

# LETTERS

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## Arenas, pools and taxes

A few years ago, a new Aquatic Centre (pool) was developed in Essex. Many of us were asked to donate to the project. After it was completed, it turned out that

people who live anywhere in the world (except Essex) are entitled to use the pool for \$2.75 per visit. Essex residents, on the other hand, pay \$2.75 per visit, PLUS a mandatory annual dues/membership/surcharge/levy (whatever you want to call it) added to our property tax bill. For a typical resident

this probably works out to an additional \$100 to \$200 per year. The extra fee must entitle us to certain rights and privileges but I can't seem to find the words to describe them.

Will the arena proposals bring us similar benefits?

*Eric Naylor  
Essex*

## Re: User fees cause concern (Free Press, Apr. 18/07)

Yes, we are concerned. All my senior friends and, I am sure, anyone on a fixed or low income is very worried. We are pleading to council to stay with their decision of March 19 and go with "user fees" on the arena and pool.

It is not fair that we (seniors, etc.) should have to pay extra taxes when we do not use these facilities. Let the people who are working at good jobs and the ones who use them pay for them.

In 2005 you tried to pull the wool over our eyes. On our tax notice we now had a new tax under "Aquatics Centre Resident." Many of us called and complained. On our next instalment, "Aquatics Centre Resident" was omitted but the tax amount remained the same. Do you think we are stupid? We are all paying for the Essex pool on our taxes. This will be the same for the new arena. This is not fair.

A one-pad arena is sufficient and it should be funded and paid for by donations and "user fees" or not built at all. Our taxes are high enough. Seniors, please speak up.

*M. Market  
Essex*

## Province should intervene in Lakeshore

I am fed up with Lakeshore. Residents are continually kept in the dark while the spending and stupid decisions continue to escalate. As was the case with the previous council, there is no leadership, and the administrator continues to sit at the helm.

The CAO, Mike Phipps, resides in Chatham-Kent, as do several others in management. Do they care then, where or how they spend Lakeshore tax dollars? Since all of our reserve money is long spent and gone, they are levying a new hidden tax on us so they can continue on their spending spree.

They do not follow the rules handed down by the province in the Municipal Act. The province directs municipalities to adopt and abide by hiring policies to guard against nepotism and favouritism. Lakeshore's administrator hired a full slate of new managers with no council involvement. None reside in Lakeshore. When citizens became aware of the breach of legislation and demanded answers from council, the CAO was caught. Council's reaction? Nothingness.

Now this administration is at it again. We are being hit with a new charge but they are hiding it in our water bills. The public was not informed nor were pub-

lic meetings held (another defiance of legislation). I urge the province to come in and clean up the mess.

*B. W. Kerr  
Lakeshore*



## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT SUBMISSION

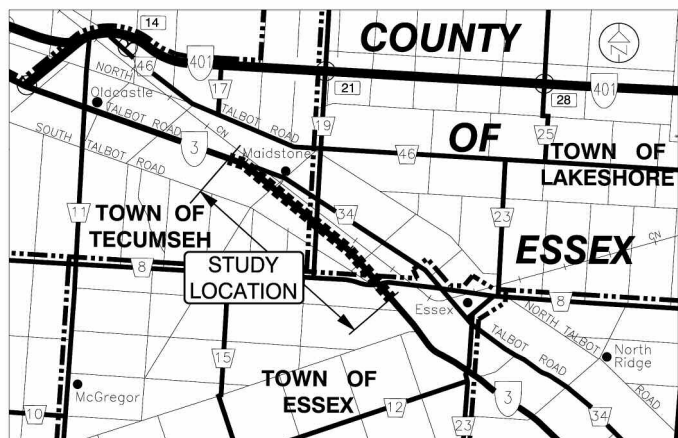
Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO)  
Class Environmental Assessment and Detailed Design  
Highway 3 Reconstruction and Widening  
(G.W.P. 315-98-00)

### THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) retained Delcan Corporation to complete the detailed design study for the widening and reconstruction of Highway 3 from 0.5 km west of County Road 34 (Talbot Road), easterly 6.9 km east of County Road 8 located in the Town of Essex, Town of Lakeshore and Town of Tecumseh, Essex County, as shown on the accompanying key plan.

### The project includes:

- widening Highway 3 from two (2) to four (4) lanes with a grassed median;
- new concrete pavement with longitudinal tining which produces sound levels comparable to typical asphalt pavements;
- temporary alternative routes for sideroad traffic during construction of concrete pavement at intersections;
- traffic signals and intersection improvements including slotted left-turn lanes at signalized intersections;
- illumination upgrades which will include shielded lighting to minimize spill light and light trespass;
- culvert modifications; and, a comprehensive landscape planting plan.



### THE PROCESS

The detailed design study followed the planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), which is approved under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

### 30-DAY REVIEW OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) documenting the environmental assessment, detailed design and the related construction methods/staging will be available on **May 2, 2007** for a 30-day public review period. The DCR describes the preferred design and the environmental mitigating measures and provisions that have been incorporated into the construction contract. Although the DCR is not eligible for a Part II Order Request, MTO will consider comments received from the public and agencies. Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **June 1, 2007**. If there are no outstanding concerns after June 1, 2007, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA. No further documentation will be prepared and construction may start without further notice.

Copies of the DCR are available for review at the following locations:

**Ministry of Transportation  
Southwestern Region**  
659 Exeter Road, Front Lobby  
London, Ontario, N6E 1L3  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Ministry of the Environment  
Windsor Area Office**  
4510 Rhodes Drive, Unit 620  
Windsor, Ontario, N8W 5K5  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Town of Essex  
Clerk's Department**  
33 Talbot Street South  
Essex, Ontario, N8M 1A8  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Town of Tecumseh  
Clerk's Department**  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario, N8N 1W9  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Town of Lakeshore  
Clerk's Department**  
419 Notre Dame Street  
Belle River, Ontario, N0R 1A0  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Essex Library**  
35 Gosfield Townline West  
Essex, Ontario, N8M 1A8  
Monday, Tuesday  
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have about this study. Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the study team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Please send any comments or requests to any of the following:

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Sat. May 5th Real Estate Auction On Site

Agriculture land in Lakeshore consisting of 2 parcels of the late Pearl Simpson Estate. **Parcel #1** at 10 a.m. - 13.52 acres at 877 Puce Rd., 1 1/2 storey home w/misc. out buildings, over 1800 ft. frontage and Puce River is at the back, great building site. **Parcel #2** at 11 a.m. at 866 Conc. 6 - 85.51 acres, 1 1/2 storey home and out buildings. Both properties are untiled and have recent surveys. **Terms:** possession 30 days - \$10,000 certified funds on auction day. Properties will be sold subject to trustee approval. For further info please call 519-735-3070.

**RICHARD LAVIN AUCTIONS INC.**

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