a first time, referred to Council in Committee of the Whole and read a second time.

Carried.

Alderman B. Aarts was appointed Chairman of Council in Committee of the Whole and conducted the second reading of the by-laws.

CITY CLERK\_\_\_\_\_CONFIRMED\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

On motion duly moved and seconded, the Chairman was ordered to report on the passing of the by-laws. The Chairman reported as ordered and the Mayor resumed the Chair.

**Third Reading**

Motion by Alderman Shackelton - Turvey:

THAT: The report of Council in Committee of the Whole on the following by-laws be received and adopted, the same be read a third time, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered.

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 21st day of August, 2006. (B/L 101-2006)
2. A by-law to establish a residential property tax rate for all rental housing developments constructed under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program. (B/L 102-2006)
3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and OMNI Facility Services Canada Corp. (\$12,986.62 plus gst monthly - 1st year; \$13,225.05 plus gst monthly - 2nd year - Janitorial Services - Valleyview Home - June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2008) (B/L 103-2006) (A/G 38-2006)
4. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Gillian Martin. (Ansell's Awards and Specialties - 648 Talbot Street -\$7,500 Facade Improvement Grant - Community Improvement Plan) (B/L 104-2006) (A/G 39-2006)
5. A by-law to authorize the use of electronic vote tabulators for municipal elections in the City of St. Thomas. (B/L 105-2006)
6. A by-law to assume certain lands as part of the public highway. (Elm Street) (B/L 106-2006)
7. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being a By-Law to revise and consolidate certain by-laws regulating Traffic and the Parking of Motor Vehicles. (No Parking - Woodworth Avenue, south of Redan Street) (B/L 107-2006)
8. A by-law to amend By-Law 45-89, being a By-Law to revise and consolidate certain by-laws regulating Traffic and the Parking of Motor Vehicles. (Stop Signs and Yield Signs in New Subdivisions) (B/L 108-2006)
9. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Christopher Michael Onyschuk and Lora Lee Onyschuk. (Property Taxes) (B/L 109-2006) (A/G 40-2006)
10. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain contract between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Van Bree Drainage and Bulldozing Limited. (\$1,072,093.43 - Dennis Road Watermain, Sewers, and Road Base Construction) (B/L 110-2006) (CON 5-2006)

Carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Alderman Turvey - Warden:

The 27th meeting of the 126<sup>th</sup> Council - 16

THAT: This meeting be closed to deal with a proposed acquisition of land by the municipality, labour relations matters and a matter of potential litigation affecting the municipality.

Carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Warden:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (5:59 p.m.)

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Turvey:

THAT: Council move into Closed Session at 9:07 p.m.

Carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Chapman:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (9:56 p.m.)

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Memorial Arena - Mold

Alderman Johnston informed the members that he had been informed by a staff member, during the break at the conclusion of Open Session, that there appeared to be a mold problem at the Memorial Arena.

The members stated that this matter needed to be reviewed by the Director of Finance and City Treasurer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alderman Johnston - Chapman:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (10:01 p.m.)

Carried.