

AGENDA

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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CITY HALL 7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2006

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS AND GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPENING PRAYER

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

MINUTES

DEPUTATIONS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alderman H. Chapman

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on September 5th, 2006.

DEPUTATIONS

Elgin-St. Thomas United Way 2006 Campaign

Mrs. Anne Kenny, Public Service Chair, United Way 2006 Campaign, will be in attendance to request Council's support for the United Way 2006 Campaign.

Free Trade Negotiations with Korea - Resolution

Mr. Dennis McGee, President, CAW Local 1520, will be in attendance to make a presentation requesting Council's endorsement of a resolution calling for an end to negotiations of a free trade agreement with Korea. **Page 6**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council will resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to deal with the following business.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chairman H. Chapman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Lot 38 & Part of Lot 39 Plan 117

Notice was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin regarding the passing of Zoning By-law No. 906 on August 28th, 2006 to permit the permit the development of a new single detached residence and accessory uses on the subject lands on Lot 38 & Part of Lot 39, Plan 117.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 - 46393 Roberts Line

Notice was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin regarding the passing of Zoning By-law No. 908 on August 28th, 2006 to permit a kennel, the retail sale of pet supplies as an accessory use to a permitted kennel, and accessory uses on the subject lands on Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 - 46393 Roberts Line.

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

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

St. Thomas Community Centre - Railings for Events

Council Member Expenses

NEW BUSINESS

125th Anniversary Celebrations

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

St. Thomas Community Centre - Deficiency List

St. Thomas Community Centre - Cost Analysis for Events

St. Thomas Community Centre Capital Campaign

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Proposal Award - Automatic Teller Machines and Services

Report TR-54-06 of the Manager of Culture and Recreation and Purchasing Agent. **Page 8**

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Shackelton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wellington Street/Stokes Road Intersection - Pedestrian Signal

Report ES 97-06 of the Supervisor Roads & Transportation. **Pages 9 & 10**

Revision to Overnight Parking Permit Policy - Follow Up

Report ES 98-06 of the Supervisor of Roads and Transportation. **Pages 11 & 12**

Intersection of Manor Road and Chestnut Street

Leash Free Dog Park

Intersection of Chant Street and Lawrence Avenue

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

Transit System and CASO Station

NEW BUSINESS

Road Closures for 2006 Santa Claus Parade

Report ES 99-06 of the Supervisor Roads & Transportation. **Page 13**

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 will reconvene 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

A resolution stating 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 will be presented.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Seventh Report of the Site Plan Control Committee

Report to follow.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATONS

Canada World Youth - Proclamation - October 15th to 21st, 2006

A letter has been received from Don Johnston, President Canada World Youth, requesting that Council proclaim the week of October 15th to 21st, 2006 as "Canada World Youth Week" in the City of St. Thomas.

Regional Cancer Services Alliance Information Forums

A letter has been received from Betty Kuchta and Nancy Maltby-Webster, Co-Chairs, RCSA Executive, inviting the Mayor to attend forums aimed at improving cancer care services throughout Ontario. **Pages 14 & 15**

North America Railway Hall of Fame - Thank You Letter - Joint Committee

A letter has been received from John Peart, President North America Railway Hall of Fame, thanking the Mayor and City Clerk for the Innovation Team's presentation of recommendations and requesting the formation of a Joint Committee between the City and the Hall of Fame. **Page 16**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minimum Maintenance Standards for Heritage Properties

NEW BUSINESS

Elmdale School

Mayor Kohler had previously put forward the following Notice of Motion.

Motion by Mayor Kohler:

THAT: Council support the position of the Elmdale School Council and request the Thames Valley District School Board classify Elmdale School as prohibitive to repair.

BY-LAWS

First, Second and Third Reading

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 11th day of September, 2006.
2. A by-law to appoint a City Treasurer for the City of St. Thomas. (William J. Day)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICES OF MOTION

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ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

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DENNIS MCGEE
President

LOCAL 1520

P.O. BOX 545
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO N5P 3V6
PHONE: (519) 652-5552 FAX (519) 652-0586

STAN SZYDLOWSKI
Financial Secretary / Treasurer

August 8, 2006

City of St. Thomas
Received

AUG 14 2006

City Clerk's Dept.

Wendal Graves, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of St. Thomas
545 Talbot Street
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5P 3V7

RESOLUTION On FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS With KOREA

Dear Mr. Graves,

I am writing you to request standing at a Board of Control meeting or with Community and Protective Services to make a presentation and ask for the support of St. Thomas Council regarding the attached resolution calling for an end to negotiations of a free trade agreement with Korea.

This is no doubt, a very imbalanced trade agreement, which will widen at the expense of the auto assembly and parts industry in the St. Thomas area. This needs to be brought to the attention of all the elected municipal officials, who will have to deal with the implications of job losses, plant closures and the resulting impact on tax revenues and other services.

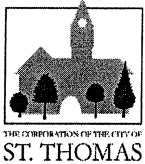
For your information, I have spoken to the MPs in the London and St. Thomas area and for the most part they are in agreement with our campaign and the City of London has adopted this resolution.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Dennis McGee
President, C.A.W. Local 1520



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City of St. Thomas

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Report No.
CC-45-06

File No.

Directed to: Chairman C. Barwick and Members of the Finance and Administration Committee

Date
September 5, 2006

Department: City Clerks Department

Attachment

Prepared By: Wendell Graves, City Clerk

Subject: 125th Anniversary Celebrations

Recommendation:

THAT: Report CC-45-06 regarding the City's 125th Anniversary be received for information.

Background:

In May of this year Council appointed a Committee to oversee a celebration of the City's 125th Anniversary.

The result of the Committee's work, which has included partnerships with the St. Thomas Downtown Development Board and the CASO Station Committee, will see an anniversary party being held under a big top tent on Saturday September 16th at the St. Thomas Collision Centre (700 Talbot Street).

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. a roster of the City's fine talent will be scheduled to perform throughout the day and evening until 11:00 p.m..

At 7:00 p.m. a brief ceremony will include an Official Cake Cutting.

Included in the event will be some displays from community groups, representation from the City's Emergency Services, food concessions and a licensed bar area.

There is no admission to the event and residents, young and old, are encouraged to come and enjoy the day and celebrate the City's rich heritage.

As part of the day, residents are encouraged to visit the Horton Street Market in the morning and stop in at the CASO Station to see the renovations that are underway.

During the week of September 11th a special commemorative booklet will be circulated to City residents through the St. Thomas Times Journal and the St. Thomas Extra.

Financial

A budget of \$10,000 had been approved for the event.

Respectfully,


W. Graves, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Treasury

Env Services

Planning

City Clerk

Comm Services

Other



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City of St. Thomas

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Report No.

TR-54-06

File No.

06-603-RB

Directed to:	Chairman Bill Aarts and Members of the Community and Social Services Committee	Date September 1, 2006
Department:	Treasury	Attachments: None
Prepared By:	Dianne Morgan, Manager of Culture and Recreation Mike Hoogstra, Purchasing Agent	
Subject:	Request for Proposal Award – Automatic Teller Machines and Services	

Recommendation:

THAT: Council receive Report No. TR-54-06.

THAT: Council accept the Proposal submitted by Direct Cash Management to provide ATM services at the St. Thomas Community Centre and Memorial Arena for a three-year period with the option to renew for an additional two-year term with the City receiving a commission rate of \$0.90 per successful transaction.

THAT: Council grant Direct Cash Management the sole exclusive rights to offer ATM services to all City facilities, if there is a need, for the same three year term with the option to renew for an additional two year term.

THAT: A by-law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Direct Cash Management for this contract award.

Background:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Automatic Teller Machines and Services was originally issued on January 23 and was closed on February 14, 2006. Only one bid was received. Due to the lack of interest, it was decided to defer the matter and re-issue the RFP at a later date. The RFP document was re-issued on July 17 to interested bidders and a notice was placed on the City's website.


The RFP closed on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and all bids received were immediately opened in public in the Treasury Conference Room. Four bids were received from the following firms:

	<u>Commission Amount</u>	<u>Customer Service Fee</u>
Direct Cash Management	\$0.90 per transaction	\$1.50
Select ATM Cash	\$0.75 per transaction	\$1.75
Bluemist ATM's Ltd.	\$0.10-0.50 per transaction	\$1.50 - \$2.00
D&D ATM Investments	Did not meet requirements	

The Proposals were checked for the mandatory response requirements and were checked for errors. The bid submitted by D&D ATM Investments was deemed non compliant as it did not meet the requirements of the Proposal, and certain criteria were deleted. All other bids received were compliant with our requirements and no errors were found. Purchasing and Recreation staff reviewed each bid response and scored each response according to the scoring included in the document. Based on the final scoring numbers, we recommend the contract be awarded to Direct Cash Management for a three-year period beginning September 2006 and ending September 2009 with an option to renew for an additional two-year period. The City will receive \$0.90 per successful transaction and each user will pay a fee of \$1.50. All administrative, maintenance, and cash filing functions will be performed by Direct Cash Management with no involvement of City staff. In addition, all startup costs are the responsibility of Direct Cash Management.

Staff are available to answer any questions members may have.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne Morgan
Manager of Culture and Recreation


Mike Hoogstra
Purchasing Agent

Reviewed By:


Treasury

Env Services

Planning

City Clerk

HR

Other



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Report No.

ES97-06

File No.

08-320

Directed to:

Chairman Terry Shackelton and Members of the Protective Services and Transportation Committee of Council

Date
September 11, 2006

Department:

Environmental Services

Attachment

Prepared By:

Dave White - Supervisor of Roads & Transportation

Subject:

Proposal Award – No. R06-08-320
Wellington Street / Stokes Road Intersection
The Design, Contract Preparation and Construction Administration for
Installation of Traffic Signalization with Audible Pedestrian Assistance

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Report No. ES97-06 be received for information; and further,
2. Council accept the proposal submission of Delcan Corporation in the amount of \$15,370.00 for Project Design, Contract Preparation, Project Inspection and administration of Capital Project 08-320 – The installation of Traffic Signalization with Audible Pedestrian Assistance at the intersection of Wellington Street and Stokes Road; and further,
3. The source of funding is the 2006 capital budget, part 1, as approved by City Council; and further,
4. A bylaw be prepared to authorize this proposal award, and further,
5. Delcan Corporation go forward with proposal contract preparation and staff return with a report to Council for approval of the successful bidder for tendered construction works for this project.

Origin

At the meeting of May 15, 2006 Council carried a motion that a full intersection traffic control signal be installed at the intersection of Wellington Street and Stokes Road. As a result a Request for Proposal was issued to qualified area consultants to provide Project Design, Contract Preparation, Project Inspection and administration of Capital Project 08-320 – The installation of Traffic Signalization with Audible Pedestrian Assistance at the intersection of Wellington Street and Stokes Road.

The Request for Proposal closed at 2 p.m. on Friday September 1, 2006. It was estimated that a report recommending the selection of a Consultant would appear before Council on September 18, 2006.

Staff has accelerated that process and provides the following analysis for your approval.

Analysis

The following is a breakdown of submitted prices:

Bidder Number	Bidder	Proposal Cost Including Taxes	Estimated Project Completion
1	Delcan Corporation	\$15,370.00	December 4, 2006
2	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	\$21,168.20	December 22, 2006
3	MVA Engineering Group Ltd.	\$21,194.70	November 30, 2006

After the public opening the proposal were checked for mandatory response requirements and calculation errors. Purchasing and Environmental Services staff has reviewed the proposals and recommend award to the low bidder, Delcan Corporation.

Financial Considerations:

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The 2006 Capital Budget, Part 1, as approved by City Council with a total allocation of \$125,000.00 for this project.

Respectfully,

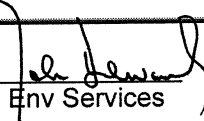


Dave White – Supervisor of Roads and Transportation
Environmental Services



Reviewed By:

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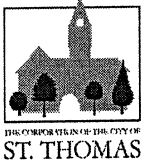
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Report No.

ES98-06

File No.

05-014-00

Date

September 11, 2006

Directed to:

Chairman Terry Shackelton and Members of the
Transportation and Protective Services Committee

Department:

Environmental Services Department

Prepared By:

Dave White, Supervisor of Roads and Transportation

Attachment

Overnight Parking Permits
Policy

Subject:

Follow up on Program – Overnight Parking Permit Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Report No. ES98-06 be received for information; and further,
2. An advertisement be placed in the local papers advising the public of the Overnight Parking Permit Policy.

Origin:

At the meeting of November 21st, 2005 Council carried the following motions;

THAT: The recommended amendments to the City's Overnight Permit Policy as outlined in Report ES103-05 of the Supervisor of Roads & Transportation be approved; and,

THAT: The amended policy be effective immediately.

The policy is attached for your convenience and we are not recommending any revisions to the policy at this time. This report explains the follow up that has been done since the policy revision was approved.

Analysis:

Prior to the November 21, 2005 policy revision, the practice of issuing permits evolved away from the policy intent for a number of reasons. During the assessment of the applicants for the 2005 / 2006 winter maintenance season a number of issues and inconsistencies have come to our attention. Therefore a revision of the policy and approval from Council was required.

The number of complaints received in previous years with respect to winter maintenance can be directly linked to the fact that the approved Winter Maintenance Program and Quality Standards could not always be reached as a result of vehicles being parked on residential streets. This is a traffic and public safety issue (emergency vehicle access), which is being addressed solely by the Traffic and Parking By-law, Enforcement and approved Traffic Policies.

Also, to increase traffic and public safety on City of St-Thomas streets with an overall width of 9.9m or less, Environmental Services staff recently has been required to act on complaints and remove parking from one side of these streets to allow for emergency vehicle access and in support of the approved Winter Maintenance Program and Quality Standards.

The 2006 / 2007 winter maintenance period will be quickly upon us. The success of the winter maintenance program rests on the effectiveness of the Parking By-law, enforcement of the By-law and the supporting policy to keep all City of St. Thomas streets as clear as possible of vehicles during the winter maintenance period of November 15 to March 15 of each year. The original intent of the By-law and Traffic Policy was to keep the streets clear of vehicles and to only allow parking permits for those properties that didn't have any parking spaces on their property AND those properties that didn't have the potential for parking spaces within approved policies and By-laws.

Current By-law No. 45-89 – Regulating Traffic and the Parking of Motor Vehicles

The current by-law reads;

No person shall park a vehicle or allow to stand a vehicle upon any part of any street in the City of St. Thomas between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. from November 15th to March 15th of the following year. It also covers the fact that a permit may be obtained and the current traffic policy would be implemented in determining eligibility.

Current Policy and Procedures

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Each application for a permit will / has been assessed based on the attached policy with the following revisions;

- If the property had a permit in 2004/2005, a permit for 2005 / 2006 was issued with the condition that the property will be assessed based on the policy revision for all future years.
- If the property has two or more parking spaces (including garage(s)), a permit will not be issued for all future years.
- If the property has the potential for two parking spaces, a permit may be issued for one year only on the condition that the property owner will develop the second parking space while also complying with the City Zoning By-law and policies (50% of front yard used for parking & a minimum of 2.75m wide and 5.50m long parking space).

Follow up on Requests from last season

There were a total of (104) requests for (1 or 2) parking permits in 2005/2006. Out of the (104) requests (70) actually qualified for permits under the revised policy. Those (70) locations will again be considered for parking permits in the 2006/2007 season as there is no potential for them to have up to (2) parking spaces on their property. Also out of the (104) requests there were (34) requests broken down as follows;

- (18) requests that were notified to work with staff to develop an additional parking space for this year. Staff in advance of a request will check these locations and if they haven't added a parking space(s), they will not be issued a permit for 2006/2007.
- (16) requests that were given a one year grace period as a result of the short notice of policy change, they will not be issued a permit for 2006/2007.

Staff will verify the information above by visiting the sites in the next couple of weeks and provide written notification to the residents with respect to their options.

Conclusion:

With the ongoing management of the Overnight Parking Permit Policy (described above), the objectives of the policy will be realized.

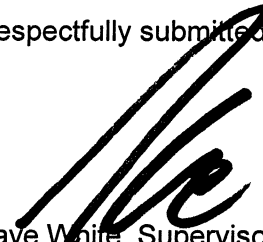
Alternatives:

No alternatives are presented at this time.

Financial Implications:

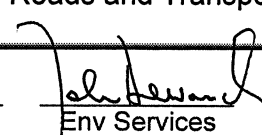
There are no effects on the Roads & Transportation operating budget.

Respectfully submitted


Dave White, Supervisor of Roads and Transportation
Environmental Services

Reviewed By:

Treasury


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Report No.

ES99-05

File No.

Directed to: Alderman Terry Shackelton, Chair and Members of the Protective Services and Transportation Committee

Date
September 11, 2006

Department: Environmental Services Department

Attachment

Prepared By: Dave White, Supervisor of Roads & Transportation

Subject: Road Closures for Santa Claus Parade – 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Report No. ES99-06 be received for information; and further,
2. The route for the Santa Claus Parade be from the First Avenue staging area, west on Talbot Street, south on William Street to Centre Street; and,
3. The following road sections be closed by Roads Maintenance staff on November 18, 2006 during the times indicated;
 - First Avenue closed from Talbot Street to Redan Street (from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
 - Talbot Street closed from First Avenue to William Street (from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
 - William Street closed from Talbot Street to Centre Street (from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.); and,
4. Access for emergency vehicles be maintained at all times through the closures; and,
5. That parking be restricted on both sides of the roadway along the parade route between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and,

BACKGROUND:

Mr. John Ewanick, Chairperson – Optimist Santa Claus Parade Committee submitted a request to the Special Events Committee on August 23, 2006. The parade has the approval of the Special Events Committee.

ANALYSIS:

The route will run as it did in 2005, from a staging area on First Avenue between Redan Street and Talbot Street. The route will run from that point west along Talbot Street to William Street, south on William Street to Centre Street.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives presented at this time.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of erecting the detour routes and barricades for the road closure is included the Environmental Services Operating Budget (Roads and Transportation) for special events

Respectfully submitted

Dave White, Supervisor of Roads and Transportation
Environmental Services

Reviewed By:

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September 1, 2006

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer:

The Regional Cancer Services Alliance (RCSA) is a landmark collaboration of health care providers in Southwestern Ontario committed to improving access to and quality of cancer care in every corner of the region. Its purpose is to address gaps and inconsistencies in cancer care and plan and coordinate services across programs and providers.

An important mandate of the RCSA is to seek input from cancer care consumers, their families, care providers, and other members of the community to ensure our efforts meet the needs of those who rely on or those who work in the cancer care system.

As a community leader who supports and advocates for improved health care services for members of your constituency, your attendance at these forums is particularly important. If we are to achieve better access to health professionals, reduced wait times, more equitable access to care, greater accountability to the public, improved health status, better use of resources and, of course, quality care, we must understand your needs as a community. Your thoughts, experiences, and community leadership are critical in shaping the future of cancer care locally and throughout our region.

The purpose of these open forums is to:

- Provide cancer survivors and their families, as well as care providers and the community, with the latest report card from Cancer Care Ontario on how we're doing in meeting the needs of cancer patients.
- Introduce priorities now set by the RCSA for cancer care in our region. These priorities will act as a roadmap for all cancer care and prevention initiatives over the next three years.
- Hear from cancer survivors and their families, as well as care providers about their personal experiences with the cancer care system.

This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard with regards to the provision of cancer services and how this may fit with other health initiatives in which you and your constituency are involved. Your participation is important to us. Your stories are integral to helping create a cancer care system of the highest quality for Southwestern Ontario.

Please refer to the 2006 community consultation schedule enclosed for the date, time and location in your area. We look forward to seeing you at a Town Hall session.

Sincerely,

Betty Kuchta
Co-Chair, RCSA Executive

Nancy Maltby-Webster
Co-Chair, RCSA Executive

Enclosure

2006 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

LOCATION	DATE	VENUE
London	Tuesday, September 12 th	Best Western Stoneridge (Townsend Ballroom), 6675 Burtwhistle Lane, London
Woodstock	Wednesday, September 13 th	Salvation Army (Sanctuary), 769 Juliana Drive, Woodstock
Owen Sound	Thursday, September 14 th	Days Inn (Chatsworth East Room), 950 Sixth Street East, Owen Sound
Clinton	Tuesday, September 19 th	Betty Cardno Centre (Clark Memorial Room), 317 Huron Road, Clinton
Sarnia	Wednesday, September 20 th	Sarnia Branch Library (Theatre), 124 Christina Street South, Sarnia
Chatham	Thursday, September 21 st	St. Clair College (Room 128), 1001 Grand Avenue West, Chatham

Note: All sessions will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



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City of St. Thomas
Received
AUG 29 2006
City Clerk's Dept.

August 9, 2006

To: The Honorable Jeff Kohler
Mayor, City of St. Thomas
St. Thomas, Ontario

Mr. Wendell Graves
City Clerk
St. Thomas, Ontario

Gentlemen:

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors of The North American Railway Hall of Fame for the taking the initiative to bring the Innovation Team to town. We were very excited with their presentation and felt many of their recommendations had a great deal of potential. We are waiting with much anticipation to receive their final report. This will allow all of us to proceed with the next phase, realization of some of their concepts.

This is the primary reason for my letter. We believe it is very important to move forward and would certainly like to work with the city to insure some of these ideas are implemented.

One suggestion to start this process is to create a joint committee with the city and the Hall of Fame, owners of the Canada Southern Station. I would be happy to meet with whomever might be appropriate to discuss this idea and any others that would help both of us realize some of the potential benefits identified in the Innovation Team's presentation.

I know there was a great deal of time and work put into this initiative and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future. I can be contacted at 519-495-5444.

Yours truly

John Peart
President
North America Railway Hall of Fame