

Politicians back on the campaign trail

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
The event drew municipal politicians as well as representatives of both the provincial and federal governments.

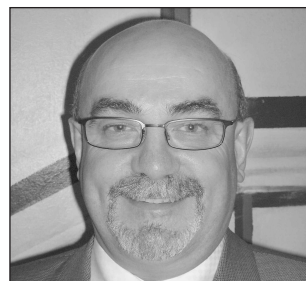
"The realignment of services has meant that we, as the county, needed to realign our

priorities and adapt to the changing municipal landscape we're experiencing. We're being asked to do more with less and we're being told that, at the local level, we are the best ones to provide the services that matter most to our resi-

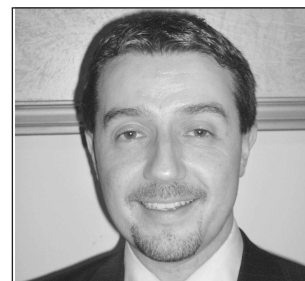
dents," Santos said.

The new warden will be elected Dec. 13 at the Essex Civic Centre. The first meeting of county council will take place Dec. 20.

Santos emphasized that it is going to take strong partnerships among the municipi-



GARY MCNAMARA



NELSON SANTOS

the future with a renewed sense of optimism," McNamara said. "To build on the strengths of our communities, our people and our leadership. To make a commitment to old-fashioned, hard work."

He also noted that Tecumseh's Ice Track Project will be a significant catalyst for development of the Highway 401 and Manning Road corridor, "which will create significant economic benefits for the entire region."

McNamara said as mayor of Tecumseh, he's been able to develop a strong working relationship with both levels of government that has resulted in \$22 million in provincial and federal grants for infrastructure in the municipality.

He went on to say he will be lobbying governments for "much needed improvements" for County Road 22 from Manning Road to Emeryville in Lakeshore.

He also said the county must be involved with discussions concerning the Canada-U.S. border.

"This is not a challenge that involves Windsor alone," McNamara said. "The county must be an active and vocal participant in any discussions and ultimate solutions to the problems that face our region. The future of our agricultural and industrial sectors depends on it. The transportation issues at hand involve both sides of the border and we must come together to find a solution."

But the focus of the night was mainly on Mike Raymond's efforts working as warden of the county since 2003.

He said he made the decision not to run for the position around this time last year.

Raymond has been involved in municipal politics for 15 years, including a term as the mayor of LaSalle.

"When I first got into county council I really took a liking to the whole philosophy of coming together as a county and working for the greater good," Raymond told reporters before the event. "So, becoming the warden of the county was certainly a goal of mine."

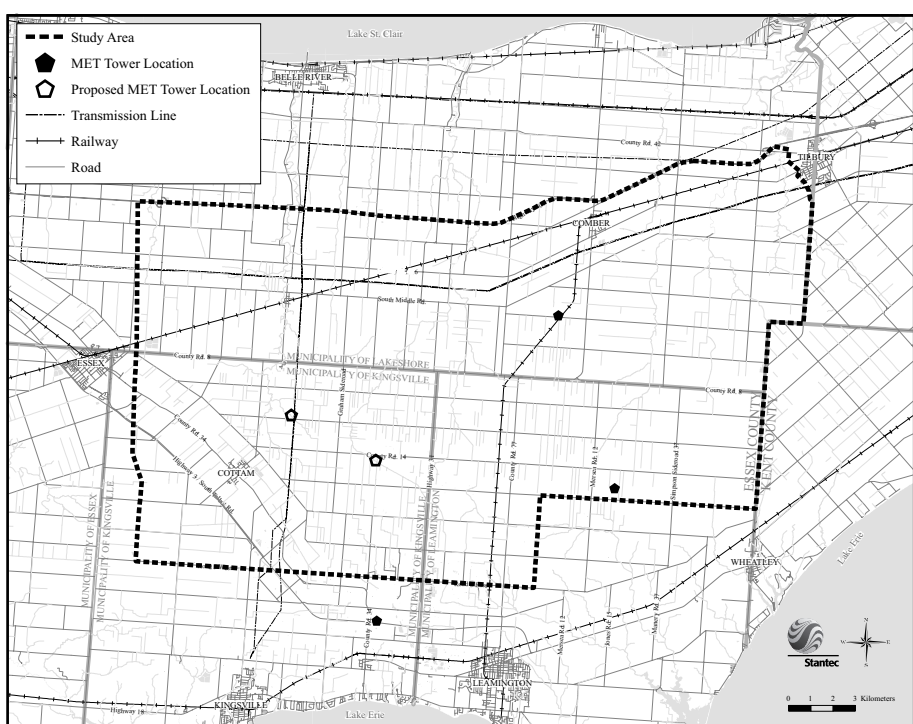
Raymond said some of the achievements of county council he is most proud of include implementing the first official county plan for residential development and recruiting 130 physicians to the area.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project

Brookfield Power is a major producer of electricity in North America, with a generating capacity of over 3,700 megawatts ("MW"). As part of the Government of Ontario's initiative to develop renewable electricity in the province, Brookfield Power is proposing to develop the Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project in the County of Essex, Ontario (see map).

The proposed project will generate approximately 200 to 240 MW of renewable energy and will also include electrical collection lines and other ancillary facilities such as turbine access roads. The study area for the project is approximately 113 000 acres in size. The land area required for the projects' infrastructure would be approximately 200 to 400 acres, less than 1 % of the total size of the study area. Please note that the boundaries of the Study Area have been updated and have expanded since the issuance of the Notice of Commencement in July 2006. The study area was expanded to ensure adequate coverage to the greatest extent possible with regards to environmental effects over a much larger area than the project would occupy.



To assist with the environmental and planning aspects of the Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project, Brookfield Power has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. ("Stantec") to prepare an Environment Screening Report ("ESR") as required under Ontario Regulation 116/01 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ESR is being completed as required for a Category B project under the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects, as outlined in their "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects (March, 2001)." Brookfield Power and Stantec will also work with federal authorities to determine any requirements for federal permits or approvals under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

At this time, Brookfield Power invites you to attend a Public Open House regarding the Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project. The Public Open House will provide the opportunity for stakeholders to review the project concept, environmental screening process, and general planning constraints, as well as to provide comments to the project team. The Public Open House is scheduled for:

When: December 7, 2006
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Comber Community Centre
7100 Community Center St.
Comber, ON

Stakeholder participation is an important component of the environmental screening process. In order to ensure that the appropriate environmental protection measures are incorporated into the project design, your input and questions are encouraged. To provide the study team with your comments, or for further information, please visit us at www.gosfieldcomberwind.com or call Stantec collect at (519) 836-6050. Written comments can also be sent to:

Michael Candido
Project Manager
Stantec Consulting Ltd.
361 Southgate Drive
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 3M5
Fax: 519.836.2493
E-mail: comments@gosfieldcomberwind.com

Information will be collected and used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and solely for the purpose of assisting Brookfield Power in meeting environmental assessment and local planning requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

palities to initiate any progress.

"This is an opportunity for this county to set its goals and achieve them," Santos said. "To continue to move forward, it will take all of us working together for our benefit. It's not the boundaries that have given Essex County a strong standing in

this province, it's those of us here working together for the greater good."

Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara told the crowd that the past term was a challenging one for the county, with increasing infrastructure needs and pressures to keep taxes down.

"It is now time to look to



NOTICE TO TECUMSEH RESIDENTS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Are you interested in becoming an active participant on one of the Town's Advisory Committees?

Residents desirous of volunteering their time and knowledge are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Clerk, at the address below, prior to December 15, 2006:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Corn Festival Committee
- Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee
- Dog Pound Committee
- Heritage Committee
- Police Services Board

To learn more about these committees and the members' responsibilities, please contact the undersigned.

Laura Moy, Director Staff Services/Clerk
Town of Tecumseh
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, ON N8N 1W9
Phone: 519-735-2184
Email: lmoy@tecumseh.ca

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Essex is seeking interested citizens to serve on the following Committees:

- Police Services Board
- Committee of Adjustment
- Essex Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.)
- Essex Festival Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Co-An Park Advisory Committee
- Trails, Walkways & Bikeways Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Mural Committee

Persons interested in serving on one or more of the above Committees should submit their names in writing, along with a brief outline of their qualifications to the undersigned no later than Friday December 8, 2006.

Jerry Marion, Clerk
Town of Essex
33 Talbot Street South
Essex, Ontario N8M 1A8
jmarion@townofessex.on.ca
Fax: (519)776-8811

