



# Accusations on spending to be addressed

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Miller says there are explanations for every accusation Balvert has made. Although not mentioned during the Sept. 18 meeting, information from Balvert's Freedom of Information Act request was aired on local radio stations. One claim was that an employee used a town credit card to fill his vehicle with gas hundreds of kilometres from where the

employee was reportedly attending a conference. Miller said the credit card statements Balvert asked for in the request indicated payment to a provincial ministry in Toronto and a transaction for gas in Barrie, Ont. While the payment went to the ministry's head office in Toronto, the conference occurred in Barrie, Miller said.

"It's required that this employee take specific train-

ing to keep their skills up-to-date, but the conference was in Barrie," Miller said.

Balvert said he is not accusing council or the administration of any illegal activity. His research shows "sloppy bookkeeping" and decision making, he said. He said he has no plans to get involved in a public exchange with council, but will sit down with Ward 2 Councillor Richard Meloche, a representative he

feels is unbiased in this situation.

"He doesn't sit in Ward 1 or Wards 3 or 4, so to me he holds the least conflict of interest," Balvert said. "He can ask me anything he wants, but ask me because I'm a taxpayer, not because of my association with anyone. If this had been the Snively administration I would have held them to the same standard."

## Cause of Talbot Street fire can't be determined, chief says

BY FREE PRESS STAFF

Essex Fire and Rescue Chief Ed Pillon said Sept. 20 an investigation into a fire at 139 Talbot St. North has not determined a cause of the blaze.

Firefighters responded

to a call at 11:41 p.m. Sept. 13 that a multi-story building was on fire. The building is owned by Rick DiGioia of Essex. Pillon said an investigation was initiated by his department along with the Essex Police Service. The fact

that the fire started outside of the home was atypical, he said.

Investigating the cause of a fire is a routine procedure. There was no one living at the home at the time of the fire.

Pillon said DiGioia was

interviewed and samples were taken from the fire scene, but the results were inconclusive. DiGioia has been ordered by the town's building inspector to have the building torn down by Oct. 23.

## Council rejects EDHS request for reduced ice costs

BY FREE PRESS STAFF

Essex town council has declined a request from Essex District High School for a discounted rate on ice time.

Parks and Recreation Director Doug Sweet was

approached by representatives from the high school. He said the school is currently charged around \$135 per hour and that the school requested a rate of \$50 per hour for its boys, girls and intramural hockey teams at Essex Memorial Arena.

Council was asked to consider the reduced rate for the current season at Essex Memorial Arena as well as for ice time at the new arena.

"I know it pains us all to say 'No,' but the reality is we're obviously concerned about the present setting,"

Ward 1 Councillor Randy Voakes said about ensuring that the new arena is built. "I think we have always been consistent as a council about these types of requests."

A motion not to reduce the ice time rates for the school passed unanimously.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE  
HOLDING ZONE SYMBOLS

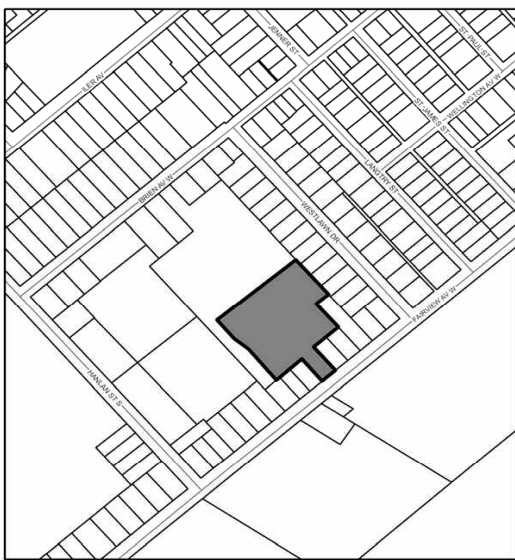
Affecting Lands within the Kimball Estates Subdivision in  
Ward 1, Town of Essex

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex intends to pass an amending by-law under Section 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 to remove the holding zone symbol from approximately 2.6 acres of land comprising the second phase of the Kimball Estates subdivision within Ward 1 of the Town of Essex. The subject property is situated on Kimball Drive which is located on the north side of Fairview between Hanlan Street and Westlawn Drive (see map below for location).

The parcel from which the holding symbol is proposed to be removed is currently zoned "Residential First Density Holding Zone - R1(h)" in the Zoning By-law pertaining to lands within the former Town of Essex. The removal of the holding zone symbol will permit the construction of 18 single unit attached dwellings (freehold townhouse dwellings) situated along Kimball Drive. The subject property is currently being serviced and a development/servicing agreement has been entered into between the owners and the Town.

Council will consider the proposed amending by-law at its meeting of **Monday, October 2, 2006** in the Town's Municipal Office. The regularly scheduled Council meeting commences at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendment is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Town of Essex Planning Department located in the Municipal Office at 33 Talbot Street South, Essex, Ontario.



DATED AT THE TOWN OF ESSEX  
THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER,  
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- Initiated New Sidewalks and Repairs in Woodslee
- Secured \$50,000.00 in grants and donations for heritage and conservation projects
- Instrumental in additional installation of fire hydrants on Lakeshore Park
- Instrumental in clean up of garbage and waste on Ruston road allowance to give back beach front access.
- Initiated several heritage restoration projects throughout Lakeshore
- Initiated the inspections of 97 residential properties in Woodslee to identify sewer hookups infractions
- Received Certificate of Achievement for Basic Emergency Management
- Initiated handicap accessible adoptable playground equipment in all new parks
- Consulted on the implementation of the New Ontario Heritage Act
- Initiated the repair of CN rail crossing on Cty. Road #46 in Ruscom

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