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# Council reviews design proposals, sees St. Thomas as model

By SARAH FISHER

The steering committee for the Essex arena project is moving forward with plans to research building a twin-pad ice facility using the St. Thomas Community Complex as a model.

The committee took a trip to St. Thomas Sept. 21 and concluded that the building could serve as an example for Essex with moderate costs. During a special meeting Sept. 25 the committee told town councillors the project's architects, Rounthwait, Dick and Hadley, estimated costs at \$16.9 million and \$15.7 million in two separate concept drawings submitted in the past month. The committee felt those costs were unreasonable.

"The committee saw this and right away we said, 'We can't afford

this,'" Parks and Recreation Director Doug Sweet said. "It looks great, but we can't afford this."

The town had scheduled open house meetings on Sept. 19 to gather input from the public on two design options. When the first design concept estimated the total cost at over \$16 million, the committee asked for a second plan hoping to offer a lower overall price. The town cancelled the open houses saying, "the drawings were incomplete." The meetings will be rescheduled when a final plan is identified.

"We said the drawings were not complete because that was not acceptable," Deputy Mayor Percy Dufour said.

"There's no use showing the public a design we can't build," Chief Administrative

Officer Wayne Miller added.

Councillors and steering committee members briefly looked over RDH's first two proposals. The \$16.9 million facility was 9,600 square feet and included a twin-pad concept with one rink having bowl seating. The plans included office rooms, a pro shop and a community room. The second option had a similar design in 8,600 square feet of space, but had grandstand seating in the building's main rink.

Option three is to build an arena similar to the St. Thomas Community Complex. It was built in 2004 and cost \$11.5 million. It includes 2,300 seats, is 8,400 square feet and has bowl seating for its main ice rink. Sweet described the facility as a "mini Sherk Centre."

RDH has proposed a draft

based on the St. Thomas ice facility. The architects estimate that a 7,900-square-foot facility with 1,000 seats based on that design model would cost around \$12.5 million.

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Meloche and Ward 4 Councillor Peter Timmins revisited the idea of twinning the existing arena. Ultimately council unanimously passed a motion allowing the committee to research the St. Thomas-based plan.

"I think we should take a stand, pick a plan and move forward with the next step," Councillor Randy Voakes said.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TOWN OF ESSEX PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

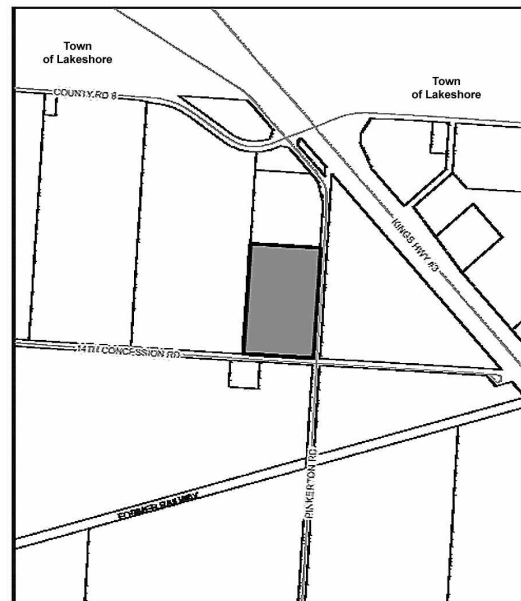
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex will hold a public meeting on **Monday, October 16, 2006 at 5:45 p.m.** at the Town Hall at 33 Talbot Street South to consider a proposed temporary use by-law amendment under the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The proposed temporary use by-law would apply to a portion of a 6.1 hectare property located on the west side of the Pinkerton Sideroad approximately 320 metres south of its intersection with County Road No. 8 (see map below for location). The subject property is currently the site of a trucking establishment (J & N Trucking). The temporary use by-law would permit the storage of wrecked vehicles awaiting transfer to an existing auto wrecker site in the Essex urban area. The vehicles are proposed to be contained within a 1340 square metre, fenced area adjacent to the existing southerly storage building on the subject property. Council is being asked to consider allowing this use to continue for a period of one year from the date of adoption of the by-law while the proponents search for a permanent site for their operation.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Essex in respect of the proposed temporary use by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Essex before the proposed temporary use by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed by-law is available for review at the Town Hall at 33 Talbot Street South (former Town of Essex Town Hall) during regular office hours.



DATED AT THE TOWN OF ESSEX  
THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER,  
2006

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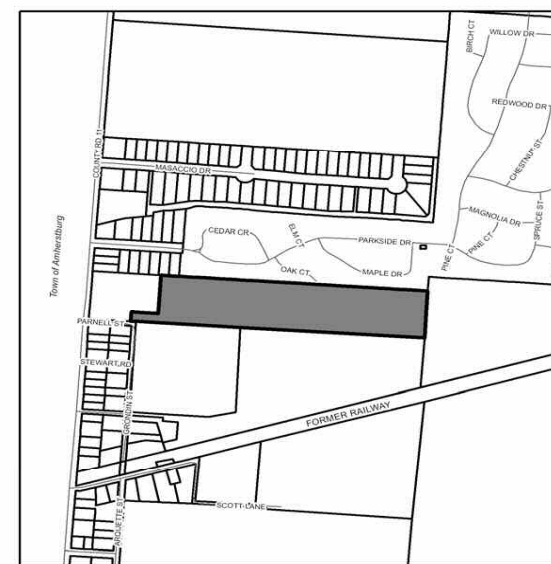
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex will hold a public meeting on **Monday, October 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall at 33 Talbot Street South to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment under the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to change the zoning pertaining to approximately 4.9 hectares of land situated on the east side of Walker Road to the rear of the St. Clement Church within the Hamlet of McGregor (see Key Map below for location) from "Residential Type One Zone (R1-14)" to "Residential Type One Holding Zone - R1-14(h)" and "Residential Type One Holding Zone - R1-15(h)". The proposed amendment also changes the permitted uses and zone provisions of the R1-14 zone. Currently, the R1-14 zoning permits a 62-bed seniors' home based on a proposal that is no longer proceeding. The revised R1-14 zone permits single unit attached dwellings (freehold townhouse dwellings) while the proposed R1-15 zone permits two, 30-unit, four-storey apartment buildings. Access to/from the site is to be by way of Grondin Avenue and Parnell Street. A passive parkland area is also proposed for the site. The holding symbol establishes that no development shall take place until such time as the necessary servicing agreements are entered into with the Town and the holding symbol is removed by Council adopted by-law. All development shall be serviced by municipal piped water and sanitary sewage facilities. The proposed apartment building sites shall be subject to site plan control. The first phase of the proposed development consists of thirty freehold townhouse dwelling units.

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