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St. Thomas downtown

DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DDB Meetings

Board Meetings

Board Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00am in room 204, City Hall.

- September 5, 2007
- October 3 2007
- November 7, 2007
- December 5, 2007

DDB Office

Karen Gordon, Administrator

Open Monday to Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Unless otherwise posted)

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UPDATE ON CASO RESTORATION

The North American Railway Hall of Fame's restoration of the Canada Southern Railway Station (CASO) is on track. The mission to preserve the station and St. Thomas' railway heritage is fast becoming a reality.

The hard working construction crew, continue to make improvements to the glorious building. The newly refurbished windows that are lit in the evening, give a glimpse of what to expect as renovation continues to proceed.

There are a number of ways that people can become a part of this magnificent project. The "Adopt-A-Window Campaign" helps to restore the 160, with 77 already adopted. Full windows can be purchased for \$1,000 and a half window for \$500.

You could also donate by "Adopt-A-Door Campaign, with 16 doorways being restored. These double doorways are quite a sight standing 12 feet high and 5 feet wide. Already 6 doorways have been

purchased. Cost for a doorway is \$2,500.

All donations to the window and door campaigns receive a charitable tax receipt in the full amount, membership to the North American Railway Hall of Fame, and a plaque in recognition of their support.

The Hall of Fame's Induction Ceremony, a chance to honour those who have been instrumental in the railroad industry, will take place in October. Watch for more details.

Thank you to the numerous people and businesses who continue to support this very worthwhile project. This commitment has been instrumental in making this dream a reality. Memberships can be purchased for \$25. and are tax deductible which entitles the donor to become a part of this magnificent project. If you would like more information about the North America Railway Hall of Fame and the Canada Southern Railway Station or would like to donate or volunteer please call 519-633-2535

Welcome New Businesses on our Streets!!

Coffee Market *Cravings* Sweet Shoppe

9 Princess Ave., Unit 1, Tel # 519-633-9339—Owners: Peter and Andy Renner, General Manager Andrea Renner.

What a wonderful addition to our Downtown Area. You will discover a wide variety of tasty treats from hot or cold gourmet drinks to an assortment of baked goods. Along with chocolates brought in by Sugar and Spice who are famous for their assortments of chocolates.

Their hours are, Monday thru Thursday 6am-11pm, Friday 8am-11pm, Saturday 8am-10pm and Sunday 8am-10pm.

"TRES CHIC" Fashion Show

The St. Thomas Nile Club presents "Tres Chic" fashion show. They will be featuring fashions from Winston Fashion Ltd. and Moores the Men Store. The Fashion Show is on Saturday October 13th, 2007, doors will open at 6:45 pm and the show will start at 7:30 pm. The show will be located at the St. Thomas Senior Centre, 225 Chestnut Street. The admission price is \$15.00
For advance tickets please contact the St. Nile Club at 519-644-0366 or 519-633-6498

PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN KEEPING DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFUL!!

Please keep your entranceways swept and free of litter. If you happen to see some garbage on the streets, please pick it up and dispose of it in one of the garbage cans that located throughout the downtown area. If we all pitch in, our downtown will stay fresh, and clean and most of all beautiful!

RADIO ADVERTISEMENT

The Downtown Development Board has been in the process of investigating into the cost of having radio and/or television advertisement to promote the Downtown St. Thomas and businesses. We have had quite a few phone calls from interested businesses who are interested in participating in the partnership of advertisement with the Downtown Development Board.

We are still taking information from businesses who are interested in participating. If you are interested in participating in the advertisement campaign, getting your business name on the radio and/or television and sharing the cost, please contact the Downtown Development Board at 519-633-524.

Please contact us by September 14th.

MORE BUSINESSES PARTICIPATE THE BETTER!!!

Please keep us informed...

We're here to communicate the news about our downtown, so we would love to hear what is new at your business: a special event, a new staff person, a change in ownership, a new service.... Give us a call at 519-633-5248 or email us at info@downtownstthomas.com so that we can share the news.

DID YOU COMPLETE THE SURVEY???

City of St. Thomas Future Vision for Downtown. The DDB had attached a questionnaire in regards to what you would like to see happen in the Downtown area on last month's newsletter. If you haven't already please fill out and fax to 519-633-6581 or email it to jkirkness@city.st-thomas.on.ca If you need another copy please call me at the office 519-633-5248 and I will forward you a copy. We would really appreciate your feedback on this particular survey.

Please contact the DDB office with your email address so we can add you to our e-mailing news list!

About the Downtown Development Board

The Downtown Development Board is directed by a volunteer board of management whose mandate is to promote and beautify Downtown St. Thomas.

DDB projects & initiatives include but certainly aren't limited to : murals, downtown parketts, hanging baskets, planter boxes, seasonal banners, cross street banners, Banner Art Project, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Window Decorating Contest, Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Scavenger Hunt (during Iron Horse), Downtown Dollars, Clean Up Day, Directory in Community Centre, Downtown Brochure/Map, DDB website, Information Sessions, Revitalization of the Horton Farmers' Market and this monthly newsletter.

The DDB also partners with other organizations to bring events and programs to downtown, including Iron Horse Festival, the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, The St. Thomas-Elgin Tourist Association.



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