

AGENDA

THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 NOVEMBER 13TH, 2007**

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 G. Campbell

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on November 5th, 2007.

PRESENTATIONS

DEPUTATIONS

St. Thomas Public Library - Revitalization Project

Greg Grondin, Board Chair, St. Thomas Public Library, will be in attendance to provide a presentation regarding the St. Thomas Public Library's Revitalization Project. Pages 6 to 16

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

Minimum Maintenance By-Law - Ontario Heritage Act

Development Agreement Policies

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Johnston

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road and Sidewalk Reserve Fund

Proposed Playground Development - Feasibility Analysis of Proposed Public/Private Partnership between City of St. Thomas and Faith Baptist Church

Green Lane Landfill Purchase by the City of Toronto - Status Report - Possible Waste Management Contract Extension

Dalewood Ravine Trail - Correspondence

Burwell Road between South Edgeware Road and Talbot Street - Sidewalk - Correspondence

Township of Southwold - Wastewater Master Planning Study

Vacant Land Condominium - Fair and Equitable Taxing

63 Mitchell Street - Driveway Request - Correspondence

Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System - Financial Strategic Plan

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PERSONNEL AND LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Chairman G. Campbell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - Chairman T. Shackelton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bridge, Sewers and Water Capacity in Barwick Street Area

Kiwant Manors Limited - Seniors' Housing - 139 First Avenue

Downtown Development Board - Horton Farmers' Market

Concession Services at the Douglas J. Tarry Sports Complex

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Meeting Investigator

Document Management - Update

Report CC-54-07 of the City Clerk. Pages 19 + 20

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman B. Aarts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Pavilion Renaming

Walk of Fame

Recreation Facilities Comparative Financial Figures

Leash Free Dog Park

Summer Ice Rates and Usage

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairman D. Warden

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

White Street Yield Signs

YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Summer Camp - Reduced Rate Children's Bus Tickets

Taxis By-Law - Enforcement of Non-Licensed Taxis

Intersection of Chestnut Street and Fifth Avenue

Intersection of Fairview Avenue and Elm Street

Third Avenue Road Extension from Wellington Street to Talbot Street

NEW BUSINESS

Ontario Airport Funding Meetings

Report CC-53-07 of the Airport Superintendent. Page 21

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Chairman L. Baldwin-Sands

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

REPORTS PENDING

COUNCIL

Council will reconvene into regular session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Planning and Development Committee - Chairman H. Chapman

Environmental Services Committee - Chairman T. Johnston

Personnel and Labour Relations Committee - Chairman G. Campbell

Finance and Administration Committee - Chairman T. Shackelton

Community Services Committee - Chairman B. Aarts

Protective Services and Transportation Committee - Chairman D. Warden

Social Services Committee - Chairman L. Baldwin-Sands

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

HELP Clean Water Initiative - Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System - Letter of Thanks

A letter has been received from Roger Caranci, Chair, Elgin Primary Water Supply System, thanking Mayor Barwick and the members of Council for the support offered on the HELP Clean Water Initiative project. **Page 22**

Healthy Communities and the Built Environment Workshop - Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health

Correspondence has been received from Elgin St. Thomas Public Health Unit regarding a free workshop being held on Monday, November 19, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Golf and County Club, Union. **Page 23**

Request to Amend Council Minutes of October 1st, 2007

A letter has been received from Bill Sandison, 144 Lake Margaret Trail, requesting that the minutes of October 1, 2007 be amended to reflect Mayor Barwick's comments and position regarding the re-creation of the Chief Administrator Officer position. **Page 24**

25% More Life in St. Thomas - Correspondence

A letter has been received from Bill Sandison, 144 Lake Margaret Trail, regarding the promotion of 25% More Life in St. Thomas. **Pages 25 + 26**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

First, Second and Third Reading

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 13th day of November, 2007.

2. A by-law to assume certain lands as part of the public highway. (Glenview Court)

PUBLIC NOTICE

2008 Part 1 Capital Budget

In accordance with the City of St. Thomas By-law 171-2002, notice be given that the City intends to adopt the 2008 Capital Budget - Part 1 at its meeting to be held on Monday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. located in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

NOTICES OF MOTION**CLOSED SESSION**

A resolution to close the meeting will be presented to deal with a labour relations matter and a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

OPEN SESSION**ADJOURNMENT****CLOSING PRAYER**



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October 12, 2007

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City Clerk's Dept.

His Worship the Mayor and Council
Corporation of the City of St. Thomas
545 Talbot Street, P.O. Box 520
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5P 3V7

Dear Worship and Members of Council

On behalf of the Library Board, we would like to make a deputation to Council on November 13, 2007 in preparation for the 5 year Capital Budget deliberation. We would like to do a short powerpoint presentation, the purpose of which is to submit the proposal and timelines of our Revitalization Project to City Council in order for Council to make an informed decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Greg Grondin,
Board Chair
St. Thomas Public Library

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Revitalization Proposal

Report to
St. Thomas City Council
November 13, 2007








St. Thomas Public Library
Revitalization Proposal
November, 2007


Purpose


The purpose of today's presentation is to submit the proposal and timelines of our Revitalization Project to City Council in order for Council to make an informed decision.

Why should Council support our proposal?

In 2007, the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries analyzed the ways in which libraries have changed and documented eight strategies to create "The New Public Library".

-  The New Public Library offers today's children a chance to grow. ...The New Public Library offers an array of early literacy programs in an environment that will remain relevant throughout a lifetime of learning.
-  The New Public Library offers today's teens a place to feel welcome.... The New Public Library offers access to new technologies and places for youth to gather in an environment that is nurturing and protects without being unduly restrictive.
-  The New Public Library offers today's families one-stop access, assistance and answers for every member.... The New Public Library offers parents and children of all ages access to digital and print resources that have been selected by professionals and the availability of information professionals to help maximize time efficiency.
-  The New Public Library offers business today a ROI that matters. Business today needs a meaningful 'Return On Investment' from its tax contribution. The New Public Library offers access to the expert research skills of professional librarians and information specialists along with the information tools, digital and print, that many small businesses find prohibitively expensive.
-  The New Public Library is the living room of our community. The New Public Library offers a sanctuary, a comfortable place for anyone to be enriched and inspired without judgment or intimidation.

 The New Public Library offers every Ontarian a bridge across the digital divide. Every Ontarian today needs equitable access to basic information, including information on the Internet, so that citizenship is not limited by financial or geographical barriers....

 The New Public Library is vital to the development of creative communities. Communities today need to become more welcoming, engaging and livable in order to attract the workers necessary to sustain knowledge industries....

During a recent staff training day, Councillor Lori Baldwin-Sands led the staff through a visioning exercise, where they were inspired to imagine ways St. Thomas Public Library can continue to grow and serve the community.

St. Thomas Public Library could develop partnerships with schools, museums, art galleries, tourism associations, multi-cultural organizations in the community to expand opportunities for:



Technological excellence



Exposing children to nature in a garden room -an outdoor reading garden - with butterflies and a variety of plants



a lively community discussion -
a philosopher's café



Live theater, puppet shows,
chamber music, concerts;



experiencing history through the
library

The Business Case

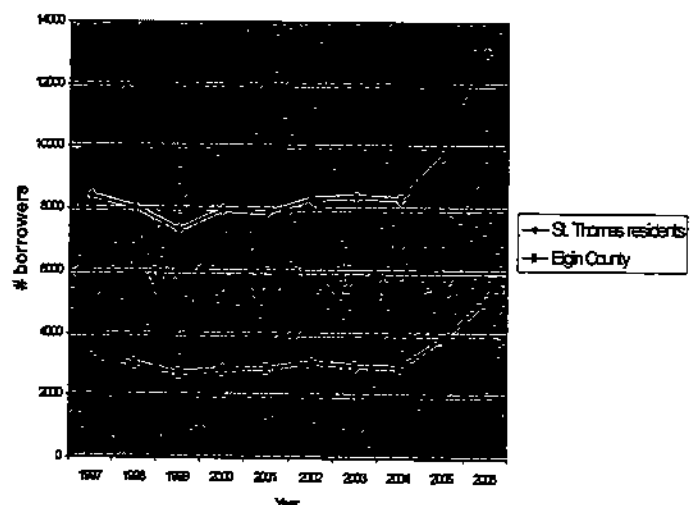
The current St. Thomas Public Library building was completed in 1974, and was intended to accommodate the Elgin County Library as well as the St. Thomas Public Library. When Elgin County Library relocated to its new facility on Sunset Drive in 1985, St. Thomas Public Library extended its use to the entire space. During the intervening 20 years there have been minimal changes to adapt the facility to new uses and changing times.

And times have changed. Statistics show a steady increase in usage in the last 25 years, and dramatic changes in the past five, as the population of St. Thomas has grown significantly, from 24,000 in 1974 to more than 36,000 in 2006, a 40% increase in 30 years.

The area served by St. Thomas is even greater than the population served. In fact St. Thomas is one of the fastest growing communities in Ontario, and population is expected to reach 43,000 by 2010.

Harder to quantify and illustrate are the differences in the ways the library is now used. More and more people are starting home-based businesses and come to use expensive and extensive reference material. Active seniors come to upgrade their skills, renew interests, learn new skills or to select leisure reading materials. Many residents use our free computers, for research, job hunting, contacting distant family members, or to keep up with world affairs. Many come to borrow DVD's and CD's. Consequently these growing collections require different display and storage solutions. These new technologies were never conceived when the building was constructed, and we are trying to adapt to a building never intended for the types of uses it now has.

Registered Borrowers



The Proposal

This proposal is significantly different than the earlier proposal submitted to Council for the 2003 Capital budget deliberation, which focused on bringing the building to code, and making better use of administrative space.

This new proposal was developed by a team of senior staff to resolve a variety of

issues. At present there is inadequate programming space for children. Frequently, multiple classes visit at once, due to bussing costs. Groups must crowd into the Picture Book Room and the Teens Lounge, making those spaces unavailable for the general public. During the summer and March Break, special events, which attract from 25 -100 adults and children, fill the Carnegie Room. Unfortunately, participants often do not visit the Children's and Teens' Services Department during their visit because of its location two floors up.

Our pre-school story time attendance is at capacity. Four staff rotate to provide a series of preschool programmes quarterly for 4 weeks each for three age groups: babies up to 2 years, two year olds, and three to five year olds, a total of 64 programmes for approximately 1500 children per year. Yet there's a waiting list. Other events organized by the library in the past few years include Family Math, Chess Club, Baby Sign Language, Author Visits, Art and Drama Workshops, and From Lullabies to Literacy workshops. In 2006, more than 260 children's programmes were offered for almost 7000 participants.

The number of participants must be limited to 10 or 12, who crowd into the picture book room. Larger programming space would provide an opportunity to present the same number of programmes to more children.

Our Teen Lounge is extremely popular. Teens come after school to do homework and socialize. Our two computer stations always have a lineup after school and in the evenings, and the teen area needs more shelving space for a rapidly growing and very popular collection.

Studies have shown that children who participate in story times perform better at school. For teens, the library is a safe place to be. A focus on literacy is especially important in this area, as literacy levels for adults and children in the St. Thomas area is lower than the provincial average. According to a recent press release, "Although Thames Valley assessments have shown steady improvement over the last 5 years, EQAO scores for this year show a decline in the percentage of students achieving the provincial standard compared to last year's assessment results," and only 59% of grade 3 students achieved the provincial reading standard in the Thames Valley District. EQAO stands for Education Quality and Accountability Office. This is the provincial agency that designs and tests Grade 3 and Grade 6 students yearly in reading, writing and mathematics.

The primary components of the Revitalization Project involve:

- ✓ providing more area, and more functional space for children and teens by moving the Children's and Teens' Services Department to the lower floor, where the usable space will effectively increase by 25%
- ✓ relocating the administrative functions to the upper floor
- ✓ adding a computer lab for public use and instruction, as well as for staff training
- ✓ maximizing space for public use
- ✓ closing off the mezzanine and the stairwell, eliminating some potential safety concerns, and complying with current building code.

- ✓ making modifications to the heating and cooling system which will result in cost savings in the long run

On the main floor, which is one of our brightest and most welcoming areas, little structural changes are recommended. Offices will be added for Department Heads.

Wiring, painting, lighting and carpet replacement are recommended for all three levels. Poor lighting and thinning carpets are becoming hazardous.

An accessible family washroom on the main floor will be accommodated in a separate building project.

Removal of the free standing stairwell in the adult non-fiction area, part of the earlier proposal, may no longer be necessary, which will result in some cost efficiency.

As the building use has changed, modifications are required to accommodate current needs. The proposal focuses on:

- 📖 More programming space with easy access for children and staff
- 📖 Supervision for little used spaces in library, such as the lower corridor
- 📖 Office space where needed, ie the circulation workroom/office in the circulation area
- 📖 Better use of irregular spaces and outdoor areas that give the building its uniqueness
- 📖 More cost-efficient heating and cooling, resulting in cost-savings
- 📖 Better collection flow for the public
- 📖 Better access and security for unsecured exits

The bottom line

We have discussed the concept with architect Paul Loreto, who has assisted us with the preparation of the draft floor plans. Engineer Paul Harris has provided information and costing on mandatory upgrades to current building code.

A great deal of detailed design work remains to be done, but we anticipate that the total cost of the project will be \$1,200,000.

Timelines

We are requesting that Council set aside \$400,000 in a Capital account in 2008, 2009 and 2010. We would like to celebrate the launch of the project in 2009, to coincide with the 125th year of the founding of the St. Thomas Free Library, and complete the project in the spring of 2010.

We can't do it alone

Once Council has confirmed support for our Building Revitalization Project, we will initiate a fund-raising programme. The five year budget includes \$7500 set aside in 2009 to fund a public awareness programme. The results of this drive will support soft furnishings, such as tables and chairs for a reading lounge, shelving for the children's area, and display stands for audio visual materials.

We will also ask the Friends of St Thomas Public Library to re-direct their fund-raising efforts toward the Revitalization Project for the next five years.

Long term plan

This Building Revitalization Proposal provides an interim solution to our lack of space, and makes the best use of our library facility. The architect remarked that this proposal works with the existing building, rather than fighting with it. At the same time it must be recognized that in the long term additional space is required. With normal population growth, a library building requires expansion every 25 years.

This Proposal does not provide much needed additional space for adult book and multi-media collections, and study and seating space will be scarce. Demographics indicate an aging population, who will be looking for more space for senior activities, personal growth and leisure.

It is recommended that a committee of staff and local historians examine options for relocating or re-organizing the local history collection, which would provide much needed space and greater access.

By 2010, when a decision must be made on the Justice Building, it is recommended that a feasibility study be completed to extend the building eastward by 2020, and provide expanded parking.

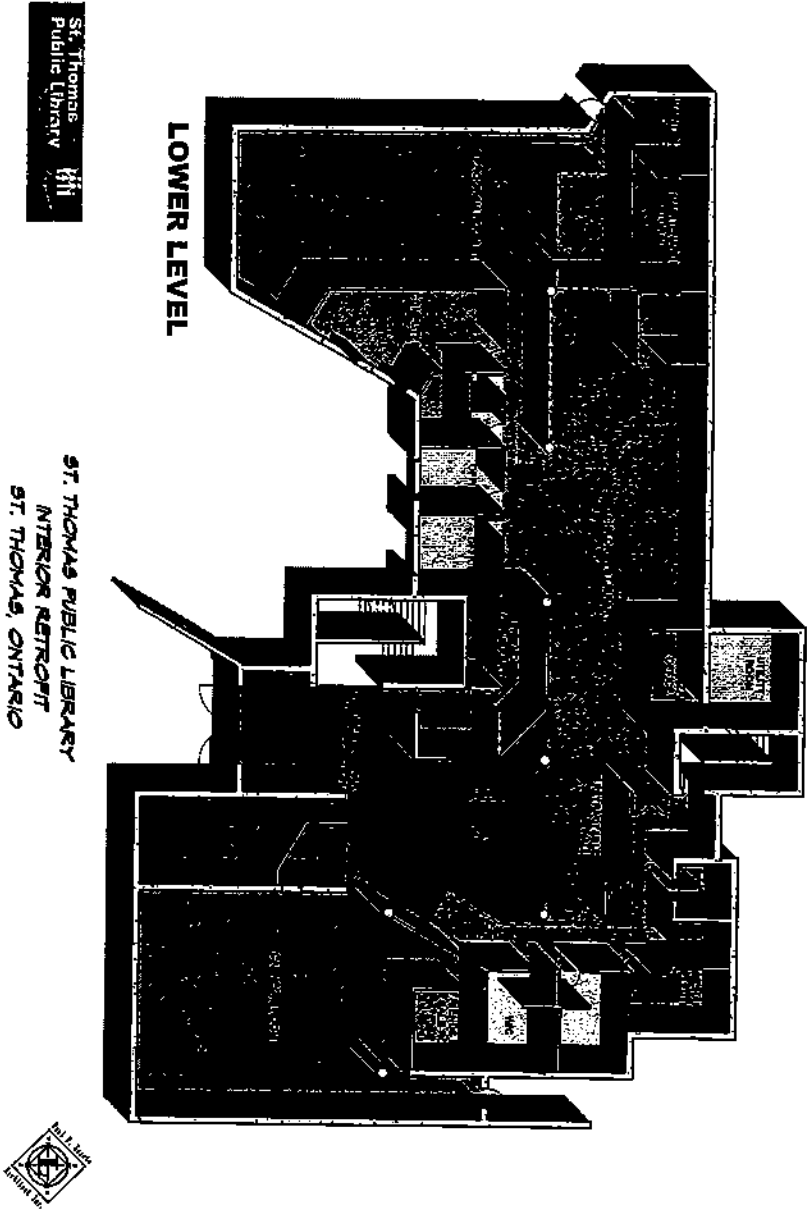
Conclusion

The business of today's public library is changing. Today's public library addresses literacy, workforce training, small business vitality, quality of life – all pressing issues in this era of economic transformation. We need to keep up with the growing population, and their changing needs by providing additional space for programming, a larger area for teens and seniors, and additional internet workstations for job seekers, teens and employment re-training. Our public library is changing, and the facility needs to change to keep pace.

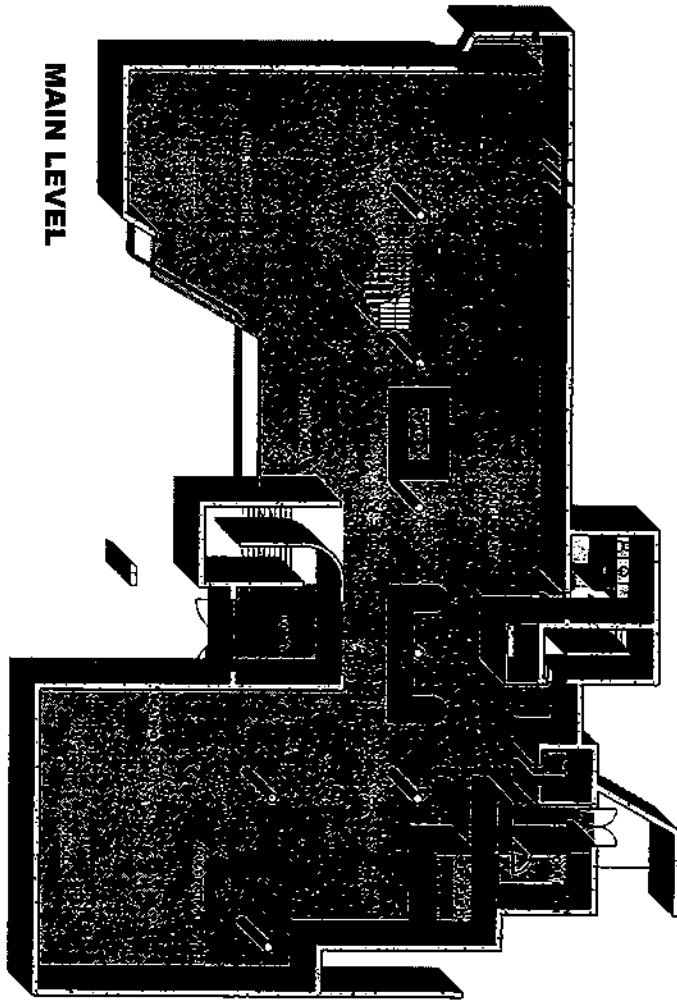
Thank you for your attention.

Greg Grondin,
St. Thomas Public Library Board Chair

Proposed floor plan: lower level



Proposed floor plan: Main floor

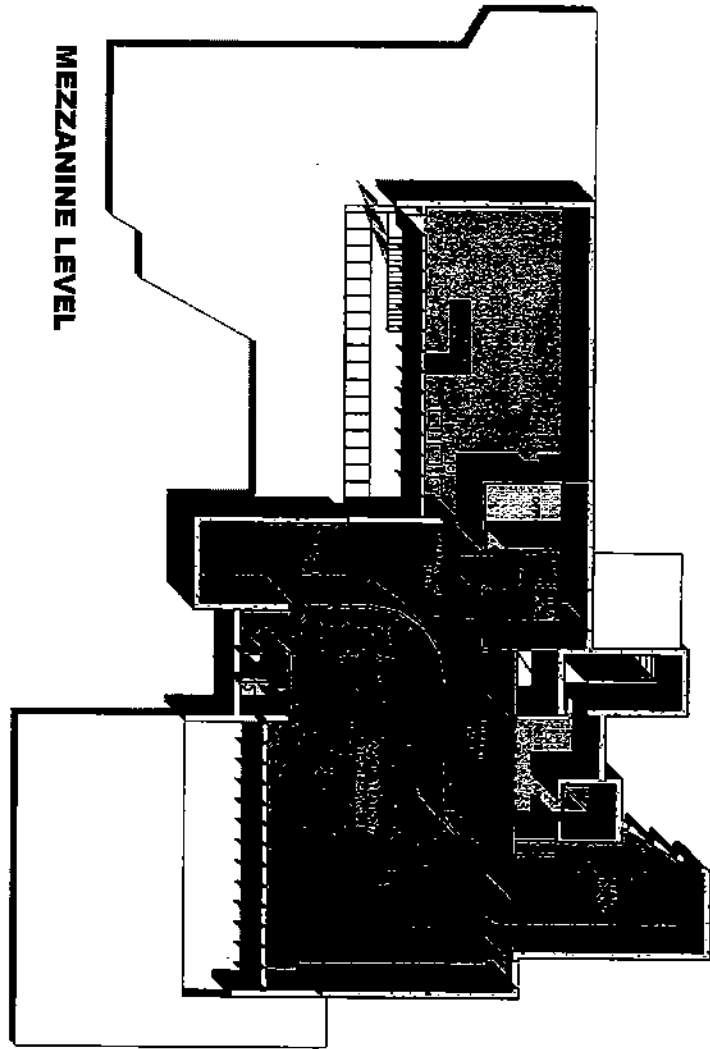


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INTERIOR RENOVATION
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO



Proposed floor plan: Mezzanine level



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INTERIOR RETROFIT
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO





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Corporation of the
City of St. Thomas

Report No.
CC-52-07

File No.

Directed to: Alderman T. Shackelton and Members of the Finance and Administration Committee

Date Authored:

October 30, 2007

Meeting Date:

November 13, 2007

Department: City Clerk's

Prepared By: Wendell Graves, City Clerk

Attachment

Subject: Closed Meeting Investigator

Recommendation:

THAT: Report CC-52-07 be received for information, and further,

THAT: Council appoint Mr. John Maddox as the Closed Meeting Investigator for the City of St. Thomas for the year 2008, and further,

THAT: A by-law be presented to Council for the appointment of Mr. Maddox as the Closed Session Investigator for the City for the year 2008.

Background:

As you are aware revisions to the Municipal Act identify that an individual may request a Closed Meeting Investigator to investigate matters which are discussed in Closed Session to determine if proper procedures have been followed. This amendment becomes effective as of January 1, 2008.

Currently, municipalities across the Province are in the process of appointing Investigators to address any requests that may come forward. The Municipal Act states that if a municipality does not appoint a Closed Meeting Investigator any request would automatically default to the Ontario Ombudsman for investigation.

Core criteria for the appointment of an Investigator as defined within the Municipal Act include the principles that the Investigator must be impartial, credible, and that they must work confidentially and independently with respect to the investigation process.

It should be noted that a request for a Closed Meeting Investigator, in addition to Council itself, extends to the proceedings of any municipal Committee or local board with the exception of the Police Services, Conservation Authorities and Library Boards.

Council will be aware of the fact that many Committees work under the umbrella of Council including Committees which have representation by other municipalities within Elgin County. Examples include the Health Unit and the Central Elgin Planning Advisory Committee.

In consideration of the appointment of a Closed Meeting Investigator it will be important that the Investigator has a depth of understanding relating to the Municipal Act and the manner in which it prescribes that a municipal Council functions and makes its decisions.

Currently there are various options available to the City relating to the appointment of a Closed Meeting Investigator. The following options have been provided for consideration:

1. Do nothing and have the Ontario Ombudsman Investigate requests. It should be noted that the Ontario Ombudsman will not charge any fees for investigations it undertakes.
2. Develop a request for proposals to solicit interest in providing the service.
3. Engage a service provider which has been developed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario which would require a minimum 2 year contract with a retainer fee of \$600 per year plus a daily rate of \$1250 for actual investigations.
4. Endorse the Investigator being used by Elgin County Municipalities, Mr. John Maddox, former Director of the London Office of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at an annual retainer fee of \$2500 plus an hourly rate of \$75.00 for actual investigations. An agreement with Mr. Maddox would be reviewed annually.

The year 2008 will be a transition year for all municipalities as they solidify the order of magnitude in which the services of an Investigator are engaged.

The services of Mr. Maddox are being recommended for the first, initial year of this new requirement under the Municipal Act for the following reasons:

1. Mr. Maddox has been endorsed by Elgin Council municipalities which, in addition to individual municipal requests for investigations, also relates to inter municipal Committee work and Boards of which St. Thomas does share some jurisdiction.
2. Mr. Maddox has stated that he would be prepared to host a training session for the City and its related Committees in preparation of the requirements for the Municipal Act the cost of which would be included within the retainer.
3. City Council will have the flexibility to review its Investigator services on an annual basis.

Financial Impacts

The costs for 2008 would be \$2500 for the annual retainer plus an hourly rate of \$75.00 for actual investigations requested and reviewed.

Respectfully,


Wendell Graves,
City Clerk

Reviewed By: 

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Corporation of the
City of St. Thomas

Report No.
CC-54-07

File No.

Directed to: Alderman T. Shackelton and Members of the Finance and Administration Committee

Date Authored:

November 5, 2007

Meeting Date:

November 13, 2007

Department: City Clerk's

Prepared By: Wendell Graves, City Clerk

Attachment

Subject: Document Management – Update

Recommendation:

THAT: Report CC-54-07 relating to Document Management be received as information.

Background:

The intent of this report is to provide Council with an update relating to the progress being made in the area of document management, initially within the Clerk's Department.

As you are aware, within the Department's operating budget is an amount of \$3000 which is allocated for document management. Additionally, in the forecasted capital budget a project has been identified to acquire document management software in order to enable coordination, access and research of City's records.

Currently records, which principally include by-laws and agreements, within the Clerks Department can be characterized to be in 3 general forms;

1. In addition to the original documents, records from 1852 to 1982 are found on microfiche. In total there are approximately 69,800 microfiche images.
2. Documents from 1983 – 1992 remain stored in paper form only.
3. From 1992 to present - most are available in an electronic form in addition to original copies.

The basis of the initial document management work is to bring all of the documents onto the same information platform, in a standard electronic format, where they can then be accessed and also researched by topic.

Within the existing budget allocation two initial goals have been defined:

1. Electronically format the existing microfiche images into an electronic data base which will include character recognition so topics can be researched.

This year, to date, 13800 images, which include actual by-laws from 1933 – 1973, have been elevated to the electronic platform and burned onto a CD, using a data management firm capable of managing the microfiche information. The costs to convert these 13800 images was \$1772.00 plus taxes. It should be noted that the year 1933 was established as the initial year for the by-laws because the use of typewritten documents was consistent at that time versus hand written documents which are problematic for electronic character recognition.

2. The Department will be using an existing software program that the City has to scan the paper documents (1983- 1992) and format them into the same searchable form as the microfiche. This exercise will be undertaken as staff time permits.

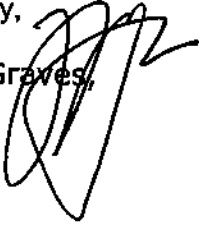
It should be noted that this is a very large project and that it will be implemented as budget funds and staff resources are available but that it is intended that a segment be undertaken on an annual basis. The total project is estimated to take approximately 5 years to complete.

Prior to the actual acquisition of document management software, which could cost \$50,000, coordination will take place with all City Departments.

Further, prior to the acquisition of the document management software, the electronic information CD's will be available for research. As this project continues to develop the Clerk's Department will continue to work with the City's Information Technology staff to merge information into the City's system and ensure there is adequate capacity to manage the information.

Respectfully,

Wendell Graves,
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wendell Graves', written over the printed name.



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Report No.

CC-53-07

File No.

Directed to:

Alderman D. Warden and Members of the Protective Services and Transportation Committee

Date Authored:

October 29th, 2007

Meeting Date:

November 13th, 2007

Department:

City Clerk's

Prepared By:

Dale Arndt, Airport Superintendent

Subject:

Ontario Airport Funding Meetings

Attachment

Recommendation:

THAT: Report CC-53-07 be received for information.

Background:

As Council is aware from recent discussions, government assistance for airport improvements is non-existent.

The Airport Superintendent has been selected to represent the Community Airports Group of Ontario on a panel with the Minister of Transportation to discuss a future program for Ontario Airports.

A program similar to this existed through the 1980's until 1995 when it was terminated. Since that time, funding required for infrastructure at airports like St. Thomas has not existed. Subsequently, runway infrastructure has deteriorated to the point that many airports in Ontario may close.

Over the course of the next number of months, I will be in attendance at meetings to assist and provide technical information, which are intended to assist the Minister of Transportation in re-establishing a program to provide funding for Ontario airports.

Respectfully,


Dale Arndt, Airport Superintendent

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Elgin Area

Primary Water Supply System

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City Clerk's Office

October 29, 2007

City of St. Thomas
P.O. Box 520, 545 Talbot Street
St. Thomas, ON
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Attention: Mayor Barwick and Council

Re: HELP Clean Water Initiative

Dear Mayor Barwick and Council,

As chair of the Elgin Water Board, it gives me great pleasure in offering a heartfelt thank you for the unwavering support offered by you and your council on the HELP Clean Water Initiative.

Without the support you put forward throughout the lobbying efforts, I am sure we would not have succeeded in securing the federal governments funding support for this initiative.

The regional support was in my view unprecedented and shows that this part of Southwestern Ontario understands that co-operative partnerships between neighboring municipalities can be successful.

We must remember that our focus is now on the province to come on board and as chair I am confident that they will see the benefits of this project and make the commitment in the near future.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Roger Caranci
Chair, Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System
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<http://watersupply.london.ca/>



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c/o The City of London
Regional Water Supply Division
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Healthy Communities

and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT



FREE WORKSHOP Monday, November 19, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



St. Thomas Golf and Country Club, 42325 Sparta Line, Union, Ontario
Complimentary Lunch ~ 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Objectives

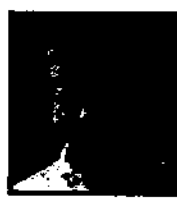
- To learn about the impacts of land-use planning on public health
- To identify local issues/concerns and solutions that will promote healthy community design
- To learn about healthy planning and policy-making practices; and how they can work for your community
- To develop mechanisms for multi-sectoral collaboration

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FACILITATOR:
Sue Cumming, MCIP & RPP,
Ontario Professional Planners Institute



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Jason Gilliland, PhD,
*Assistant Professor and Director,
Urban Development Program,
University of Western Ontario*

Who Should Attend?

- Planners
- Engineers
- Developers
- Elected Officials
- Public Health Professionals
- Environmental & Community Groups
- Interested Citizens of Elgin County



Please register by emailing: hc@elginhealth.on.ca
Registration deadline: Monday, November 12, 2007



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November 1st, 2007

Corporation of the City of St. Thomas
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Attention: Wendell Graves, City Clerk

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City Clerk's Office

Subject: Correction to Council Minutes 45th Meeting - October 1, 2007

At per your e-mail dated October 30th, 2007, I am sending you this request, in writing, to include on the agenda for the next upcoming Council Meeting, that the Minutes 45th Meeting - October 1, 2007 be amended. Specifically the recorded minutes on Re-creation of Chief Administrative Officer Position has a serious and glaring omission with respect to Mayor Cliff Barwick's comments and position.

I listened to the council meeting on television, and Mayor Barwick stated to Council words to the effect that if Council saw fit to vote in favour of adding a Chief Administration Officer then he was no longer required. Mayor Barwick clearly indicates his position and bias on the matter, yet the documented minutes do not reflect the Mayor's position. Worse yet, the documented minutes make the Mayor appear neutral on the issue.

Please advise when this request will be reviewed by Council

Respectfully,



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November 5th, 2007

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Subject: "25% More Life" in St. Thomas

I am sending you this request, in writing, to include **"25% More Life" in St. Thomas** on the agenda for the next upcoming Council Meeting.

St. Thomas is being promoted by the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the City of St. Thomas website as a community that is 25% less costly to live in versus London; "25% More Life". It is a perilous stretch of the imagination and a manipulation of numbers to suggest anything of the kind.

Attached is the St. Thomas EDC comparison table, which is the underpinning behind the overall promotion. It makes claim that the average advantage to live in St. Thomas over London is almost 50%. Surely nobody at the EDC believes this!

In my opinion, the number that matters to most residents here is the property tax rate which is 3% higher than London and approximately 20% higher than Stratford. You will observe in the analysis that transit fares are actually 25% less costly at \$2.00 versus \$2.50, and what a relief that we (if we chose or could afford) can actually save about \$14,000 if we golf at the St. Thomas Golf & Country Club versus Sunningdale in London.

The reported average home sales are a distortion and does not account for location in which the sales occurred. Certain areas have lower market value than other with exactly the same home and same builder.

I believe it is intellectually dishonest to portray St. Thomas in such a manner. This is a great city in all its own rights, but for the EDC to propagate such a falsehood will serve only to make St. Thomas a bedroom community for London.

Let's talk straight and get on with attracting new business here by "making it easy to do business" in St. Thomas, and end the untruthful "25% More Life" strategy.

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25% More Life - A January, 2007 Comparison



Measurement	St. Thomas	London	Difference	St. Thomas Advantage
Residential Development Charges	\$5,878	\$14,184	\$8,306	141.31%
Residential Building Permit Values for an 1,800 sq.ft. home valued at \$135,000	\$963	\$1,221	\$258	26.79%
2006 Residential Tax Rate*	0.01561	0.01516	-0.0005	-2.89%
Transit Fares	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$0.50	25.00%
Average Rates & Charges - Residential (per m ²)				
First 16.99 m ²	\$0.7265	\$1.12	\$0.39	54.16%
Next 39.644 m ²	\$0.7265	\$1.18	\$0.45	62.42%
All Additional m ²	\$0.7265	\$1.23	\$0.50	69.30%
Average Sale Prices of Housing (2006 - US\$100,000)				
Two-Storey Home	\$192,330	\$259,373	\$67,043.00	34.86%
Bungalow	\$142,917	\$161,380	\$18,463.00	12.92%
Ranch	\$193,284	\$236,366	\$43,082.00	22.29%
Annual Taxes Based on Average Sale Price of Home				
Taxes Paid on Two-Storey	\$3,002	\$3,931	\$929.00	30.95%
Taxes Paid on Bungalow	\$2,231	\$2,446	\$215.00	9.64%
Taxes Paid on Ranch	\$3,017	\$3,582	\$565.00	18.73%
Average Golf Course Rates (2006)				
Entrance Fee	\$7,000	\$19,000	\$12,000	171.43%
Annual Golf Fee	\$1,777	\$3,150	\$1,373	77.27%
Annual Social Fee	\$371	\$480	\$109	29.38%
Average Annual Fees				36.00%

* Although the actual Residential Tax Rate is higher in St. Thomas, the difference in average assessed value gives St. Thomas a significant advantage (see "Annual Taxes Based on Average Sale Price of Housing")

** Both St. Thomas G&CC and Sunningdale G&CC were designed by Stanley Thompson. The St. Thomas course was ranked #54 in Score Magazine's 2006 ranking of the Top 100 Golf Courses in Canada - Sunningdale did not make the list.