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Funding boost—Mark Nikita, the fundraising chairman for the Kinsmen Club of Essex, poses Sept. 14 in the lobby of Essex District High School with Angela Lindsey from Essex District High School, Pam Gibb from Sun Parlor Junior School and EDHS Vice-Principal Tony Omar. Lindsey holds a cheque for \$9,000 raised June 9 in the Walk-2-Skate event. Six area schools gathered pledges for the Essex Arena Project. The Kinsmen have agreed to raise \$750,000 for the project.

## Resident accuses town of wild spending

BY SARAH FISHER

Town councillors were angry Sept. 18 that they were not given the opportunity to respond to allegations they and town administrators were frivolous with the municipality's credit card.

John Balvert of Harrow read a statement to council rating Essex a D- in fiscal responsibility and criticizing the group for several practices, including allow-

ing any staff member to purchase office supplies, permitting business meetings off town property and allowing Business Improvement Area Manager Marlene Markham to use the town's credit card.

"These are concerns of many of our taxpayers and, in my opinion, this town is run not as effectively as it could be," Balvert said. "All this considered I would rate the town a D-."

Balvert then left council

chambers. He did not stay to hear a response.

"What you don't want to stay and have an open dialogue?" Ward 1 Councillor Randy Voakes asked as Balvert left.

"No, I don't," Balvert responded.

Balvert's claims were based on information gathered in a Freedom of Information Act request about credit card usage during the term of the current council. The town initially charged him over \$700 in copying costs but reduced the fee to around \$250. Balvert mentioned the copying cost, but focused his statement on the alleged

misuse of credit cards.

"Business meetings should be held on town property," Balvert said. "You are not salesmen trying to influence a client. ... You are paid enough to pay for your own lunch."

Ward 3 Councillor Bill Caixeiro also requested information from the town. Caixeiro provided credit card statements of former mayor Larry Snively. The records, which date from April to November 2003, primarily list payments to restaurants. The charges are attributable only to Snively, a report on the spending indicates.



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THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE  
NOTICE**

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The Town of Kingsville still requires hunters to purchase a Licence to hunt for pheasants and rabbits. The 2006-2007 Hunting Regulations Books are available but please be aware of the error on page 6, MAP -1 South Western Ontario Map, where Kingsville is not shaded in. An updated map will be available for pick up at the Town Office located at 2021 Division Road North or can be downloaded by visiting the Ministry of Natural Resource site at [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca).

Linda Burling, Clerk

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX  
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