

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES of the

FULL BOARD MEETING of the BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the President's Board Room #342, Windsor, ON

PRESENT:

Mr. D. Allen, **Chair**
Mr. K. Beaudoin
Ms. T. Bendo
Dr. K. Blanchette
Ms. M. Corey
Mr. F. Curtis
Ms. P. France, **President**
Ms. N. Jammu-Taylor
Ms. L. Kempe, **Chair – Elect**
Ms. R. Khosla
Mr. P. McMahon
Mr. R. Renaud
Mr. E. Sovran
Mr. C. Topliffe
Ms. T. Wonsch

REGRETS:

Ms. K. Behune – Plunkett
Ms. M. Wickham

Also Present:

Ms. K. Adams, Secretary, Board of Governors
Mr. D. Barsanti, Vice President, Student Services & Administration
Mr. E.P. Chant, Editor, SAINT, Student Newspaper
Mr. J. Fairley, Vice President, College Communications and Community Relations
Ms. S. Favaro, Corporate Secretary & Manager, President's Office
Mr. B. Jones, Retiree Observer
Mr. M. Jones, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. R. Seguin, Vice President, International Relations, Training & Campus Development
Mr. M. Silvaggi, Associate Vice President Student Services and Registrar
Mr. J. Sirianni, Vice President, Human Resources
Mr. G. Vrantsidis, Faculty Observer

Having a quorum of Governors in attendance and the Notice of Meeting and the Agenda having been duly sent to all Board members, the meeting was declared regularly constituted. A copy of the Notice of Meeting/Agenda is attached as **Appendix 'A'**.

Mr. Allen chaired the meeting and Ms. Adams was the recording secretary.

1.0 **Adoption of the Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Hearing no declarations of conflict of interest and no changes to the agenda, it was

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Full Board agenda as distributed.

2.0 **Approval of the Full Board Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Meeting Held in Windsor, ON**

Hearing no amendments, errors or omissions to the Minutes, it was

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the Full Board minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting.

3.0 **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

Retirees Association

Mr. Jones reported the following on behalf of the Retirees Association:

- Mr. Jones began by congratulating the College on reaching 10,000 students for the first time.
- The 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend will be held at the Chatham Campus September 29, 2017 – October 1, 2017.
- The Retirees Fall Social will be held October 19, 2017 at the home of P. Chortos.
- The Retirees Association have scheduled a breakfast meeting with the President France -in October.
- The Christmas Socials will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Chatham, ON at Country View Golf Course and the Windsor Christmas Luncheon and Show will be at St. Clair Centre for the Arts on Saturday, December 16, 2017.
- The winter trip that was planned for Mexico has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

- The Retirees Association will present the second installment of their annual commitment to the SportsPlex fundraising efforts at the Christmas brunch.
- The Bridge Club, the Archives project, Folklore, weekly golf outings, educational projects and more are ongoing.
- Mr. Jones and Ms. S. Davies, both retirees of St. Clair College co-chaired the Walk for Parkinson's and were successful in raising more than \$50,000 for research.

Faculty

Mr. Vratsidis reported the following on behalf of the Faculty:

- Fall start-up was very busy and successful. Faculty and students are now settling into the new semester and returning to a normal pace.
- On September 14, 2017 the Faculty at all Ontario Colleges voted to provide the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) with a strike mandate if necessary. There is hope that a settlement will be negotiated.
- The Advertising program secured two national level speakers, Amy Brown and Chris Midori, both successful in the advertising industry.
- Four students enrolled in the Entertainment Technology program travelled to Macau, China over the summer to work on the set of the House of Dancing Water, a \$500 million dollar production.
- The Educational Support Club has raised \$1200 that was donated between the Family Respite Super Saturday Program and the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) Breakfast Program.
- Second year students from the Architectural, Civil and Construction Engineering programs will be assisting with the National Pre-Cast Event being held October 5, 2017 at Prestressed Systems. There will be a presentation and an open plant tour of the precast concrete manufacturing facility.

Student Representative Council

- Mr. E.P. Chant presented the Board with 2017-2018 Day Planners that were also supplied to students. The front cover of the planner was designed by Matt Shaheen. Mr. Shaheen was the winner of a contest among the first-year Graphic Design students in the spring of 2017.

- The Saint Scene magazine that was published in hard copy 4 times annually has been discontinued in favour of an on-line “e-zine”. The content of the e-zine is updated daily.

4.0 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The President reported to the Board on the following key initiatives:

- The 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend is being held at the Chatham Campus September 29, 2017 through October 1, 2017. The events will include the unveiling of the Alumni of Distinction wall, Flashback Friday, on Saturday there will be an OCAA Saints Men’s Baseball Double Header as well as Solid Gold Saturday Night and the weekend will wrap up with Family Fun Day on Sunday.
- Orientation week and Fall 2017 start-up were extremely successful and St. Clair College achieved a record enrolment of 10,000 full time students for the first time in its history. The President acknowledged the hard work and efforts of the staff, SRC, TSI, SAA and the Retirees Association who all assisted in this achievement. This success exemplifies the excellence in the College’s teaching and learning as well as our service excellence that we provide to the students.
- Ms. France stated that negotiations between Faculty of the 24 Ontario Colleges and the College Employment Council is ongoing as the Collective Agreement expires on September 30, 2017. Administration is hopeful that these negotiations will continue and a resolution will be reached.
- The President reported that the Media releases that have been emailed to the Board cover the period from July 2017 to September 25, 2017. She brought to the Board’s attention the many positive stories relating to St. Clair College. The Media releases are attached to the minutes as item #4.0.
- Ms. France referred to the email previously sent to the Board regarding the restructuring of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) that will take effect in mid - October. She stated that Glenn Craney has been announced as the new ADM for the Post Secondary Education Division and Greg Orencsak will be replacing Mr. Sheldon Levy as Deputy Minister.

5.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 Annual Report

5.2 Establish Strong Industry Connections

5.3 Administrative and Student Service Excellence

5.4 Development of Human Resources with a Focus on Academic Quality and Student Success

5.5 Zero-Based Budgeting 2017/2018

5.6 Professional Services

5.7 Meeting/Event Schedule

5.8 Annual Work Plan

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors receive and approve the contents of the Consent Agenda as presented.

6.0 **BUSINESS ARISING**

6.1 Board Planning Session

The Board Chair provided an update on the upcoming Board Retreat, as follows:

- The Board Retreat will be held November 17, 2017 and November 18, 2017 at the Holiday Inn located on Huron Church Road in Windsor. The planning session will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday and will conclude at approximately 12 noon on Saturday.
- The Board has engaged the use of a facilitator; John McVean, who assisted the Board at the planning session held in January 2016. Mr. McVean was an executive with HRDC, and is also knowledgeable regarding the College system.
- Mr. James Marsh, Chair, School of Business and Information Technology, will also be a guest speaker at the Board Retreat.
- The focus of the Board Retreat will be on innovation and on establishing St. Clair College as a destination college.
- Team building activities are also scheduled for the session.

7.0 MONITORING REPORTS

7.1 2017 Fall Enrolment/Registration Report: Domestic and International

Mr. M. Silvaggi, Associate Vice President Student Services and Registrar, reviewed the enrolment statistics provided in the Board report. He also provided a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following key points:

- Registration statistics show an overall increase in enrolment:
 - Fall 2016 Full Time Post Secondary: 9,478
 - Fall 2017 Full Time Post Secondary: 10,539
 - St. Clair College has exceeded 10,000 Full Time Post Secondary students.
 - This represents an overall increase of 11.2%.

Data that is not included in the 10 Day Enrolment Report:

- English for Academic Purposes, a revised English program was introduced in Fall 2017. The projection was for enrolment of 100 students, a goal which was reached and is expected to increase in the future. This program allows an intake of students every seven weeks and is attractive to International students as it provides them with better pathways into full time post secondary education.
- Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS). These programs provide academic pathways for applicants who need to attain the admission requirements for their choice of post secondary program.

Domestic Student Enrolment:

- Budget: 7,800
- Strategic Direction Target: 7,800
- Actual Day 10 Enrolment: 7,975
- This represents a 2.2% increase.

International Student Enrolment:

- Budget: 720
- Strategic Direction Target: 3% increase over 2016
- Actual Day 10 Enrolment: 1,100
- This represents a 89% increase.

Mr. Silvaggi also provided an overview of the Day 10 Enrolment comparison by Campus and School of study. He summarized the Day 10 enrolment comparison by demographics. A breakdown of domestic versus international enrolment includes:

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Domestic	7,922	7,975
International	581	1,100
Ace Acumen	940	1,464

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2017 Fall Enrolment/Registration Report: Domestic and International.

Mr. Silvaggi's PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes as item #7.1

7.2 Financial Quarterly Update

Mr. M. Jones reviewed the College financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2017. He highlighted the following financial information:

Total Net Surplus/(Deficit)

June 30, 2017	(\$5,279,587)
June 30, 2016	(\$6,666,086)

The variance is primarily due to the following:

- Higher Operating Grant revenue received from a one-time grant from MAESD in March 2017 of \$1,000,000.
- Increase of Acumen revenue of \$1,254,503 due to enrolment growth.
- Increases in non-salary expenditures of \$635,761 over the comparative period.

Revenue

The major changes in revenue compared to the original budget projections and the 2016 comparative financial period, include:

- Year-to-Date MAESD Operating Grants
 - Increased over the 2016 comparative period primarily because of a one-time funding grant of \$1,000,000.

- Year-to-Date Contract Income is trending slightly below target due to timing associated with the flow of funding for the following programs:
 - Second Career
 - Pre-Apprenticeship Training
 - Canada Ontario Jobs Grant
 - Youth Job Connection

- Total Tuition revenue is significantly below target at 10.2% of the original budget projection but is \$551,691 higher than the 2016 comparative period primarily due to the following:
 - International tuition revenue is trending higher than budget but is subject to adjustments for withdrawals for student VISA and immigration denials.
 - Increase is offset by a decrease in Continuing Education revenue.
 - Domestic enrolment is projected to reach its target of 7,900 students.

- Total “Other” income is currently lower than the original budget projection due to the following:
 - Increase in Acumen revenue over the 2016 comparative period due to higher enrolments.
 - Decrease in International Project revenue over the 2016 comparative period due to the wind down of the Panama Project.
 - Increase in Divisional Income over the 2016 comparative period due to the acquisition of the Skilled Trades Regional Training Centre, which began operations in January 2017.

Expenditures

The major changes in expenditures compared to the original budget projections and the 2016 comparative financial period are highlighted below:

- Total Salaries and Benefits are on target with the original budget projection and have increased over the 2016 comparative period by \$364,999. The increase reflects the following:
 - Additional staffing due to the acquisition of the Skilled Trades Regional Training Centre operations.
 - Lower Full-Time Administrative salaries because of reorganization initiatives.

- Lower Part-Time Faculty costs due to the implementation of zero-based budgeting.
- Administration continues to closely monitor all part-time related salaries and benefits.
- Total Non-Salary expenditures are trending lower than the original budget projections, however many expenditures are cyclical and follow the timing associated with the academic year. Non-Salary expenditures have increased over the 2016 comparative period by \$635,761 as many of these expenditures are related to the Skilled Trades Regional Training Centre.
- Administration is managing non-salary expenditures in order to achieve the overall expenditure budget.

Ancillary Operations

Total Ancillary revenues and expenditures are trending lower than the original budget projections and are lower than the 2016 comparative period, primarily due to fact that the Thames Capitol Theatre was returned to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent effective June 30, 2016.

Financial Sustainability Metrics

- In 2017 we achieved zero flags.
- The 2018 metric estimates have been updated based upon the strong results that we have achieved through the last fiscal year; however, the College is still anticipating one flag.
- Five of the seven metrics are even stronger based on the data received in the March budget package.

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors receive the Financial Monitoring Report for the period ending June 30, 2017 for information.

Mr. Jones' PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes as item #7.2.

8.0 APPROVAL ITEMS

8.1 Investments

M. Jones reported that the Investment Report is being provided to the Board as an update on the College's investments to ensure compliance with the Ministry's Banking, Investing and Borrowing Directive. The President noted that the Investment Report will be added to the Board Annual Work Plan for compliancy purposes.

As at March 31, 2017 the College's investments were noted as follows:

Temporary Investments:

Investment Type	Amount
Account	\$397,714
GIC	\$16,803,498
GIC	\$5,196,155
Total	\$22,397,697

The interest income for the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year was \$411,027.

Long Term Investments:

Investment Type	Amount	Institution
GIC	\$2,407,990	WFCU
Bonds	\$4,443,307	RBC DS
Equities	\$2,725,431	RBC DS
Total	\$9,576,728	

The College's long-term investments are overseen by the St. Clair College Foundation which are held with RBC Dominion Securities.

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the Investment Report.

8.2 Appoint a Treasurer

It was recommended that Mr. E. Sovran be appointed the Treasurer of the Audit Committee.

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Egidio Sovran as the Treasurer of the Audit Committee.

9.0 POLICY/BY LAW REVIEW

9.1 By Laws 36 & 37 (1st Reading)

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board
of Governors approve the 1st
reading of By Laws 36 & 37
as presented.

10.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next Full Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

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Former Fire Chief recognized as Technologist of the Year

Essex Free Press - April 6, 2017



During a special luncheon hosted at the Caboto Club last Friday afternoon, former Essex Fire Chief Ed Pillon, CET, received the Windsor-Essex County Technologist of the Year Award.

Every year, the Windsor-Essex County Engineering Month luncheon promotes engineering as a profession and highlights the improvement engineering makes to the general public.

The local Engineering Month Committee selected Pillon as this year's recipient to recognize his lifetime of achievements in his career as a technologist and Fire Chief, but also for coaching minor sports, toy drives, volunteering as a firefighter, his involvement with Christmas and Goodfellows campaigns, and outreach for fire safety that he did as the Fire Chief.

"It was a surprise," Pillon commented after receiving the award. "I didn't expect it."

Pillon graduated from the Western Ontario Institute of Technology (W.O.I.T.) with a degree from the Mechanical Engineering program in 1967. He worked at General Chemical for 37 years, from 1967 to 2004. At that point, he took over as Fire Chief for the amalgamated Town of Essex. He spent 46 years in the firefighting industry, beginning in the former Township of Malden, along side his dad, who was a firefighter.

Pillon eventually moved and joined the fire service for Harrow Colchester South, where he became District Chief. Upon amalgamation in 1999, Pillon took on the role of District Chief for the Town of Essex before he became Fire Chief in 2004.

At General Chemical, Pillon began in the engineering department, but soon moved into the maintenance department where he progressed from a planner, to foreman, to supervisor, to general supervisor, and finally to operations supervisor of the entire plant.

During his career at General Chemical, he enjoyed that the technological aspect was always a challenge in designing equipment to be more efficient. Part of his job included working with union and staff personnel. He was also involved in the hiring process and negotiations of union contracts.

His background in technology was helpful to his role with Essex Fire & Rescue as it related to building, designing, and construction of Fire Department-related assets, and overall safety of the fire personnel.

In his career with Essex Fire, Pillon noted some of his accomplishments included training, upgrading equipment, and the introduction of laptops in the fire vehicles, not to mention the building of the new fire station with ambulance bays. He complimented the Town and Councillors on overseeing the new fire station project.

"I owe a debt of thanks to all the great people I worked with over the years, and in particular my wife and family, who made many sacrifices over the years while I was serving the industry and the municipality," Pillon said.

At each luncheon, bursary awards are presented to students of St. Clair College and the University of Windsor, in addition to the Top 3 under 30, Engineer of the Year award, and Technologist of the Year award.

Pillon had a message to send to the aspiring engineers during the luncheon. "Never stop learning. In this modern day, things change so fast. You need to keep up."

Pillon retired as Fire Chief of Essex Fire & Rescue in 2014. He now enjoys his time traveling with his wife, playing hockey three times a week, and looks forward to the upcoming golf season. Most importantly, he said, he enjoys time spent with his family and grandkids.

Legacy Garden dedicated at St. Clair

Essex Free Press June 8, 2017



St. Clair College and Landscape Ontario dedicated a Legacy Garden on June 3rd at St. Clair College for local landscapers who made an impact in the field of landscape technology. One of the local landscapers honoured was Bob Pulleyblank, who owned and operated Suburban Landscaping in Oldeastle for over 50 years.

Pulleyblank hired hundreds of area students, especially ones from the horticulture department of St. Clair College. He was instrumental in many landscaping projects throughout Essex County and Windsor, in particular the Kings Navy Yard Park in Amherstburg, the Leamington Marina, the Odette Business building at the University of Windsor, the Windsor Riverfront Park, and E.C. Row Parkway, to name a few. His family is proud of his accomplishments that are still visible today.

Pictured are members of the Pulleyblank family: Melissa, Monica, Earl holding grandson, Kallen, Wendy, Shannon & Jeffrey.

Unifor Local 444 Contributes \$75,000 To St. Clair College

AM800 CKLW – Tuesday, July 4, 2017



Unifor Local 444 leadership and St. Clair President Patti France (by AM800's Peter Langille)

Unifor Local 444 is donating \$75,000 to St. Clair College to boost their Skilled Trades program.

As part of the presentation, a huge Local 444 shield has been unveiled in the Sportsplex on campus.

The partnership involves more than just the money, a partnership to improve skilled trades education is ongoing.

College President Patti France hopes this helps change the perception of skilled trades.



St. Clair College President Patti France (by AM800's Peter Langille)

"If we can all unite and collaborate and solidify those efforts, it will be much better for Windsor-Essex" according to France. "Hopefully today will also create an awareness for youth in our community that there are really lucrative jobs and career opportunities for our youth and to go for them"

France says the training is needed to fill an ever growing skills gap with baby boomers retiring and new job openings with the growing trades industry.

Local 444 President Dino Chiodo says they want to participate in improving skilled trades education in Windsor.



Unifor Local 444 President Dino Chiodo (by AM800's Peter Langille)

"What better way than to promote to Windsor and Essex County St. Clair College has the ability to do that" Chiodo says: "They have the education and training staff to provide people the opportunity to find gainful employment and have a great lifestyle and we want to be a part of that"

Chiodo says the local has a staff member who co-ordinates the need for skilled trades and apprentices with the college and various companies



Unifor 444 is partnering with St. Clair College to close large gap in skilled trades. July 4, 2017.

Unifor 444 Talks The Talk & Walks The Walk

Blackburn News July 4, 2017

Unifor 444 is partnering with St. Clair College to close a large gap in skilled trades. The union is donating \$75,000 toward the skilled trades and apprenticeship programs.

College President Patti France says the college is honoured to have the union's partnership and will call on its leadership to help with programs and projects. France says retiring baby boomers are leaving vacancies across all sectors and the Windsor area is no exception.

"There's an alarming generational skills gap in skilled trades and occupational fields involving science, technology, engineering and mathematics," says France.



Unifor 444 is partnering with St. Clair College to close large gap in skilled trades. July 4, 2017. (Photo by Paul Pedro)

France says enrolment in skilled trades is starting to increase.

The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce estimates the local economy is losing \$600-million a year because of a lack of skilled trades workers.

France says the union's commitment to education is a commitment to our community's future well being, its economy, its young people, and its standard of living.

"The message that this dire shortfall equals a significant opportunity is at long last getting across to our young people. They know now that these openings constitute lucrative careers," France says.

Unifor Local 444 donates \$75,000 to St. Clair College to support trades

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Patti France, president of St. Clair College, left, and Dino Chiodo, president of Unifor Local 444, pose for a cheque presentation at the St. Clair College SportsPlex on July 4, 2017. Dax Melmer Windsor Star

The dangers to the local economy of the growing skill trades shortage has become a familiar refrain, but Unifor Local 444 backed its concerns with cash Tuesday by donating \$75,000 to St. Clair College's technical programs.

The money will be spent on purchasing new equipment for the college's Ford Centre of Excellence and the new St. Clair College Skilled Trades Regional Training Centre.

"It wasn't just giving a donation and walking away," said Dino Chiodo, president of Local 444. "A partnership has developed.

"We want to be a player in making sure we're all focused on what's important to make sure we don't have that skills gap."

Chiodo said he only had to look at his own membership to see the looming crisis ahead.

The baby boom generation is beginning to retire and take with it their acquired skills before the next generation is there to benefit from such knowledge.

"At the Windsor Assembly Plant you probably have 1,000 people out of 6,000 who are eligible to retire," Chiodo said. "How do you replace them?"

"St. Clair has the means to do that, why wouldn't we take advantage of that knowing openings will be coming in the future for those specific jobs?"

The donation is particularly timely with the college embarking on a plan to update its older equipment with modern machinery.

The college just recently purchase some five-axis CNC machines but the priority list remains lengthy.

“What it symbolizes is, not only the donation of \$75,000, but the collaboration and willingness of Unifor to participate in supporting all the skilled trades, engineering and apprenticeships,” said Patti France, president of St. Clair College.

“No one can do it on their own, there’s no magic bullet.”

France said after several years of the various stakeholders pushing the trades as a viable career locally, the message finally seems to be resonating with students and their families.

France noted applications from women are also on the rise at the college.

“Applications are up in all our technical programs,” said France, who said final enrolment numbers won’t be available until August.

“Youth are realizing these are great jobs that will allow them to stay in the community and earn great money.

“They’re getting hired before they even cross the graduation stage in June. We’re getting calls for students and we don’t have anybody to send.”

Chiodo said Local 444 took a couple years to examine how it could best get involved.

He said the union felt the standards, equipment and technical teaching at the college was the best fit for Local 444’s goals.

“We’re saying we’re looking at this wrong,” Chiodo said noting increasing use of temporary foreign skilled trades workers.

“What we need to do is refocus ourselves with St. Clair College and with their direction to give people the technical component to learn these trades. The trades is a good way to have a good lifestyle in this community.”

France said this is just the beginning of stronger relationship with Unifor.

“We’ve talked about collaborating in everything,” France said.

“We’ve talked about training and credit recognition in being able to get people out in the workforce without duplication.

“An employer could get a skilled employee in a shorter duration and have less of an investment.”

Unifor continues to fight Windsor skills gap with \$75K donation to St. Clair College

St. Clair College to invest money into upgrading training facilities to better prepare students for jobs

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Unifor Local 444 president Dino Chiodo announced an \$75,000 investment at St. Clair College in order to help bridge the skills gap in the Windsor region. (Adel Haleem/CBC)

In an ongoing bid to help manufacturers in the Windsor region find skilled workers, union leaders have invested \$75,000 to help upgrade trades programs at St. Clair College.

• Skilled trades shortage costing Windsor-Essex \$600M every year, says report

Officials from Unifor Local 444 and the college announced a new partnership Tuesday morning, just weeks after business leaders sounded the alarm on a widening skills gap that is costing the region half a billion dollars a year.

"In our world, we have employers who can't find anybody to fill jobs," said Dino Chiodo, Local 444 president. "We want to be a part of the solution."

The money is just one component of an 18-month collaboration between the school and the union that has helped the college understand the needs of employers, said St. Clair College president Patti France.



St. Clair College president Patty France says a new \$75,000 investment from Unifor Local 444 will go a long way to help the school upgrade its training facilities to get students ready for the skilled jobs available in the Windsor region. (Adel Haleem/CBC)

Unifor has given the school input on how to improve programs, while acting as a liaison between the industry and the school, she said. The union's donation will now help upgrade equipment, so students have training on some of the latest technology needed to land jobs.

This deal "symbolizes the collaboration between St. Clair College and Unifor," France said. "We've been very fortunate to have Unifor at the table."

Skilled trades people have been a challenge to find, according to the latest report from the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. Last year alone, half of the employers in the area had difficulty hiring people with skills ranging from builders to forklift operators with between 400-500 jobs unfilled.

France commended several groups, including the region's school boards, governments and post-secondary institutions, for working together to tackle the skills gap.

- [Apprentice program earns high school students cash](#)

"There's no magic bullet. We all have to work together and collaborate," France said. "Unifor is part of that collaboration and that effort."

College Training For Premier Aviation Technicians Nearly Complete

AM800 CKLW - Wednesday, July 5, 2017



St. Clair College President Patti France (by AM800's Peter Langille)

A 44-week aircraft maintenance and repair program at St. Clair College is being declared a success.

The 20 graduates all have full-time jobs at Premier Aviation at the Windsor Airport.

The course has ended and College President Patty France says there are no current plans to continue. "Certainly in the very beginning indicated that they would need ongoing training and ongoing intakes. But, again, we said let's walk before we run. Let's do this intake and do it well and make sure that the training and the outcomes for that training meet all the requirements for Premier, then we would go from there.

Most of the \$440,000 cost of the program was funded through a Canada-Ontario job grant.

The rest was picked up by the college and Premier Aviation.

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Jerry Kauric, right, and the Eskimos celebrate his game-winning kick. Kauric was one of eight new inductees to the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame, which was announced on Wednesday, 1987 FILE PHOTO EDMONTON ESKIMOS (CNW) SCANNED FROM FILE PHOTO CHRIS SCHWARZ, Edmonton Journal CHRIS SCHWARZ / EDMONTON JOURNAL

The Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame will grow with the addition of five athletes and three builders that were unveiled on Wednesday as the 2017 induction class.

Anne (Botica) Grover (volleyball), Brittany Hedderson (basketball), Jerry Kauric (football), Todd Nadon (boxing, and Joanne Rothery (track and field) will enter in the athletes category.

Alice Bell (curling), Pete Cusumano (basketball) and the late Bob Weepers (basketball and administration) will go on the builders side.

The hall will also honour Riverside Bantam-Midget Hockey Tournament and the Windsor AKO junior men's basketball team (1947-1979).

"Every year, you find these unique individuals that represented our community at the local, provincial, national and international level," said Dr. Scott Martyn, who is chair of the hall. "It's amazing, all of these individual and the accomplishments they've had, they're truly humbled.

"That humility is indicative of the individual. Being recognized by the local community still means so much to them."

From 1994-98, Grover was a dominant force for St. Joseph high school and was a four-time league all-star. She spent four years with Team Ontario while serving as captain her final season and played in the 1997 Canada Games.

She accepted a full-ride scholarship to Ohio State University in 2000 and ended her career 10th in school history in kills, 12th in aces and 17th in hitting.

"It was a bit of a shock because I had no idea this was coming," Grover said of her selection.

"Really quite excited and proud. I don't expect this, but it definitely makes me feel very proud."

Hedderson was a standout guard at St. Anne high school from 2004 to 2008. The five-foot-nine guard captained the team to the 2007 OFSAA girls' AAAA championship and she still holds the school record for points in a game with 39.

She spent three seasons with the provincial team and was an all-Canadian selection in 2008 while being named Miss Basketball In Ontario and became just the sixth area female athlete to win the Royal Arcanum twice as the area's top high school student-athlete.

She accepted a scholarship to the University of Buffalo and finished her collegiate career as one of only two players in school history to record 1,400 points and 300 assists.

"Sometimes you forget that the reasons why we have those big achievements is because of where you're from," Hedderson said. "Windsor has really helped me to be the person that I am. I had some great coaches and teammates to push me to chase my dreams."

A Kennedy high school product, , Kauric, who was not at Wednesday's announcement, was a standout kicker for the Windsor AKO Fratmen before signing with the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football league.

In his first CFL season, Kauric kicked the game-winning field goal to win the 1987 Grey Cup. In 1990, he earned the kicking job for the NFL's Cleveland Browns before returning to the CFL to wrap up his career with the Calgary Stampeders.

Born in Edmonton, Nadon moved to Windsor at the age of eight. He was the first Canadian to join the famous Kronk Boxing Gym and sparred with world champion Tommy Hearns while working under the guidance of Emmanuel Stewart.

Nadon, who was not at Wednesday's announcement, won five U.S. Golden Glove titles and was selected to compete at the 1988 Olympics, but was unable to participate due to injury.

A southpaw, Nadon is the only Canadian to hold the International Boxing Organization's World Super Middleweight title. He scored a TKO over Willie Ball in the 12th round to win the crown in 1992. He finished his professional career with a 14-5-1 record and six knockouts.

Rothery was dominant in the shot put circle right from the start at Kennedy Collegiate high school. She established a midget girls record for Ontario with a throw of 12.25 metres and it stood for more than two decades.

She accepted a scholarship to Oklahoma State University and set meet marks in shot put and discus while lettering in 1985 and 1986. She returned to Canada and was a two-time All-Canadian selection at the University of Saskatchewan.

"Just the people I've met," said Rothery, who remains active in the sport. "The friendships I've kept. Track and field is such an individual sport. On the competitive field, you're always the ultimate athlete, but off the field you're always friends."

On the builders side, Bell began curling in 1962 and eventually became a district representative for the Southern Ontario Ladies Curling Association in 1983.

She won numerous awards competing, but also served as a course conductor and was recognized by the Ontario Curling Association with a lifetime achievement award.

She became involved in Curl Canada's Certification program while continuing to coach. She guided Pam Leavitt's team to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and St. Clair College to the zone and regional wins.

"It's phenomenal," Bell said. "It is work, but it's work I really like doing.

"The sport is now one of the major sports. That's a real plus and I think a lot of people are happy to see that."

Cusumano, who is affectionately known as Coach Cooz, started coaching in 1980 at Brennan high school before moving over to Catholic Central in 1985.

While finding success in baseball, cross-country and track and field, it was basketball where Cusumano made his biggest impact where his boys' teams won seven OFSAA medals. As well as coaching, he founded Core City Hoops while serving as a WECSSAA convenor on several occasions.

"It's a great honour," Cusumano said. "I look at some of my friends who are here as builders: Jack Costello, (Paul) Doc Thomas, Bob Weepers. These are guys I've known for years and I admired and respected them. Now, to be able to join them, is a great honour."

Weepers, who passed away in 2010, played on numerous basketball teams in his playing days, but served as the Intercollegiate Athletic Co-ordinator at St. Clair College for 31 years. During that time, he guided the women's basketball team to four medals at the provincial level.

He served on the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame board of directors for several years and was one of the region's foremost sports historians.

Event will take place Aug. 6 to mark 20th year of GreenField Global in C-K

Daily News staff - Friday, July 7, 2017



The fireworks will go on in Chatham, but for a different celebration.

The \$17,000 display, originally planned for June 30 as part of local Canada 150 celebrations, will now take place on Sunday, Aug. 6 during the Civic Holiday long weekend.

This date has been chosen to mark the 20th year of GreenField Global being located in Chatham-Kent, according to a media release issued Friday. Greenfield is the sponsor of the fireworks.

The public is invited to come out to St. Clair College Thames Campus with events beginning at 8 p.m. culminating with fireworks expected to begin at 10 p.m.

The instability of the ground, caused by extensive rainfall leading up to the original fireworks date, prompted organizers to postpone the event.

The Chatham Canada Day committee worked together with GreenField Global and K&H Fireworks to come up with the best date for another show.

Chatham Canada Day committee co-chair Chris Glassford told *The Chatham Daily News* in a previous interview that the decision to postpone was more than a safety issue. He added that going ahead with unstable ground conditions would have prevented K&H Fireworks from igniting about half the fireworks.

"The community doesn't deserve the 50-per-cent, they deserve the 100-per-cent of the show," Glassford said.

Transit Windsor hit by perfect storm of good news, including higher ridership

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A Transit Windsor bus is shown in front of the University of Windsor on University Avenue July 7, 2017. Dan Janisse / Windsor Star

Transit Windsor has been hit by a perfect storm of good news, crediting a jump in ridership to a number of recent and ongoing improvements and expansion to the city's public transportation system.

Ridership is suddenly up and expected to rise further in the near future. Executive director Pat Delmore cites a number of developments for the bright outlook:

- \$20 million in new federal/city funding to pay for 24 new buses and 150 new solar-powered bus shelters, with the second phase of funding still to come.
- New technology helping the system operate better and inform riders exactly when their bus is due.
- A partnership with LaSalle to provide a route through the town that connects with the Windsor system starting in September.
- The resounding success of the U-Pass program approved last year in a referendum by University of Windsor graduate and undergrad students who pay an extra \$66 per semester for a universal bus pass. With 12,500 U-Passes in circulation during the winter semester, students are filling the buses, not just to go to school, but to travel throughout the city day and night.



A Transit Windsor bus is shown in front of the University of Windsor on University Avenue July 7, 2017. Dan Janisse / Windsor Star

Ridership, which had been stagnant in recent years, is up 5.5 per cent, thanks to U-Pass, equating to 227,000 more bus rides a year. And now part-time students have voted to join the U-Pass program starting in the fall.

“The uptake has been very, very impressive,” said Coun. Bill Marra, who chairs the Transit Windsor board and is hopeful of getting St. Clair students on board with a U-Pass program as well. “Getting more students on the buses and exposed to public transit has been very, very valuable,” he said.

All these new initiatives are aimed at increasing ridership, Delmore said. And when that happens, revenue climbs and improvements to the system are possible, which again leads to increased ridership, revenues and more improvements, he added.

The U-Pass program was supposed to be revenue neutral, meaning the money lost from \$66-per-month bus passes that some students bought was offset by getting \$66 per semester from everyone. But the program has generated more revenue than expected because fewer students than predicted opted out (they can opt out if they live in the county), enrolment was higher than expected and the increased ridership has resulted in more cash from the province’s gas tax. That extra money will be ploughed back into improving service to the students, Delmore said.

“This builds a community, it really does, because it gives you the additional dollars into the system to help you to build it, and then other people are attracted to the service,” Delmore said of the U-Pass program.

He said if St. Clair students agree to a similar deal, service would first have to be improved on the routes that service the college’s main campus. And that would improve service for everyone in South Windsor.

“If we had every-15-minute or every-10-minute service on the Dominion 5 (one of two routes that service St. Clair), how many people might say: ‘You know what? I don’t necessarily need a second car or a third car,’” Delmore said. “That’s the whole goal of what a student bus pass can do for a community.”

University of Windsor Students’ Alliance vice-president Sarah Nouredine said the program has definitely been a success. Students are riding the bus more frequently and enjoying the value, she said. “Sixty-six dollars a semester is much more doable than the current monthly fee for a transit pass,” she said, adding she expects even more students will use the U-Pass when the part-time students start using it and the LaSalle service starts in September.

Though LaSalle gets the ridership revenue when someone gets on the bus in LaSalle, Transit Windsor gets the money when that rider boards in Windsor to go back to LaSalle. Delmore and Marra both hope the LaSalle service will be such a success that other neighbouring municipalities — including Tecumseh which has its own bus service that doesn’t integrate with Transit Windsor — will be interested in a similar arrangement.

The result, said Delmore, could be a truly integrated regional transit system.

Officials reject blogger's claim St. Clair College was terror target

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Kevin J. Johnston of the website FreedomReport.ca Windsor Star

A right-wing blogger's claim that St. Clair College was being targeted for a terrorist attack — which caused an online stir on social media — is bogus, according to college officials.

"I can tell you that the event back in April was fully investigated by all levels of law enforcement and there was never a threat to St. Clair College staff or students," said Ann Hetherington, the college's director of marketing and recruitment.

Blogger Kevin J. Johnston posted a video rant containing unsubstantiated claims that two "Muslim psychopaths" had their plans to execute an attack at the college thwarted thanks to a head-on traffic collision.

Hetherington said St. Clair first contacted police following the crash in April, after the Windsor Star asked college officials about the rumours. She said police told them there was no threat.

The video commentary is on the website FreedomReport.ca, along with such videos as "White Woman Wants A White Doctor She Gets Attacked By Racists For It." and "How Menstrual Blood Blocks Prayers to Allah." Johnston has focused on Windsor before, with a post about Islamic services being held in a Walkerville home.

Representatives of West Region OPP and Essex County OPP did not respond to requests for comment.

The two-car crash, between a Lexus and a Volkswagen, happened April 26 on Highway 3.

Something about the crash did seem unusual. A few officers stood watch with rifles while others investigated. Officers also meticulously searched the Lexus. Investigators even brought in a police dog to sniff through the vehicle.

Two people were riding in each car. They were all seriously hurt. Two of those injured people, Tariq Elamin, 27, and Satvir Singh, 21, were arrested immediately. The following day, they were arraigned on a long list of firearm and ammunition charges while still admitted and being treated at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Singh's lawyer, Maria Carroccia, watched Johnston's video Friday. She said it is fraught with lies.

"It's entirely fabricated," she said. "This is obviously racist.

"There is absolutely no evidence that these two men are affiliated with any Muslim group and, in fact, I don't think my client is even Muslim."

Carroccia said the vehicle carrying the two men was headed in the opposite direction of St. Clair College. The crash occurred in Oldcastle, "nowhere near St. Clair College," she said.

Johnston says Elamin and Singh were "driving like a couple of freaking maniacs" and caused the crash, injuring a "white Canadian couple."

Carroccia said he has that wrong, too. "My understanding is the driver of the other vehicle may have suffered some medical emergency, crossed the centreline and that resulted in the accident."

Essex County OPP have yet to publicly confirm the cause of the crash. They have also never responded to Windsor Star questions about the rumours of alleged attack plans.

But on Tuesday, Johnston, who calls himself an author, editor, journalist and social commentator, posted an inflammatory video on his website claiming the two men charged were intent on murdering people at the college.

The video title page has a picture of a gun and blood splatter with the caption "St. Clair College was almost a blood bath."

He accuses police, the Windsor Star and other media of covering up the thwarted terror attack for unexplained reasons. He said no "real news outlet" would report it.

Johnston continued his tirade Friday in a phone interview with the Windsor Star. He would not concede that the information in his video might be incorrect, saying, "I do this for my country."

Yelling into the telephone for most of the interview, he said he would not divulge his sources, but insisted his information came from "city staff."

In his video, he claims that the men told paramedics at the scene of the crash "that they were on their way to St. Clair College to shoot the place up."

Deputy Chief Justin Lammers with Essex-Windsor EMS said Friday he couldn't comment because it's still an "active investigation."

Carroccia called Johnston's video defamatory to her client. "He's using names and saying things that aren't true."

The video, in which Johnston calls for "Islam to be banned worldwide," is also full of unsubstantiated claims unrelated to the crash.

One of them is that Muslims from Dearborn, Mich., are "infiltrating and destroying – utterly destroying – the City of Windsor."

"It's a dangerous place to be," Johnston claims in his rant. "People in Windsor are terrified to go downtown Windsor at night. They're terrified to go into the southeast section of the city at night. People are disgusted by the fact that that when you drive through most areas in Windsor now, that signs are not even in English. They are in Arabic."

In the last few days, the video about the Highway 3 crash has gained a lot of traction on social media, with people sharing it repeatedly. The Star has also received numerous emails and phone calls from concerned citizens.

Despite the public silence from provincial police on the issue, Hetherington said they assured the college there was no threat.

"They indicated to us back in April that there was never a threat to the staff or the college or students at the college — never," said Hetherington.

Carroccia said there is good reason for the police to keep information under wraps while a case is before the courts.

"In Canada, we protect people's right to have a fair trial. This is not like the U.S. We don't try people in the media. We try them in the courts."

Dragon boat festival celebrates 15 years on the water

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Participants are seen during the Windsor Essex Dragon Boat Festival for the Cure held at Windsor's Sandpoint Beach, July 9, 2017. JASON KRYK / Windsor Star

The Windsor Essex Dragon Boat Festival for the Cure celebrated its 15th anniversary Sunday on the waterfront and Cealia Gagnon has paddled in every one.

A community service officer with the Windsor Police Services, Gagnon's participation got personal in 2010 when she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Even the year I was sick I came out," Gagnon said moments before taking to the water with her 'Protecting the Guns' team of female officers. "We all have someone touched by cancer."

The year before she joined the force, Gagnon paddled on a friend's team and ever since she's been part of the WPS dragon team.

It's that kind of long-term support and commitment that have helped the event raise \$3.4 million for breast cancer care in local hospitals, according to organizer Beth Noakes.



The Dragon Our Asses team cheers during the Windsor Essex Dragon Boat Festival for the Cure held at Sandpoint Beach, July 9, 2017. JASON KRYK / Windsor Star

Noakes can always count on a team from WPS, St. Clair College and Ashdon Rowing Club.

"Those teams come every year," Noakes said. "Without the paddlers, without these teams, we can't get it done."

The festival is in the fourth year of a \$1.4-million pledge campaign to provide Windsor Regional Hospital with a full-field fluoroscopy suite for diagnostic imaging.

"We're close," Noakes said of reaching that goal.

Gagnon said the police team brings in more than \$5,000 in pledges each year.

Lisa Mastronardi has paddled for the past six years in honour of her mother, Katherine, who died four years ago from esophageal cancer.

The Kat's Krew team was a collection of Mastronardi's family and friends.

"I started after she was diagnosed," Lisa said. "I do it in her honour and to help everyone else going through the same fight. This is a great event and I like that all the money stays local."

The first year she took to the water, Mastronardi knew she was hooked.

"It was the most exciting event I'd ever been a part of," she said of that paddle six years ago. "I honestly said then that I'd do it for the rest of my life."

Mastronardi knew some of the competition quite well. She's worked at CenterLine for the past three years, and the local welding company had two teams among the 30 taking part Sunday at Sandpoint Beach.

CenterLine CEO Mike Beneteau was part of one crew and Mastronardi said he generously paid the entrance fee for both teams.

This year's event was back home to Windsor, where it all began, after a five-year stopover in Tecumseh's Lakewood Park. Organizers returned the friendly races to Windsor after failing to reach an agreement with Tecumseh to set up all the teams on the water's edge.

"They wanted us across the street," Noakes said. "The logistics were just not appealing. It's a spectator sport. You want all the teams right on the water watching the others paddle. We love it here. We're happy to be back."

Camp Brombal kicking off its 15th year

Police received 90 letters from kids explaining why they wanted to attend the camp

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Felicia Giroux was a camper at Camp Bromball nine years ago. This year, the culinary arts student at St. Clair College returns as a volunteer. (Jason Viau/CBC)

Felicia Giroux returned to the Camp Bromball as a volunteer, nine years after spending time there as a camper.

Bromball, which is celebrating its fifteenth year, is a program run by Windsor police as a way to build relationships with local youth.

Giroux, now a culinary management student at St. Clair College, is volunteering in the kitchen, hoping to make a rich experience for a new generation of campers.

"It feels great, I feel at home here," Giroux said. "I was excited to come and give back to them."

Camp Brombal welcomes children who can't afford to get to camp or have had a difficult relationships with police in the past.

"If there's any negative stigma between what they think of police officers we're at this camp, we're not in uniform, so they see us on a different side and get to know that us officers are still people," explained Const. Lindsay Flemming. "We want to make sure they know they can come to us at any time."

Police asked students to write letters about why they want to come to camp — this year they received 90.

At the end of camp police are promising there will be a special surprise for the students.

St. Clair Green Giants a big hit with Windsor baseball fans

Forget MLB, the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League offers great baseball at an affordable rate

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St. Clair Green Giants played the Grand River Loggers from Grand Rapids at Lacasse Park Tuesday night. The Green Giants are currently in second place in the northern division of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League. (Dale Molnar/CBC News)

The St. Clair Green Giants are currently in second place in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League's northern division.

Featuring top prospects from the U.S. and Canada, the college's vice president of athletics Ron Seguin, describes it as a placement league.

"Colleges from around North America, head coaches are placing their players here so that they keep active at a high level in the off-season," he explained.

Seguin says the league has been around for 15 years and produced more than 200 graduates who made it to the majors.

With an adult ticket price of just \$7 and free attendance for kids under five, team has proved pretty popular so far. Their games in Tecumseh's Lacasse Park are averaging about 200 fans each night.

Saints baseball gets infusion of local talent for 2017-18

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From left, Patrick Kibble, Curtis Cunningham, Carson Burke, Mitchell Prsa after signing to play baseball with St. Clair College Saints on Wednesday. (JASON KRYK/Windsor Star) JASON KRYK JASON KRYK Windsor Star

The St. Clair College Saints men's baseball team is getting a much-needed infusion of young talent

The four-time defending OCAA champs had Tecumseh Thunder left-handed pitcher Mitchell Prsa, catcher Curtis Cunningham and outfielder Carson Burke officially sign on with the club Wednesday at a ceremony at the SportsPlex along with second baseman Patrick Kibble, who plays for the Windsor Selects.

"We're hoping these kids will all be around for two, three or four years with us and these kids should step in and compete," Saints head coach Dave Cooper said. "They have a lot of potential and a high ceiling if they want to do the work."

Cooper's squad has also added infielder/catcher Josh Talerico, infielder Lucas Diluca and right-handed pitcher Seth Chauvin from the Selects program.

Former Selects infielder Matt Bondy is transferring to St. Clair from Sienna Heights University in Michigan while the Saints have also added first baseman-outfielder Keeshaun Such, from Hantsport, N.S., and second baseman Josh Simpson, who is from Mississauga

"Usually, we have a five- or six-man turnover," Cooper said. "This year, we're going to lose 10 guys out of 24. Our average age will drop from 24 to about 20, but we need this (recruiting class) right now."

Prsa, Cunningham and Burke were all part of the Tecumseh midget team that captured the Ontario Elimination Tournament earlier this month and will represent the province at nationals in August.

"That's what you want," Cooper said. "You want guys from winning programs."

And the chance to stay with a few teammates is something Prsa did not want to pass on.

"These are my boys," said the 18-year-old Prsa, who is from Tecumseh and will study pre-health science. "I've played with Carson and Curtis for a while and we always played against Patrick, so it's pretty good."

A three-time OFSAA champion at St. Anne, Burke said school drew him to St. Clair and the chance to play baseball is an added bonus.

"I was interested in the advertising and marketing program and they came to St. Anne and did a whole presentation," the 17-year-old Burke said. "Plus, the baseball team from previous years has won, so it's awesome. I just like the fact they've won previous years and players feel comfortable going in."

Cunningham's brother Eric Cunningham just graduated after three seasons with the Saints and he knows the program well.

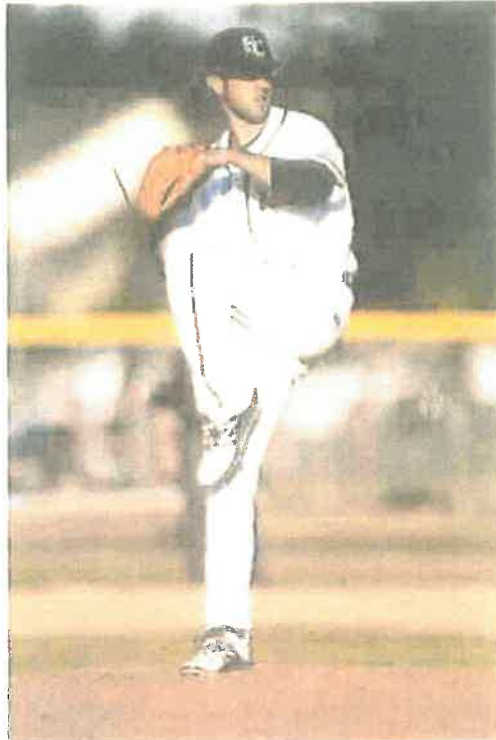
"I've worked with Coop and Chico (LaBute, the Saints' assistant coach) and they're both good coaches and good guys," the 17-year-old Cunningham said. "There's a lot of talent around here and hopefully we win more."

While several have battled on the field locally, Kibble is excited to see what they can accomplish together as a team.

"At first, it was the school that brought me here, but baseball's been my entire life," said the 18-year-old Kibble, who wants to go into the paramedic program. "Coming here is going to be great. It's a mix of all the great guys around here. It's going to be a good team to play on."

Four Green Giants Named All-Stars

ANNISTON, OKLA. — July 13, 2017



Green Giants in action at Lacasse Park (photo courtesy of team website)

Four players from the St. Clair Green Giants are headed to the GI SCI All-Star Game next week.

The Green Giants are represented both on the field and on the mound. Shortstop Conor McKenna and Left Fielder Jalen Thomas will represent the Green Giants in the field.

On the mound Hunter Brown and Tyler Whitbread who rank first and fifth respectively in ERA will represent St. Clair.

The game is scheduled for Tuesday July 18th at Prasco Park in Mason, Ohio.

The Green Giants will play the Lake Erie Monarchs in a doubleheader tonight beginning at 5:00pm. Game two will begin at 7:00pm.

Saints Baseball Team Adds Top Recruits

AM800 CKLW – July 13, 2017



St Clair Saints baseball team with new players from Tecumseh U-18 (photo courtesy of St Clair College Athletics)

The St. Clair College Men's Baseball announced the commitment of several recruits for the 2017 season.

The Tecumseh Thunder Midget 18U team which recently qualified for the Nationals are well represented in this year's St. Clair recruiting class with three players committed to the Saints.

6'5 Left Hand Pitcher Mitchell Prsa (Tecumseh, ON/Tecumseh Vista Academy) has enrolled in the Pre-Health Science program this fall with 5'9 Catcher Curtis Cunningham (Lasalle, ON/St. Thomas of Villanova) battery mate also looking to make an impact for the Saints right away.

5'10 Outfielder Carson Burke (Tecumseh, ON/St. Anne) will be taking Advertising and Marketing Communications at St. Clair and owns three OFSAA championships in baseball at the high school level.

Another pair of Tecumseh natives who play club ball for the Windsor Selects will also be joining the Saints roster in 6'1 Infielder/Catcher Josh Talerico (Tecumseh, ON/Tecumseh Vista Academy) and 6'0 Right Hand Pitcher Seth Chauvin (Tecumseh, ON/L'Essor).

5'10 Second Basemen Patrick Kibble (Windsor, ON/Riverside) is another Selects product and won a WECSSAA title and OFSAA Bronze medal this past spring who will be taking the Paramedic program at St. Clair's Chatham campus in the fall.

Tea Party To Host Jam Session For Charity

AM800 CKLW - Thursday, July 13th 2017



Canadian rock band The Tea Party (Picture via Bluesfest Windsor's Facebook page)

The Tea Party is holding a jam session in the name of charity following their show tonight at Windsor's Bluesfest.

Fans will have the opportunity to mingle with the band and guests at the Rondo on Pitt St. E. in downtown Windsor.

Drummer Jeff Burrows says wristbands are \$100.00 with all proceeds going to Transition to Betterness Programs and the St. Clair College Scholarship Fund.

"Transition to Betterness and the St. Clair College scholarship fund, academic excellence, all of those types of things within the college," he says. "Beyond that, we'll probably have some things for sale which we'll donate as well."

Burrows told AM800 News he knows it's not cheap, but it's for a good cause.

"It may seem a little steep, I know that it is, but it's an opportunity to hang out with some like minded people," says Burrows. "Watch us jam some songs with some guests, see us jam out some songs you haven't seen us play in 30 years, and at the same time raise money for the community you know and love."

The Tea Party will be on the Bluesfest's main stage beginning at 9pm, before heading to The Rondo some time after 11pm.

St. Clair men's soccer adds six local standouts for 2017-18 season

[Windsor Star](#) July 19, 2017

It's a soccer recruiting class that will get a chance to make an immediate impact.

St. Clair College Saints men's soccer head coach Mike Baraslievski introduced six local prospects on Wednesday that will join the team for the 2017-18.

"We've got a maximum of seven players coming back and, more realistically, five or six," Baraslievski said. "So, it's a big turnover."

The Saints have added Maranatha Christian Academy product Josh Hunter, Holy Names high school's Sergei Ouditt, St. Joseph high school's Michael Roncone, Villanova high school's Christopher Spadafora, Kennedy high school's Braeden Vaile and Riverside high school's Hassan Zaitoun for the upcoming season.

"We'll be a young team, but it seems like it's a good group of talented players," Baraslievski said. "I think all of them will be key and in key positions. If they can (adapt), based on their talent level, they'll be key players."

There is a lot of trust players put in Baraslievski, who is also president of the Windsor F.C. Nationals.

"He's a really good coach," said the six-foot-one Roncone, who also plays midfield for F.C. Nationals and will study business administration and accounting at St. Clair.

"I just feel confident playing with him. He brought me to this pathway and I trust him and I think we're going to have a good year."



St. Clair College Saints men's soccer team recruits Michael Roncone, left, Braeden Vaile, Hassan Zaitoun, Sergei Ouditt, Christopher Spadafora and Joshua Hunter, right, during a signing press conference held at the SportsPlex on Wednesday. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

But the chance to play early was also a selling point for Vaile.

"That's what I was looking for," said the five-foot-nine Vaile, who plays midfield and will study sports and recreation at St. Clair. "I'm looking to put in the work in pre-season, so I can get some good playing time my freshman year."

Aside from battling in high school, Vaile, Spadafora, Ouditt and Zaitoun played club soccer together for Vardar.

"It's awesome," said the five-foot-nine Ouditt, who will play on the wing and study biomedical engineering technology. "I get to play with the same players I grew up with. We're going to work as a team and see what we can do."



St. Clair College men's soccer team recruits Christopher Spadadora, left, Michael Roncone, Braeden Vaile, Sergei Ouditt, Joshua Hunter and Hassan Zaitoun, right, during an official signing press conference held at SportsPlex Wednesday July 19, 2017. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

The five-foot-five Zaitoun, who can play striker or midfield and will enter the motive power technician program, says knowing so many players coming in could speed up the adjustment.

"It brings my confidence level up high," the 18-year-old Zaitoun said. "I know some of these kids, so I don't have to be shy around people. That helps for sure."

The Saints open training camp on Aug. 14 with the OCAA regular-season opener set for Sept. 9 against Redeemer.

"I think it's a cool experience," said the six-foot Spadafora, who will play striker and study in the police foundations program. "I'm playing with kids I played with and played against my whole life and now playing on the same team with them at the college level. It's a new experience and a new chapter."



St. Clair College men's soccer team recruits Michael Roncone, left, Braeden Vaile, Hassan Zaitoun, Sergei Ouditt, Christopher Spadafora and Joshua Hunter, right, during a official signing press conference held at SportsPlex Wednesday July 19, 2017. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

The six-foot-two Hunter, whose brother Mitchell Hunter just graduated after twice being named an OCAA all-star, knows there will be some growing pains. However, he's hoping this group can become like the one his brother captained to a first-place West Division finish during last year's outdoor season and a silver medal during the indoor season.

"When I watched (my brother) play, I really liked the environment of the team and enjoyed watching them play and how they played together," said the 18-year-old Hunter, who is a defender that will study in the electromechanical engineering technician program.

"Once we get into the game, we'll build the confidence more and more. We'll start young, but we'll build our confidence and we go on play our best and give our all on the pitch."

Soccer Saints Add Recruits

AM800 CKLW Thursday, July 10, 2017



The St. Clair College men's soccer program has signed six top local recruits for the 2017-18 season. The men that will be joining the program are Michael Roncone, Braeden Vaile, Hassan Zaitoun, Sergei Ouditt, Christopher Spadafora and Joshua Hunter. (Photo by St. Clair College)

The St. Clair College Department of Athletics and men's soccer program has announce the signing of six top local recruits for the 2017-18 season. The men that will be joining the program are Michael Roncone, Braeden Vaile, Hassan Zaitoun, Sergei Ouditt, Christopher Spadafora and Joshua Hunter.

Michael Roncone just finished his high school diploma from St. Joseph's where he won an OFSAA Championship in 2015.

Braeden Vaile is from W.C. Kennedy Collegiate where he was an OFSAA Medalist in 2015. This past year he was the team captain and MVP at Kennedy and earned 1st Team All-City selection.

Hassan Zaitoun will be joining the Saints from Riverside Secondary School. While at Riverside his team qualified for OFSAA three times and he earned team MVP and all city MVP two years in a row in 2016 and 2017.

Sergei Ouditt is joining the Saints from Holy Names High School where he just won an OFSAA Bronze Medal. He is also a member of the Vardar Windsor club team.

Christopher Spadafora will be joining the Saints from Villanova where he was the team MVP and was an All Star this past season. Christopher, who is a 6'0" striker, has also played club soccer for Vardar Windsor where he was named the 2017 Team MVP.

Joshua Hunter is from the Marantha Christian Academy. Hunter recently won the OFSAA Colin Hood Award which recognizes academic and athletic excellence. Joshua also plays club soccer for the Macedonia team.

St. Clair finished the 2016 regular season with a record of 7-1-2 in the OCAA West Division ending up in 1st place in men's outdoor soccer.

The Saints will open their OCAA regular outdoor season on Saturday, September 9 at 4 pm at the St. Clair Main Campus Field against the Redeemer Royals.

Hearing on Ontario minimum-wage increase coming to Windsor

Windsor Star July 10, 2017



A sign held by a demonstrator at the Windsor Workers Education Centre in 2016. Adam Dullum / Windsor Star

The proposal to raise Ontario's minimum wage to \$15 per hour is open for discussion, with public hearings in cities throughout the province over the next two weeks — including Windsor on Friday.

It's the public consultation phase of Bill 148, the [Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act](#) — a pack of labour legislation reforms that would controversially boost the minimum hourly wage to \$14 by Jan. 1, 2018, and to \$15 by 2019.

Ontario's minimum wage is currently \$11.40 per hour, and is set to rise to \$11.60 per hour in October due to inflation. The proposed jump to \$15 per hour has been touted by the government as the biggest increase to minimum wage in Ontario history.

[Premier Kathleen Wynne formally announced the idea on May 31](#), and now the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs has scheduled a series of meetings to hear comment from the public.

Windsor's hearing will take place downtown at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts (201 Riverside Dr. West) for eight hours on Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Anyone can attend the meetings as an observer. To attend as a speaking delegate required signing up in advance.

There are currently [19 approved delegations](#) for the Windsor meeting, including representatives of Unifor Locals 240 and 444, CUPE Local 543, the Windsor University Faculty Association, the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation, and small businesses such as Sunrise Farms and Antonino's Original Pizza

Each delegation will have 20 minutes to speak to the committee.

Among the delegates: Matt Marchand of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, who has stated opposition to the \$15 minimum wage.

The regional chamber of commerce is backing the Keep Ontario Working coalition — describing the proposed increase as “arbitrary” and “~~too much, too fast~~”

“Ontario’s employer community is concerned that the pace of change will seriously injure our economic growth,” the coalition said in a release.

Along with hiking minimum wage, Bill 148’s reforms will also affect pay equality among part-time workers, increase vacation time entitlements, and expand the terms of emergency personal leave.

The [Keep Ontario Working](#) coalition includes a wide range of business groups and associations, including Food and Beverage Ontario, Restaurants Canada, the Retail Council of Canada, the Ontario Real Estate Association, the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario, and many more.

But Tim Deelstra, who will speak in Windsor on Friday for United Food & Commercial Workers Local 633, believes that significant improvement to minimum wage in Ontario have been a long time coming.

“Our position as a union is that the increase has been long needed,” Deelstra said. “We had, for the life of the Conservative government in Ontario, almost nine years of no minimum wage increase, while costs continued to go up for workers.”

“I understand that from (the business sector) perspective, this is a big increase very quickly. But it is needed by many workers in the province.”

UFCW Local 633 members in Windsor-Essex include meat handlers at Metro, Food Basics, and Real Canadian Superstore locations.

The public input sessions began in Thunder Bay on Monday and will also happen this week in North Bay, Ottawa, and Kingston.

Next week’s hearings are scheduled to take place in London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, and Toronto.

Ontario’s [Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs](#) will hear public input on [Bill 148](#) on Friday starting at 9:30 a.m. at the International Room of the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, 201 Riverside Dr. West.

The hearings will also be streamed live on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website, www.ontla.on.ca.

Minimum wage debate reaches Windsor

A legislative committee hears testimony from all sides concerning Ontario's proposed \$15-an-hour minimum wage hike.

Jul 15, 2017 by [Mark Brown](#) OurWindsor.ca



A nearly-full meeting room at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in Windsor as a public hearing on Ontario Bill 148 takes place on July 14, 2017 - Mark Brown/OurWindsor.ca

A proposed minimum wage increase has brought out strong opinions on both sides in Windsor-Essex.

The Ontario legislature's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs held an all-day public hearing Friday at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor. The hearing was well-attended throughout the day by people in favour of Bill 148 as well as those either opposed to it or suggesting amendments to it.

Bill 148 is known as the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act of 2017. It would serve as an amendment to the Employment Standards Act of 2000 and the Labour Relations Act of 1995. If approved by the legislature and signed into law by Premier Kathleen Wynne, the law would change scheduling provisions as well as amend the formulas for calculating overtime pay and public holiday work.

The law would also allow more emergency time for employees and mandate equal pay for part-time, casual and seasonal employees, along with those working through temp agencies.

The key component to Bill 148 however, is a plan to increase the minimum wage in Ontario to \$14 per hour in January 2018, then to \$15 per hour in January 2019. The current rate is \$11.40 per hour.

Local labour unions are overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed increase, saying it will raise the standard-of-living, improve morale and stimulate competition. Some businesses and business groups oppose it, claiming it would increase costs and result in less people being hired.

One person who believes Bill 148 should be tweaked is Matt Marchand, president of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. Testifying before the standing committee, he said rising labour and hydro costs are not making investment in Ontario attractive.

"Electricity costs are up 400 per cent, carbon tax for cap and trade are costing billions of dollars, punishing businesses and our middle class for using Ontario's clean grid," said Marchand.

Marchand suggests Bill 148 include a longer time frame to ease into the minimum wage increase, to allow businesses an easier adjustment period, rather than the two-step, \$3.60 per hour increase currently being considered. He also recommends offsetting costs, keeping a closer eye on emergency leave, and suggesting exemptions for the agriculture and auto industries in relation to a proposed 48-hour scheduling requirement.

Marchand also suggests increasing skill levels for Windsor-Essex's current labour force to do specialized jobs currently in demand.

Two southwestern Ontario opposition members of the legislature were on hand with the standing committee to hear testimony and ask questions. These were Progressive Conservative MPP Rick Nicholls of Chatham-Kent-Essex and New Democrat MPP Percy Hatfield of Windsor-Tecumseh.

The standing committee is chaired by Liberal MPP Peter Milczyn of Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Additional public hearings on Bill 148 are scheduled for London on Monday and Kitchener-Waterloo on Tuesday. For more information on Bill 148, visit <http://www.ontia.on.ca>.



Matt Marchand, president of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, prepares to testify at a hearing on a proposed minimum wage increase for Ontario, at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in Windsor on July 14, 2017. Photo by Mark Brown/Blackburn News.

Chamber Calls For Changes To Minimum Wage Bill

Blackburn News
July 17, 2017

The head of the local chamber of commerce is suggesting amendments to a proposed change in Ontario's minimum wage.

Matt Marchand, president of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified before an Ontario legislative committee Friday as part of a day-long public hearing at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in Windsor. Representatives from area businesses, as well as local unions and the general public, were invited to provide their take on Bill 148, the key provision of which would raise Ontario's minimum wage.

Marchand, who is not opposed to the minimum wage increase, would like to see it eased in, rather than the proposed jump to \$14/hr in January 2018 and \$15/hr in January 2019. The current minimum wage in Ontario, according to the province, is \$11.40/hr for general labour.

"Do a five-year phase-in for minimum wage to help small business and agriculture like they do in California," says Marchand.

Other amendments suggested by Marchand include offsetting costs and clamping down on the rules concerning emergency leave days.

The \$15/hr minimum wage proposal is the centrepiece of Bill 148, which if approved, would be an amendment of the Employment Standards Act, 2000 as well as the Labour Standards Act, 1995. Other provisions include adjusting scheduling guidelines to require businesses to pay an employee three hours worth of salary even if the employee works less than three hours in a shift, and minimum pay for being on-call. Employers will also be required to pay three hours' worth to an employee whose scheduled shift is cancelled within 48 hours of the shift's start.

Marchand suggests exemptions to that rule in the auto industry as well as in Essex County's strong agricultural sector.

"Some companies in the auto sector often experience brief power outages of seconds or minutes that requires many hours to reset for production," says Marchand. "If it happens on a Thursday or Friday, they can't reschedule for Saturday due to the 48-hour rule."

Other changes in the proposed bill include amending the requirements for paid holidays, and requiring employees to offer a minimum of three weeks' paid vacation for full-time employees with at least five years of service.

Marchand believes that wages and scheduling aside, it would be more important to make Ontario more conducive to business growth with more skilled workers to fill specialized, high-paying positions, which some Windsor-Essex manufacturers are having trouble filling.

"If we want to get wages up, the best way to do that is to skill our people up," says Marchand. "The government should be joining us in focusing on getting Ontarians skills with the jobs that are in demand. Jobs that pay \$20, \$30 or more per hour."

Members of the legislature's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs heard testimony Friday. With the Liberal government, the majority of regular members were Liberal MPPs, with the others in the opposition parties.

Chatham-Kent-Essex MPP Rick Nicholls, a Tory, and Windsor-Ecumenec MPP Percy Hatfield of the NDP sat in with the committee members. Nicholls pointed out the rising costs of labour in Ontario that Marchand referred to in his remarks. Hatfield, on the other hand, asked Marchand for examples of cost offsetting. Marchand replied that the chamber is putting together an economic impact analysis which would be presented within a few weeks.

The standing committee heard Friday from labour unions, who are in favour of a minimum wage hike, and local businesses who oppose it and are worried about increased costs.

The committee is expected to hold a public hearing in London on Monday. For complete information on Bill 148, visit the Ontario Legislature's website at www.ontla.on.ca.

Windsor-Essex students leap into Jumpstart Games

'We understand it takes a village to raise a child'

[CBC News](#) Jul 18, 2017



CBC News Windsor
Jumpstart Kids

For eight-year-old Fadi Kareem it was the best day he's ever had at a summer camp.

"We're having fun, and everyone's nice and respects us," said Kareem.

Kareem is one of about 750 Windsor-Essex students that participated in the third annual Windsor Jumpstart Games sponsored by Canadian Tire.



Hasna Kalahji, Yousef Alghandi, and Fadi Kareem all participated in Windsor's Jumpstart Games (Rima Hamadi)

Students from 23 schools across the region were involved in the games day at the St. Clair College Sportsplex. The event is part of Camp Wonder, a summer learning program with the public school board for children who might not get to attend summer camp otherwise.

"We understand it takes a village to raise a child," said Sharon Johnson, one of the coordinators of Camp Wonder and also a teaching consultant with the Greater Essex County District School Board.

The camp has been running for seven years, and the number of campers continue to increase. The program has expanded from single-digit numbers in its first year to 32 classes this year. When school starts in September, Johnson said teachers can tell which children have attended the camp.



Camp Wonder has been running for seven years, and keeps growing with 32 classes this year. (Rima Hamadi)

"These children come with new enthusiasm, and new self-confidence to pursue their learning throughout the rest of the year," Johnson said.

The Jumpstart Games has been part of Camp Wonder for three years. Jumpstart pays for all transportation and athletic gear for the children. The group also gives the kids a backpack with gifts stuffed inside at the end of the day.

"There are a lot of kids around the county that wouldn't be able to afford to go to other camps like this," said Harry Bell, regional manager for Jumpstart.



The Windsor games is one of 37 events put on by Jumpstart across Canada (Rima Hamadi)

The Windsor games is one of 37 events put on by Jumpstart across Canada, and more paralympic sports are being added so that all kids can be included in the games. In Windsor, the kids participated in paralympic bocceia.

Along with funding the games, Jumpstart has helped 2,337 kids participate in organized sports in Windsor. The organization assists families in financial need by covering costs associated with registration, equipment, and transportation.

"It's not all about health and physical activity, but definitely about building social character for the kids, helping them become better individuals." Bell said.



Students from 23 schools across the region were involved in the games day at the St. Clair College Sportsplex. (Rima Hamadi)



St. Clair College Cabana Rd. entrance.. (Photo courtesy St. Clair College)

St. Clair College Entrance Closed

Blackburn News July 21, 2015

St. Clair College is closing one of its two exits for some road work.

The Cabana Rd. entrance is being shut down Tuesday at midnight until August 23 as the college puts down fresh pavement.

The only way to access the main campus is by using Hwy. 3.

All buildings, lots and student housing will remain open during construction.

Transit Windsor will only make one stop in front of the main entrance.

Right-wing blogger who claimed St. Clair College was terror target charged with hate crime

[Windsor Star](#) July 25, 2017



Kevin J. Johnston, the Mississauga blogger behind the website FreedomReport.ca, gestures at a Windsor Star video in a rant he published on July 4, 2017. FreedomReport.ca

The controversial blogger [who claimed St. Clair College was almost "shot up" by Muslim "psychopaths"](#) is now facing a charge of promoting hatred.

Kevin J. Johnston, the Mississauga resident behind the right-wing website FreedomReport.ca, was arrested by Peel Regional Police on Monday.

Johnston was charged with one count of wilful promotion of hatred, under the Criminal Code of Canada.

According to police, Monday's arrest was the result of a lengthy investigation. Officers received consent from the Attorney General's office before moving forward against Johnston.

Peel Regional Police said they looked into "numerous incidents" that had been reported to them concerning Johnston and postings on various social media platforms.

Johnston had a court appearance in Brampton the same day as his arrest.

More to come.



A screenshot of a July 4, 2017, blog entry on FreedomReport.ca by Kevin J. Johnston. FreedomReport.ca

Premier Wynne to visit Windsor Friday

Premier Wynne toured through Elgin and Chatham-Kent Thursday

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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne will visit Windsor Friday. (Frank Gunn Canadian Press)

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne will stop in Windsor Friday morning

Wynne plans to visit St. Clair College before participating in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Windsor and District Labour Council.

On Thursday, the premier was in St. Thomas at the Women's Place — Elgin's Emergency Shelter. She also toured the Chatham-Kent Museum and the greenhouses of Truly Green Farms.

Premier Kathleen Wynne will be in Windsor Friday

Windsor Star - July 27, 2017

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne will visit Windsor Friday to give a speech at the university, join a roundtable discussion and meet city council.

She will start the day with a speech at the Head Start orientation program at the University of Windsor. That takes place at the Toldo Health Education Centre.

Wynne will then join a roundtable discussion hosted by the Windsor and District Labour Council at St. Clair College's Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing.

The premier will round out the day with a meeting at city hall with Mayor Drew Dilkens and the rest of city council.

Wynne Continues SW Ontario Swing

AM800 CKLW - Thursday, July 27th 2017



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne stops in Chatham and speaks with residents on July 27, 2017. (Photo by Stefanie Masotti)

Premier Kathleen Wynne is swinging through southwestern Ontario

The Ontario Liberal leader stopped in Chatham to speak with local leaders. She also paid a visit to the Chatham-Kent Museum.

Wynne attracted a crowd of residents on her stop and took a number of questions including on the sell off of Hydro One.

She says the province retains some key controls, but is using the cash from the sale of the Hydro One shares to meet the infrastructure need municipalities are calling for

"When mayors sit down with, doesn't matter where in the province, their number one concern is making sure that there's infrastructure money flowing from the province to the municipalities," says Wynne. "You know that Ontarians are retaining more than 40% at this point of Hydro One, you know that we're building assets with all of the money that came in from the broadening of the ownership of Hydro One and it's being made into a better company."



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne stops in Chatham and speaks with residents on July 27, 2017.
(Photo by Stefanie Masotti)

Wynne says the Hydro One sell off will help create a sustainable future.

"We need to build infrastructure in this province and that's what we're doing," says Wynne. "We're retaining control in terms of the ability to remove the board, the ability to remove the CEO, making Hydro One into a better company, but building infrastructure that's desperately needed across this province."

Wynne was also questioned on government action to help workers left without severance or pensions as part of Sears store closures.

"In terms of people losing their jobs, it is painful whenever someone loses their job in this province," says Wynne. "We are working very hard with organized labour, with communities, with the private sector to bring more jobs to the province, to grow the jobs in the province and in fact - Ontario's economy is growing, but not everybody is sharing equally in that; I get that."

Wynne is expected in Windsor on Friday at 9am for event at the University of Windsor which is followed by a roundtable discussion on labour at St. Clair College at 9:50am before heading to a meeting with Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens at city hall set for 11:45am.

Kathleen Wynne visits Windsor Friday



CTV Windsor
Friday, July 28, 2017

Ontario's Premier Kathleen Wynne will be in Windsor Friday morning as part of her southwestern Ontario tour.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wynne will be at Head Start at the University of Windsor to deliver some remarks. From there she will head to St. Clair College for a discussion on labour.

Wynne will wrap up her visit to Windsor following a meeting with Mayor Drew Dilkens and Windsor City Council at 11:45 a.m.

Wynne's stops in Windsor are part of a wider tour of the area.

On Thursday she began her day in St. Thomas near London before heading to the Chatham-Kent region. She was met with protesters before heading in for a tour of the Chatham-Kent Museum



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne tours Truly Green Farms in Chatham, July 27, 2017. (Photo by Paul Pedro)

Premier in Windsor Friday

Blackburn News - July 28, 2017

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is stopping in Windsor Friday.

Wynne is expected to arrive at the University of Windsor in the morning, where she will deliver remarks to Head Start at the Toldo Health Education Centre.

The premier is then scheduled to head to the main Windsor campus of St. Clair College, where she will participate in a roundtable discussion at the Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing.

Wynne will then go to Windsor City Hall for a closed-door meeting with Mayor Drew Dilkens and members of Windsor City Council.

The premier has been in southwestern Ontario for the last couple of days, visiting St. Thomas Thursday morning before visiting an agricultural firm in Chatham

Premier Wynne stops in Windsor during southwestern Ontario tour

Wynne was in Chatham-Kent and the St. Thomas area on Thursday

CBC News July 28, 2017



Premier Kathleen Wynne speaks with students at the University of Windsor during a tour through southwestern Ontario. (Dale Molnar/CBC)

Premier Kathleen Wynne touted "free tuition for 200,000 students" during her visit to the University of Windsor Friday morning.

The premier was referencing the Ontario Student Assistance Program, more commonly known as OSAP — and stopped at the school as part of a tour through southwestern Ontario.

Wynne stopped by St. Clair College, where she joined local leaders for a discussion about trade and the realities of raising minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

The premier also visited city hall, where she met with Mayor Drew Dilkens and the rest of council.

On Thursday, the premier was in St. Thomas at the Women's Place — Elgin's Emergency Shelter. She also toured the Chatham-Kent Museum and the greenhouses of Truly Green Farms.

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Premier Wynne Hears Windsor Area Community Leaders On Bill 148

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Premier Kathleen Wynne speaks with Windsor community leaders (by AM800's Peter Langille)

Ontario's Premier came to Windsor mostly to listen.

Kathleen Wynne spent more than an hour at a round-table session that included many sectors of the local community.

Leaders from business, education, charitable groups and labour were at the table.

Wynne spent most of the time focused on Bill 148, which increases the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in 2019 and makes other adjustments to labour relation.

She told reporters afterwards she understands some sectors such as food service face challenges.



Premier Kathleen Wynne speaks to reporters at St. Clair College (by AM800's Peter Langille)

"We want to be fair to businesses and as well to employees," said Wynne "but restaurant owners in particular have talked to me about other fees they pay that come off their payroll cheques some of the fees they pay to the LCBO for example"

She says the wage issue is just part of the entire picture and they need to avoid unintended consequences.

Wynne says the greenhouse sector and agriculture overall could be impacted not just because of the minimum wage change, but also scheduling which is different than in other industries.

She says this session is part of their consultation on the bill and she expects there will be modifications before it's introduced at Queen's Park.

Wynne grilled over minimum wage in Windsor



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne visits the University of Windsor on Friday, July 28, 2017.

CTV Windsor July 28, 2017

A harsh reminder for Ontario's Premier Friday.

The President and CEO of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce told Kathleen Wynne that the region has lost out on hundreds of high-paying jobs because the province is 'just not competitive'.

"I reminded the Premier this morning, that we had an agreement, years ago, on minimum wage," said Matt Marchand. Bill 148 however calls for minimum wage to go up to \$14 on January 1, 2018 and reach \$15 an hour in 2019.

Marchand was one of 10 Windsorites invited to a private meeting with the head of Ontario's government Friday. Marchand said he used his three minutes to tell her the reality of Ontario's competitiveness, or lack thereof.

"Recently a large employer in this region, was unable to bring in up to 700 well-paying, \$50,000 to \$70,000 jobs, here in the Windsor-Essex area," claimed Marchand.

The Chamber leader blames soaring electricity costs, cap and trade, and now Bill 148 are making Ontario less attractive.

The Premier concedes the bill will be difficult for small business, but she says it will include help for them.

"When I talk about the changes that might support, I can't make a list for you now, but we will be bringing forward a plan" maintained Wynne.

Wynne started her visit at Head Start at the University of Windsor to deliver some remarks. From there, she went to St. Clair College for a discussion on labour.

Wynne then had a meeting with Windsor city council. Wynne's stops in Windsor are part of a wider tour of the area.

On Thursday, she began her day in St. Thomas before heading to Chatham-Kent. She was met with protesters before beginning a tour of the Chatham-Kent museum

Wynne hints at relief for restaurateurs worried about hike to minimum wage

Restaurant owners are anxious about looming changes to Ontario's labour laws: the minimum wage is set to increase to \$15 an hour by 2019



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is promising help for restaurant owners as the province prepares to increase the minimum wage. Restaurants Canada, which represents 30,000 businesses across the country, said the industry is watching Wynne's moves closely.

Toronto Star -Queen's Park Bureau Chief - Fri., July 28, 2017

Premier Kathleen Wynne is hinting at something appetizing for restaurateurs anxious about looming changes to Ontario's labour laws.

With the government raising the \$11.40-an-hour minimum wage to \$14 on Jan. 1, and \$15 in 2019, and improving employees' rights on scheduling, Wynne has been trying to allay the fears of restaurant operators.

"We want to be fair to businesses and, as well, to employees," the premier said Friday at St. Clair College in Windsor.

"Restaurant owners, in particular, have talked to me about other fees that they pay — other things that come off their payroll cheques; some of the fees that they pay to some of the agencies, you know, to the LCBO, for example," said Wynne, referring to the province's liquor monopoly.

"We don't know exactly what those will be, but there are a number of suggestions that are coming forward. We're looking at everything, because, as I say, I want us to find this balance."

As part of the proposed wage changes, liquor servers, who make most of their money from tips, will see their minimum hourly wage jump from \$9.90 now to \$12.20 on Jan. 1, and \$13.05, the year after that.

James Rilett, a vice-president of Restaurants Canada, which represents 30,000 businesses across the country, said the industry is watching Wynne's moves closely.

Rilett, who is meeting with Small Business Minister Jeff Leal next week and will be talking soon with Finance Minister Charles Sousa, said there is much the government can do to offset the impact of the reforms on business.

"I think they're realizing that the economics of this aren't as straightforward as they one thought."

Asked if he is sensing flexibility on the part of the Liberal government, he said: "I hope so. I still don't know."

"I'll give them the benefit of the doubt. I hope they intended to give us some assistance, and we'll continue to work with them and see how it pans out," he said.

Last week, Restaurants Canada released a survey of its members that found 95 per cent of restaurateurs believe the wage hike will hurt them. The poll found 98 per cent will raise menu prices; 97 per cent will reduce labour hours; 81 per cent will lay off staff; 74 per cent will embrace more automation, and 26 per cent would close one or more locations.

The restaurant industry is a major part of Ontario's economy; it generates \$32 billion a year and employs more than 470,000 people in the province.

Rilett noted some restaurateurs are already slowly raising prices to lessen the chance of sticker shock for consumers in next year.

Wynne said she appreciates the concerns of business, but stressed that people "can't live on \$11.40 an hour" and they deserve a raise.

"By increasing the minimum wage, we're actually creating a situation where businesses, I suggest, will be able to retain their workers because the playing field will be more level," the premier said, conceding she is trying to strike a delicate balance.

"We have to be careful that we don't come up with unintended consequences."

Ontarians fear job skills outdated, survey finds

Chamber of Commerce warns of mismatch between what employers need and what workers trained for



Automotive tech students from Ontario high schools test their mechanical expertise and knowledge in a skills competition at the Canadian International AutoShow on Feb. 15. The skilled trades are in demand but need to be better promoted, says Richard Koroscil, interim president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Toronto Star - Sat., July 29, 2017

Ontarians are increasingly worried their job skills will be outdated in the changing economy, says a new report from the chamber of commerce that warns of a mismatch between what workers are trained for and what employers need.

"For many businesses — 82 per cent can't find (workers) with proper qualifications," said Richard Koroscil, interim president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

"We are seeing this big skills mismatch. And we are also hearing, not just from employers, but a recent poll of the general population found that half of Ontarians feel their skills will have less value in the next decade. Unless this is fixed, it is going to have a significant impact on the future growth of Ontario, especially as we move into a knowledge-based economy."

Koroscil said the skilled trades are in demand, but it's tough to fill jobs. Businesses would like to see that system modernized — with more flexible journey-person-to-apprentice ratios — as well as fewer barriers to get into programs. Trades also need to be better promoted as potential careers.

"These are good jobs," he added. "These are good jobs that pay very good salaries."

Ontario's education ministry continues to boost funding for "high skills major" programs in secondary schools, giving students a chance to earn real-world experiences in specialized areas. What's needed, says the College Student Alliance, is better promotion of the skilled trades to teens.

"The conversation should start in high school — or earlier — so students can understand and know what their options are other than university," said president Joel Willett.

The alliance would like to see the government create a website for youth that provides labour market information, such as where jobs are, what jobs are available, what skills are needed and what skills colleges provide.

"We have strongly supported in the past the career pathways in the skilled trades, and we have advocated for stronger supports for college students for quite (a long) time now," he said.

Deb Matthews, minister of advanced education and skills development, said "Ontario's employment and training programs are helping Ontarians skill up for the jobs of the future. The economy is changing and our government is determined to see that no one is left behind. To do this, we need to ensure that people in Ontario of all ages and at all stages of their lives are able to easily access high-quality training that will prepare them for the jobs of today and tomorrow."

She said from apprenticeships to skills upgrading "or working more closely with employers and educators to better match students with new jobs, we will make sure Ontarians are ready."

Matthews also noted that for the first time, mature students are eligible for student assistance under OSAP, to return to school or improve their skills.

Koroscil said artificial intelligence will have a huge impact on the workplace, "and we need to be preparing for that."

"We need to be anticipating what is going to be coming, instead of reacting," he added.

On Friday at St. Clair College, Premier Kathleen Wynne said the province will "continue to lead in terms of our highly skilled workforce, in terms of our innovation. I think the mayor was talking today here in Windsor about artificial intelligence. You know, the investments that we are making and the support that we are giving to the innovative sector here in Ontario, that's where the future lies."

"And I don't have enough of a crystal ball to be able to say where we're going to be in 20 years. But, what we want to do is make sure that we're graduating young people who are going to be able to take us to that to that new vision."

Green Giants Extend Season

AM800 CKLW – August 2, 2017



Green Giants at Lacasse Park (photo by Steve Bell)

The St. Clair Green Giants won the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Northern Division title over the Lake Erie Monarchs 6-0.

Starting pitcher Tyler Whitbread was dominant throwing 8 shutout innings while only surrendering three hits.

Offensively the Green Giants had the whole lineup firing on all cylinders combining for 11 hits.

St. Clair will now head to Lima, Ohio to take on the Lima Locos in a best of three series with the first game this evening.

Tonight's first pitch will go at 7:05pm.

Green Giants Drop Series Opener

AM800 CKLW – Thursday Aug. 3, 2017



Johnathan Meuse of the Lima Locos (photo courtesy of the Locos website)

Last night in Lima, Ohio the St. Clair Green Giants dropped game one of their best of three series against the Lima Locos 7-0.

The Lima Locos are the division winners of the Central Division of the Great Lakes Collegiate Summer League.

It was a tough Night for the Green Giants as they found themselves in a hole early trailing 6-0 after three innings.

After a good offensive showing to win the North Division, the St. Clair bats were nowhere to be found as they only managed 3 hits.

Game 2 of the 3 game playoff, will go tonight in Michigan at Flat Rock Field and act as a home game for St. Clair.

First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 pm

Due to players involved who don't have passports Flat Rock field will act as "home" field for our Green Giants.

New Fire Simulator To Improve Training Frequency

AM800 CKLW August 4, 2017



Example of a Mobile Live Fire Training Simulator from Draeger Canada. (

A new mobile training unit could be on the way for Windsor-Essex firefighters.

The Mobile Live Fire Training Unit would be split between Windsor and fire departments in Amherstburg, LaSalle and the St. Clair College training program at a shared cost of \$380,000.

A report goes before city council Tuesday before other municipalities green light the purchase

Windsor Fire and Rescue Chief Steve Laforet says the training unit was brought up in a report as a goal recently.

"It's an opportunity to have some greater efficiencies in the county. It's not something that we would use everyday in the city, so to be able to share the cost and to share the unit just makes sense," says Laforet. "For our recruit classes we typically send them over to Oakland Community College and we do a day of live fire training there. We don't have set availability right now. To train our entire staff over there is quite costly to send people away and you have to backfill their positions here, which generates a greater expense."

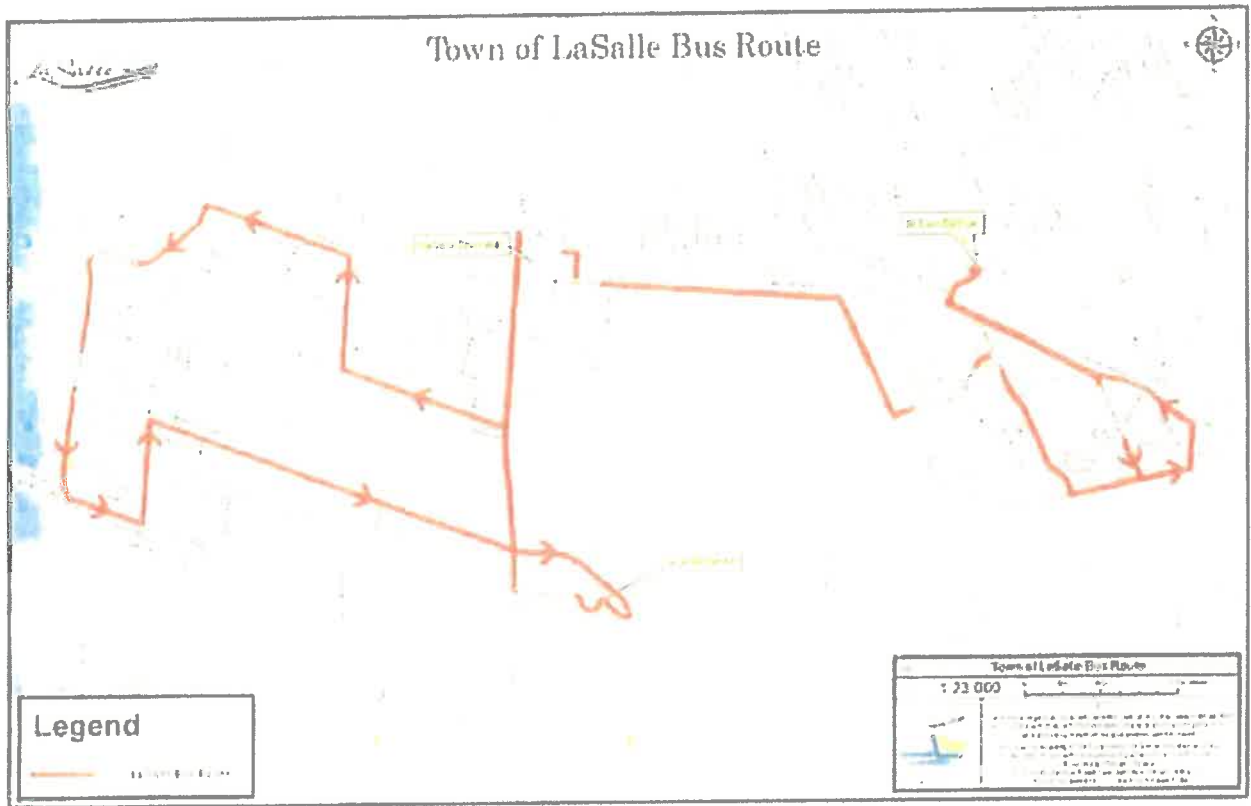
The opportunity to purchase a refurbished unit from Draeger Canada presented itself, and Laforet says the price is right.

Laforet told AM800 News the 53 ft. mobile unit expands upward and outward. It will be a useful tool for stakeholders, and any other municipalities that wish to get on board with the project.

Laforet says the unit should be ready for the fall if every council involved approves the purchase.

Plans Continue For Transit Service In LaSalle

WindsoriteDOTea News - Monday August 7th, 2017



On Tuesday evening LaSalle Town Council will be asked to spend some money on the necessary infrastructure to support the new town bus routes.

They will be asked to spend \$140,000 for transit stop pad construction and connections.

Four bus shelters will also be purchased and installed costing approximately \$24,000.

The town will also enter into an agreement with Creative Outdoor Advertising for the installation of benches at transit bus stops. The new benches come at no cost to the town, and Creative Outdoor Advertising will be responsible for getting sponsorship for each bench. The town will see a revenue expense of about 5%.

Transit starts in LaSalle in September and will see two routes that go from St. Clair College to the area of Morton Drive at Front Road. It will take approximately 45 minutes for one bus to travel the entire LaSalle route.

Passengers travelling on the LaSalle route will be able to transfer to Transit Windsor routes South Windsor 7, Dougall 6 and Dominion 5.

Fireworks light up Chatham

Chatham Daily News - Monday, August 7, 2017



More than 3,000 people attended Sunday's fireworks display at St. Clair College Thames Campus in Chatham. The show had been postponed from Canada Day. (Trevor Terfloth/The Daily News)

The skies over Chatham lit up with a bang on Sunday night, as people had a chance to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday all over again.

After a much-anticipated fireworks display was postponed a month ago due to poor weather and ground conditions, Mother Nature more than made up for it, with more than 3,000 visitors coming out to St. Clair College Thames Campus.

Chris Glassford, co-chair of the Chatham Canada Day Committee, said organizers made the most of the extra preparation time.

"We decided we can't just cancel this. The public deserves more," he told The Daily News. "It had to go. It had to happen."

Glassford said many lessons were learned, including for the set-up and logistics. He added he had a smaller team, but that they were focused on the task at hand.

"The optimism didn't change. If anything, it got better," he said. "Everyone was very positive to get it done."

While there was a large crowd on the grounds, which had vendors and entertainment, others took in the fireworks from the comfort of their nearby backyards and balconies.

The \$17,000 show was sponsored by GreenField Global to mark the company's 20th year of being in Chatham-Kent.

"It's amazing the support we've got from anyone in the community," Glassford said. "Businesses stepped forward and took care of a lot."

Stephanie Boudreau, assistant plant manager at Greenfield, said the company was happy to be a part of the festivities.

"We thought it was a great idea," she said. "It's amazing the committee put that together."

Postings on social media, which were highly critical about the lack of fireworks in Chatham for recent events, took on a decidedly different tone after Sunday's show was over, with many people praising the organizers, as well as K&H Fireworks, for putting on a high-calibre display.

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Heather Clifford, secretary of the committee, said there is already talk of next year.

However, she said another site will likely be needed, due to scheduled development in the field that was used to set off the fireworks this time.

"We're going to be doing some location scouting over the next few months," she said. "We're looking for suggestions and are going to be working with K&H, the fireworks company, for their feedback on what they need."

Clifford said the committee will soon meet to discuss what worked and what didn't work.

She encouraged the public to provide recommendations as well.

"We appreciate the feedback from the community," she said. "Let us know."

LaSalle to roll out transit plan with initial \$164,000 investment

About \$140,000 will pay for construction of stop pads, while the additional \$24,000 will pay for bus shelters

[CBC News](#) Aug 07, 2017



LaSalle considers initial cost for rolling out its first transit operation after signing deal with Transit Windsor. (CBC)

LaSalle council will consider investing an initial \$164,000 for the town's first transit operation expected to roll out in September.

The money will pay for bus shelters along the proposed transit route that will connect the community to Windsor's more robust system.

An estimated \$140,000 will pay for construction of stop pads, while the additional \$24,000 will pay for the shelters, according to a report from staff going to town council Tuesday.

LaSalle has already partnered with Transit Windsor to buy two buses that will travel from St. Clair College through the town's main business district, to the Vollmer Centre and Front Road, eventually connecting to Windsor's system

The entire route will take about 45 minutes. The service will start at the beginning of September, just in time to provide students with a new transportation option

To help introduce the service to the community, the town will let people ride for free for the first four months.

There Could Be A Strike At St. Clair This Fall

WindsoriteDOTea News Tuesday August 8th, 2017



There could be a strike at St. Clair College this weekend.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union has asked the Ontario Labour Relations Board to schedule a September strike vote for faculty at Ontario public colleges.

The chair of the union bargaining team, JP Hornick, says the vote should come as no surprise to college management, given their refusal to deal with the core issues raised by faculty.

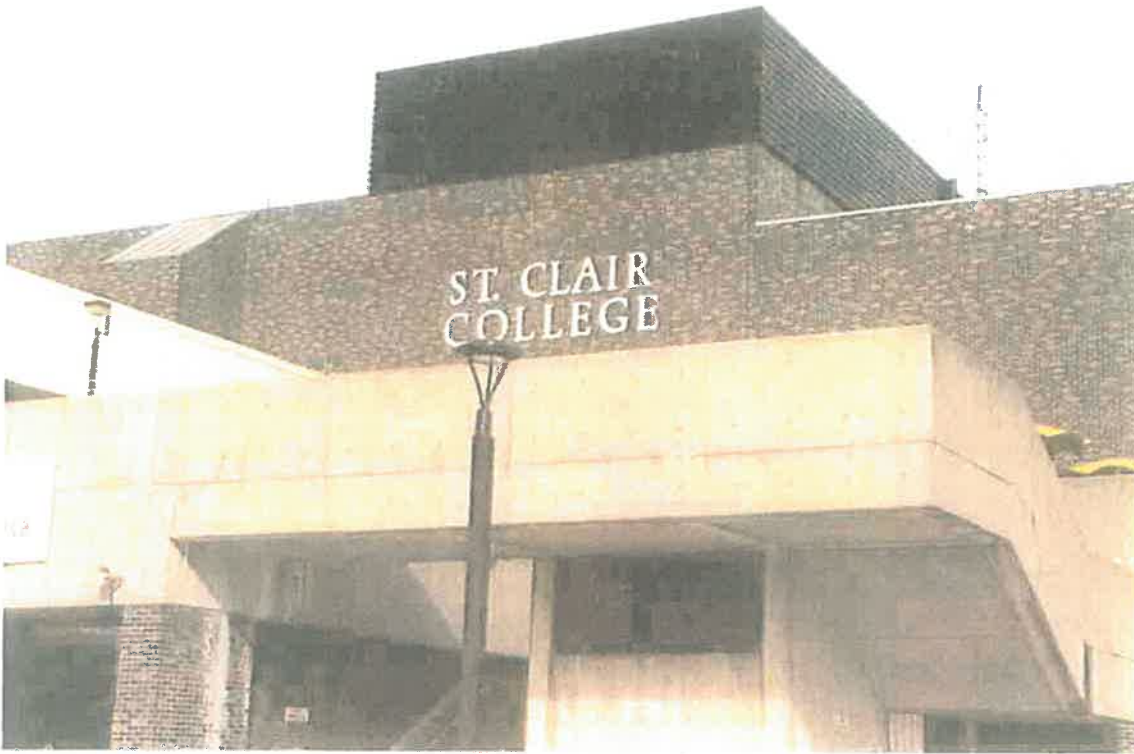
"For students and faculty alike, the learning and teaching environment plays a critical role in the success of the college system," said Hornick. "We've put forward proposals that would improve academic decision-making through collegial governance and academic freedom, create fairness in how partial-load and contract faculty are treated, and support the success of students.

"Together, our better plan will provide students with the quality education that they deserve and that will benefit their future employers, and our province as a whole."

The OPSEU collective agreement for college faculty will expire on September 30th, 2017.

Labour Unrest At Ontario's Community Colleges

AM800 CKI W Tuesday, August 8, 2017



St. Clair College Main Campus (photo by AM800's Teresinha Medeiros)

Ontario's community colleges want to extend the current collective agreement for their academic employees.

It has made an offer of settlement but the union representing the workers, OPSEU, has rejected holding a vote.

The chair of the college's bargaining team says the offer is in line with other public sector extensions for support staff, teachers and education workers.

The union has asked the Ontario Labour Relations Board to schedule a strike vote next month.

The current contract, which covers St. Clair College, expires September 30th.

Local Fire Services Forming Training Partnership

AM800 CKLW - Thursday, August 10th 2017



Example of a Mobile Live Fire Training Simulator from Draeger Canada. (Photo courtesy of www.draeger.com)

A unique partnership for Windsor Fire.

City Council has given approval for the purchase of a 'mobile live fire training simulator'.

Windsor Fire will be splitting the \$380,000 cost with LaSalle Fire, Amherstburg Fire and St. Clair College.

Windsor's Chief Stephen Laforet, says in the past firefighters have had to travel to Sarnia or even the US for this kind of training.

"It gives us an opportunity to provide our firefighters with live fire training which is something that we haven't been able to do up until this point," he says. "Any alternative solution to that would be very costly in terms of sending our staff out and back filling their position when they're gone. So we're very excited about this. Certainly it's a good partnership."

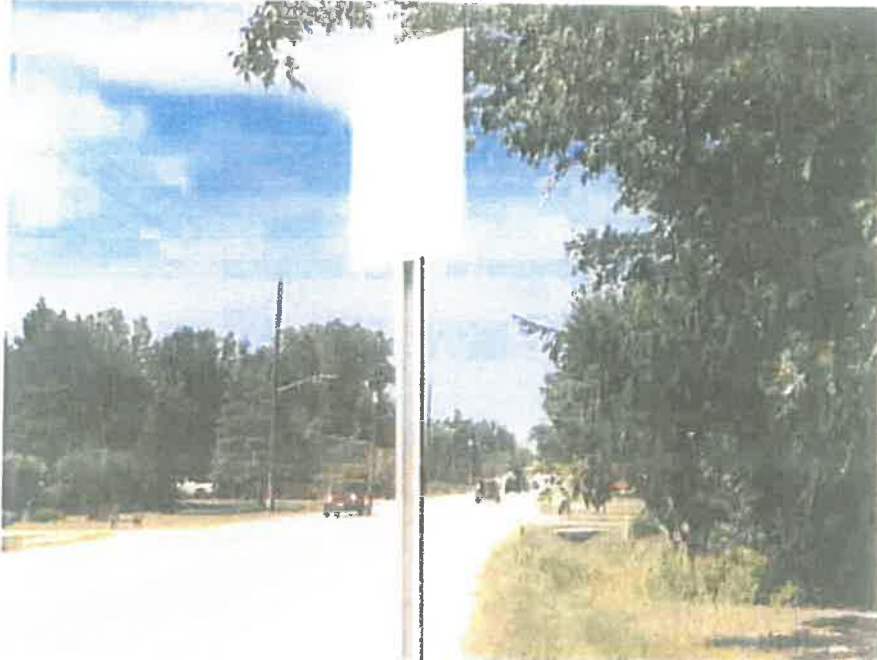
Laforet says it'll make training new firefighters easier as well.

"When we take new recruits on, they come with very little, if any, fire training. So we've used Oakland County Community College in the US. It's quite a tight day to get them over and get a good quality training day in."

With the purchase approved, Laforet says the training trailer should arrive to Windsor-Essex within the next couple of months.

LaSalle Approves Bus Shelters and Concrete Pads For Transit Service

AM800 CKLW Friday, August 11, 2017



Future LaSalle Bus Stop Sign (Photo by AM800's Rob Hindi)

The Town of LaSalle is gearing up for its transit launch.

Town council has agreed to spend \$164,000 on bus shelters and concrete pads.

Director of Public Works Peter Marra says when the service launches the day after Labour Day, there will be four bus shelters in place.

He says the four shelters will be located throughout the bus route.

"The four that we're going to install now, they'll be two on Heritage Drive by the Windsor Crossing Mall, one at Front Road at Laurier and one at the Vollmer," says Marra.

The service is free for the first three months and includes 95 stops.

Transit Windsor is providing the service after the city and the town reached a five year agreement.

The agreement will see two buses, paid for by LaSalle, run routes throughout 70% of LaSalle households.

The looped routes stretch from Front Road to St. Clair College.

Windsor Express to host NBL of Canada draft combine

Windsor Star August 15, 2017

For three days in October, Windsor will become the centre of the universe for the NBL of Canada.

The league announced on Tuesday that the city is to serve as host for the league's annual draft combine Oct. 20-22 at St. Clair College.

"This is a national event," Windsor Express president and CEO Dartis Willis said. "Every owner and coach will be present at the combine."

Willis has been trying for years to bring the event to Windsor. It has been held the past three seasons in Orangeville, but the club is no longer in the league.

"I've always wanted to continue to do things fresh and new here in Windsor," Willis said. "We have continued to refresh something new for the community constantly. This is a great opportunity and there could be business opportunities from it for the city."

From a league perspective, moving the event to a border city like Windsor makes perfect sense when trying to attract American talent to the league.

"It just makes sense," said Audley Stephenson, who is in charge of publicity and promotions for the NBL of Canada. "Being as close to the U.S. border, that's a big advantage, so it's accessible to players to get to the combine."

And that was one of the complaints Express head coach and vice-president of basketball operations Bill Jones had heard about past events from prospective players.

"You get to Detroit and it's right across to Windsor instead of having to drive another four more hours (to Orangeville) to play for one day," Jones said. "That's what I was hearing. Players were driving overnight or leaving at 6 a.m. and were not in optimal position to play."

Players will also have two days — instead of the previous one — for physicals, testing and scrimmages, which will be run by Jones and his staff.

"With it being held at St. Clair College (instead of the WFCU Centre) it will allow us to scrimmage on two courts at once," Jones said. "Players can play for two days rather than four or five hours in front of our league personnel."

The camp is limited to 150 players — American and Canadian — and registration is being held through Global Basketball.

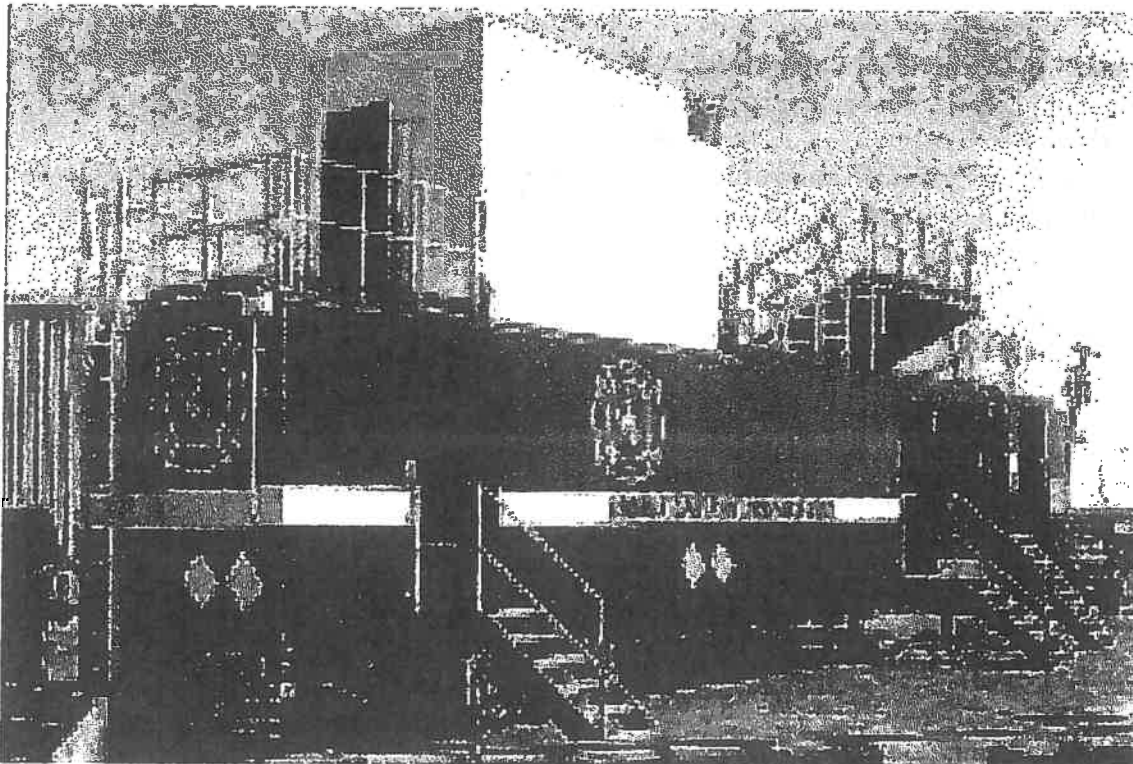
"They are helping with recruiting," Stephenson said of Global Basketball. "There will be quality talent."

Stephenson said workouts will be open to the public with the weekend culminating with a two-round draft on Sunday, which is closed to the public. Results will be announced on social media.

"We pushed for this as an organization," said Jones, whose team will draft eighth overall. "Dartis headed it up with the opportunity of putting together a first-class combine."

Refurbished simulator to help train firefighters

Windsor Star - 16 Aug 2017



This photo from the Draeger Canada website shows an example of the fire-training simulator that the City of Windsor, St. Clair College and towns of LaSalle and Amherstburg will buy refurbished for \$386,383.

Windsor, St. Clair College, LaSalle and Amherstburg are chipping in to buy a fire-training simulator that provides "the best opportunity we have to actually train with fire," according to Windsor Fire Chief Stephen Laforet.

City council recently approved the purchase of the \$386,383 refurbished simulator, which would cost more than \$600,000 new. The cost-sharing arrangement has the largest fire department, Windsor, paying two-fifths of the cost, with the other groups each paying one-fifth. St. Clair College would use it for its firefighter training program.

"It's a really expensive piece of equipment that, on our own, we really couldn't afford at this time," Laforet said. The simulator from Draeger Canada is on a semi trailer that can be hauled to one location, opened up and extended upwards to create a fire-training apparatus, then taken down and moved to the next location.

"We'll have it each year for more than enough time to get everyone through," the chief said, explaining it will be erected at the department's emergency apparatus and equipment repair and maintenance facility on Kew Drive.

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The fireproof simulator comes with rooms, doors, stairs and other features, along with propane burners inside that create realistic fire scenarios that firefighters attack as a team. In the distant past, Laforet said, fire departments would try to get possession of a vacant house to set on fire, so firefighters could train with real fire.

“But that’s a very, very dangerous thing to do, not to mention all the pollution it creates and all those types of things.”

The city also has a concrete training structure at its College Avenue station, but it provided a very limited opportunity for realistic training, he said.

The closest simulators are in Sarnia or in Oakland, Mich., which is where new recruits are sent for training before becoming full-fledged firefighters. But sending firefighters away was too expensive because of the cost for replacing them on their shifts, the chief said.

Most in-service training is currently done in components, such as ladder work and water pumping. Laforet said the simulator “allows us to bring together the entire picture of a fire scene,” including ladder training, search and rescue, pumper operations, hose line placement and incident command.

“So right from the first arriving officer, making appropriate decisions and deploying his crew, to expanding it to include other units and someone being in command.”

The simulator will ensure all firefighters are better trained in live fire extinguishment, a report to council says.

Laforet said it’s not too late for fire departments from other municipalities to get involved in the cost sharing.

Windsor’s \$154,553 cost will be paid with \$23,951 from a reserve account and \$130,602 from what remains in an account set up with \$255,000 about 13 years ago for a future training facility. The land was purchased on Sandwich Street, but the training facility was never built. A future report is going to address what to do with the vacant land.

It’s a really expensive piece of equipment that, on our own, we really couldn’t afford We’ll have it each year for more than enough time to get everyone through.

Perrotte At St Clair College

AM800 CKLW Wednesday, August 16, 2017



(photo from St Clair College athletics)

Former NCAA standout and Windsor native Ryan Perrotte will be at the St. Clair College High Performance Volleyball Camp this afternoon from 1-4 pm.

Perrotte will be a guest instructor at the first annual camp.

The camp features 43 students taking part this week at the Sportsplex daily from 9-4 pm with instruction from Saint's coaches Rob Lynch and Jimmy El-Turk along with several St. Clair student athletes.

Former Fort Wayne standout middle blocker, Ryan "Rock" Perrotte, enters his second season as the men's volleyball head coach. Perrotte spent 12 seasons as the Fort Wayne men's assistant volleyball coach prior to his first season as head coach.

During his tenure, the Mastodons have reached a national title game, made two NCAA Final Four appearances and won two MIVA championships. He has coached three All-Americans and 14 All-MIVA selections.

A graduate of IPFW, Perrotte received a master's degree in professional communications and a bachelor's degree in business accounting. Rock has been a sports broadcaster since 1999 for the College Access Channel, Fort Wayne Athletics internet broadcasts and ESPN Radio.

St. Clair College To Host 10th Annual Family Fun Day

AM800 CKLW - Saturday, August 19th 2017



St. Clair College continues to celebrate its 50th year with Family Fun Day.

The 10th annual party takes over the college's main campus at 2000 North Talbot Rd. W. all day Sunday.

Vice President of Community Relations John Fairley says the event is paid for by the St. Clair College Alumni Association.

Fairley says with more than 100,000 graduates over the years, he hopes the day will be a great way to show alumni families a good time and see the campus again.

"Some people haven't been on campus for years, and of course, with them sponsoring this it makes it a free event for the community. Hopefully we see perspective of families," he says.

This year's party will feature vendors, inflatables, the Windsor Spitfires, Zoo 2 You, princesses, a barbeque, pony and wagon rides, and free swimming.

Fairley told AM800 News there's something for everybody.

"This is a free event for everyone in Windsor-Essex to come to the college and have a great time with their family," he says. "This year we have a video game tailor for those who are maybe a little older that aren't into riding ponies or getting on wagon rides."

The Spitfires will be there with a special guest, according to Fairley.

"Some of the Spitfires, we don't know who yet, will be there around 11:30am with the Memorial Cup, so that's a great thing," Fairley says. "It's kind of neat for us and to take pictures with the memorial cup."

The 10th Annual Family Fun Day starts at 11am.

For more information visit www.stclaircollege.ca

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Local Designer Heading To Vancouver Fashion Week

AM800CK1W - Sunday, August 20th 2017



(Photo courtesy of www.shhh-fashions.com)

Quite the opportunity for a local fashion designer.

Fashion Design Technician, Ashley Regnier, is heading to Vancouver Fashion Week to showcase her 'Shhh Fashions' clothing line.

Regnier is a graduate of the St. Clair College Fashion Design Technician program and was nominated by program coordinator Elaine Chatwood to be part of the show.

Regnier says she had no idea she was being considered.

"It's one of the biggest shows in Canada," says Regnier. "Sara Murray had emailed my coordinator at St. Clair, Elaine Chatwood; they had said that she should nominate three different graduates from the past three years. So, I have been sponsored to produce eight pieces for a runway show on September 20."

Regnier says the sponsorship is a big help.

"That would cover my models, my hairdressers, my makeup artists, my backstage managers, my dressers, the DJ and all that equipment, the space. Whereas, I have to fund my flight out there as well as my accommodations. So I did start a Go Fund Me for that," says Regnier.

Regnier sees this is her big chance.

"There's media coverage in the US, the UK and China, Germany," says Regnier. "Vogue is going to be there, Elle is going to be there, Marie Claire, Flair. So this could mean getting discovered."

Regnier has set up a [Go Fund Me page](#) to help cover her accommodations and other show costs.

Vancouver Fashion Week runs September 18 to 24.



St. Clair College main campus May 12, 2015. (Photo by Adelle Loiselle)

St. Clair College Family Day Marks Ten Years

Blackburn News - August 20, 2017

St. Clair College marks another milestone with an event Sunday.

The main south Windsor campus, already celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, will hold the college's tenth annual Family Fun Day, with plenty of activities, food and amusements. The free event is sponsored by the St. Clair College Alumni Association.

Among the scheduled attractions are a kid' zone, pony rides, clowns, face painting, craft tables and vendors. The Memorial Cup is expected to make an appearance with Windsor Spitfires players starting at 11:30am.

The campus' swimming pool will be open to the public at no charge from 1pm to 4pm.

Zoo 2 You is scheduled to make an appearance beginning at noon, and a new attraction this year is a free video game trailer, according to a release from St. Clair College spokesman John Fairley.

Representatives from the college are expected to be on hand to talk about course offerings for the coming 2017-18 academic year, with the fall term beginning in just over two weeks' time.

The Family Fun Day runs from 11am to 4pm. Parking will be free on all the college's main campus lots and shuttles will be available.

PHOTOS: 10th Annual Family Fun Day At St. Clair College

WindsoriteDOTea News - Sunday August 20th, 2017



Family Fun Day at St. Clair College takes off once again for the 10th year running.

The event brings fun for the whole family in front of the College's main campus, which includes clowns, a barbecue, many unique vendors, comic books, pony rides, a petting zoo and giveaways.

The free-to-attend event runs to 4pm.



University graduate back at college to meet labour market demands

Windsor Star August 21, 2017

When Simon Lizotte graduated from the University of Windsor with a degree in Sociology and Labour Studies, he expected take the world by storm.

But, Lizotte, 27, like many other students, found himself hitting a dead end and unable to find a job. Frustrated, he started researching jobs and was drawn to software development and mobile applications in particular.

"I did some research and found in a few years it will be a peak year for jobs in this field, so I figured why not go back to school and work toward that?," said Lizotte, of Windsor.

Lizotte enrolled in the Mobile Applications Development program at St. Clair College. Peter Nikita, coordinator of the program, said the program has doubled in size since it was launched two years ago. There is a constant wait list of students who want to get into the program. Nikita initially designed the program after local industry leaders approached the school for graduating students in that field.

"They said we are hiring some of your web developers but we need app developers too," he said. "So it really was industry and a strong demand that developed this program."

The three-year advanced diploma program is designed for those interested in developing mobile applications for smartphones, tablets and the web. Students go through three streams Android, iOS (Apple) and Web App development. They learn to use a variety of languages and technologies to develop, build and deploy apps for the marketplace.

Workforce WindsorEssex released its list of top 75 in-demand jobs in this region last month with software developers making the cut. Spokesman Justin Falconer said the list was comprised from a variety of research methods including online job postings, employer surveys and consultations and news stories about companies expanding. The list is extensive and includes everything from senior managers in trade, broadcasting and retail to pharmacists, biologists and tool and die makers.

"We are seeing more and more job postings in this area," he said. "Job postings are already up 10 per cent from last year."



St. Clair College student Simon Lizotte is shown at the school on Thursday, August 3, 2017. He is in the mobile applications development program. For story on in-demand jobs. Dan Janisse Windsor Star

Jason Carruthers, owner of Zipp Lash and Mad Wax, has been struggling to find people for his lash extension and waxing businesses. Since opening the doors to Zipp Lash ten years ago, Carruthers, 48, has watched his business steadily grow. He's got investors eager to become a part of the growing business but he's facing a bigger challenge.

"What is our biggest problem?" he said. "It's not customers or sales, it's the staff. Business is booming and we are pushing people away in a sense. We can't seem to get enough employees."

A shortage of skilled workers isn't limited anymore to technical trades in the manufacturing sector. Employers are seeing it everywhere.

"There's not enough people out there," he said. "But why isn't there? We are offering a great job and a great career."

In 2016, the Global Wellness Institute (GWI), an international think tank focused on wellness, pointed out that the spa business is a growing, high-demand sector with recruitment and talent being their No. 1 challenge. According to statistics, the global spa market grew from \$94 billion in 2013 to \$98.6 billion in 2015. Research shows that the global spa industry will need 500,000 new spa therapists by 2018.

Falconer can't offer a definitive answer to why there is such a shortage of talent in this area. He said the employment world is changing quickly with many new jobs and careers popping up constantly. Workforce Windsor/Essex is currently putting together an online resource tool, Training and Careers Pathway, which will list the top 75 in-demand jobs along with links to the wages, skill set and education pathways. The resource tool is expected to be ready in Fall.

"There are a lot of careers that just didn't exist a number of years ago," he said. "We are hoping our new online tool will help get word out that these jobs are available and let them know they are in demand."

Katie Renaud, Researcher Quantitative LMI specialist at Workforce Windsor/Essex has been doing quarterly surveys with employers since last May asking them what positions they have been hiring and which ones are hard to fill. The list highlights welders, machinists, computer programmers and construction labourers as jobs that employers are having a hard time filling.

"I think it's a combination of not enough applicants, people are not going into those positions or they just might not be aware that they are in demand," she said. "They may not be taking the right programs or they are just simply lacking the technical or soft skills needed."

For Lizotte, he couldn't be happier being back at school and working his way toward not only something he loves, but something which has a future.

He entered the Hacking Health in Detroit last year and designed an app with two other friends. They ended up winning \$6,000 and got some well-deserved recognition.

"I love it," he said. "My LinkedIn has been blowing up with people offering me jobs all the time and people just generally are always asking me about creating mobile apps. My university experience and prior work experience just didn't really seem to look into the future. But I see the horizon with this."

Transit Launch Celebration in LaSalle



Transit Windsor buses on display for a launch celebration of the new service in the town of LaSalle. (Angelo Aversa/CTV Windsor)

CTV Windsor

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Residents in LaSalle are getting a closer look at the town's new transit service.

A launch celebration is being held at the LaSalle Civic Centre until 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Residents can ask questions about transit fares and passes, routes, bus accessibility, even mounted bike racks.

Mayor Ken Antaya tells CTV Windsor the response from the community so far has been positive.

"I think the service could set us apart from other municipalities," says Antaya.

The town has entered into a five-year agreement with Transit Windsor to operate the service, beginning Sept. 5. As part of the deal, the town of LaSalle will pay for the use of two buses on routes that stretch from St. Clair College to Front Rd.

"I know it's going to cost us money," admits Antaya. "But it's a step in the right direction."

The service will operate for free for the first three months.

Shuttle Service A Game-Changer For College Students

The Square - 23 August 2017

AMHERSTBURG, ON – Vanessa Dafonte still has plenty to take care of before her fall semester starts up at St Clair College. Buying textbooks, finding out where her classes are, and getting used to a new schedule is both exciting and stressful.

Despite living about half an hour away from St Clair though, one thing Dafonte doesn't need to stress about is how she is getting to those classes.

“Without this service, I'd have to put a pretty big burden on the people in my life to get me to class. It would have been so much harder without this option,” said Dafonte, a Chemical Laboratories Technology student. “When I signed up I really only expected to get a ride to class. I didn't expect ... how friendly the drivers would be.”

Dafonte is talking about the St Clair Student Shuttle, which offers an accessible, county-wide transportation service to and from the college's main campus. It has provided a simple solution to a problem faced by so many living in Essex County.

The shuttle has been provided to students since 2013 through a collaboration of three local non-profit organisations: South Essex Community Council, Essex Community Services, and Amherstburg Community Services.

“This service has become so important to so many people. For some it is absolutely life changing,” said Kathy DiBartolomeo, the executive director at Amherstburg Community Services. “The challenge of connecting the rural Essex County with the city has been discussed plenty of times, but this is a service that's available now and ensures that no matter your situation or where you live, you have the opportunity to better yourself.”

Registration for the St Clair Student Shuttle is now open, and any interested students must register in advance. There is a monthly user fee of \$240 to offset the costs incurred by the organisations.

Once a student has registered, they will be given information on pick-up and drop-off times and locations. Seating is limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Students may call the organization closest to their residence to register.

Registration Open For County-Wide Student Shuttle Service

WindsoriteDOTea News - Wednesday August 23rd, 2017



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A Transit Windsor bus is seen turning onto Riverside Dr. on July 19, 2016. (Photo by Ricardo Veneza)

LaSalle Ready For Transit

Blackburn News - August 24, 2017

The Town of LaSalle is ready to launch transit service in the town.

"The comments have all been positive. I think that's its just a part of the growth of our community. It's just a natural fit for an urbanized community to provide that type of service," says LaSalle Mayor Ken Antaya.

The service starts September 5, 2017, and will be offered through Transit Windsor. Fares on LaSalle Route 25 will be free until January 1, 2018.

"If they take a bus ride and they don't like it, then they're not out anything. But, if they do, then they see that there's a chance for them to really have a great service basically at their front door," says Antaya.

LaSalle will be covered by one route utilizing two buses: one starting at St. Clair College, and one in the area of Morton Drive at Front Road.

Residents were given a chance to ask questions and tour a Transit Windsor bus at an event Wednesday night

Leamington-area native wins prestigious Young Architect Award 'that we always strived for'

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Leamington-area native Jodi Batay-Csorba and her husband Andrew always wanted to open an architecture practice together, and after the 2008 recession, they took that leap of faith.

Since founding Batay-Csorba Architects seven years ago, they have managed more than 96 projects in 38 different cities across 11 countries. Earlier this year, they received the 2017 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Young Architect Award for their work.

"It's an award that we always strived for," Jodi Batay-Csorba said.

An architect in Canada under the age of 40 is selected for the award annually "but in our case, they actually selected both Andrew and myself," she said. "We actually had, in our application we submitted together, we explained that really there was no way to separate one from the other ... just because we're so intertwined in our past and our work."

The jury commented that the architecture was "good and mature work that is innovative and fresh" and that the "design and built resolution of space and surface detailing" was excellent.

Batay-Csorba said they were "ecstatic" when news of the award arrived — especially because she is 39.

"This was actually the last year that I could apply for it," she said. "It was kind of our last chance. We were so happy. The people that have gotten it in the past, you know, we really look up to. We're just so happy to be included in that company."

Batay-Csorba was born and raised in Wheatley, until she moved to Windsor at age 18 to study architectural technology at St. Clair College.

After graduating, she moved to Southfield, Mich., to study at Lawrence Technological University, where she and Andrew — from Thunder Bay, Ont. — met. Their work brought them to Los Angeles, but after spending nearly a decade in the States, they began considering a move back to Canada.

"We always wanted to have our own practice together," Batay-Csorba said.

When the recession hit, the pair packed their bags and decided to move to Toronto.

"Toronto is starting to get more into contemporary design, and we wanted to be part of the growth of Toronto," she said.

They began working in the east side of Toronto, but now are located near Jane Street and Bloor Street.

“We’re definitely a progressive firm that does a lot of ... contemporary work,” Batay-Csorba said. “We’ve done a lot of residential work, just starting on our own. Our background is larger scale institutional, mixed-use museums and things.”

But when they relocated, they began focusing on houses.

“When we came to Toronto, there’s so much residential work (and) that’s what we dove into. All of our projects really explore sight and materiality and space. That’s the thing we focus on.”

The firm recently finished a double duplex project in Toronto’s Parkdale neighbourhood.

“It’s two duplexes that are side by side, and they have a large — the whole front façade — is a wood brise soleil, like a wooden screen, that shades a two-storey porch on the front of the building,” Batay-Csorba said. “It actually lets in really awesome, filtered shadows into the house from this screen.”

Hidden in the facade are animal figures.

“Based on different lighting conditions, the time of day, the altitude of the sun, and shadows from the neighbouring trees, at different times and angles you see different animals that we embedded into this wooden screen,” she said.

“So every piece of architecture that we do has a story with it.”

Windsorsites In Texas Deal With Hurricane's Impact

AM800CKLW Monday, August 28th 2017



Flooding shown in Houston, Texas (Photo courtesy of Milica Avdalovic)

While Windsor-Essex experiences heavy rain on Monday night, even worse weather is battering those in the Lone Star State.

A St. Clair College graduate, originally from Texas and now back living in Austin, says everyone in the state is experiencing some impact from now Tropical Storm Harvey, which started out as a hurricane.

Kristen Faye lived in Windsor from 2006 to 2010 and says the Austin area is just at the edge of the tropical storm and is getting a lot of rain.

Faye says some parts of the city are potential flood zones.

"We've been accommodating people who evacuated and then there are some lower lying areas in Austin that are prone to flooding and so people in those areas were preparing for that with sandbags and that kind of thing."

Faye adds, people in the worst hit areas are traveling to Austin.

"People here are welcoming family. I have a lot of friends whose families are staying with them and are still unable to return to places on the coast because of flooding on the highway and because power has not been restored to hundreds of homes and neighborhoods."

Windsor resident Milica Avdalovic is in Houston with her father who is receiving cancer treatment.

She says they had no idea what they were in for.

"We were just honestly expecting to have nice really hot weather and all the news channels were going crazy talking about Hurricane Harvey and how Houston is going to be really badly hit. So we went to the grocery store to go get water. We went to three major grocery stores, there was no water anywhere."

Avdalovic says it's been very chaotic.

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"This hotel is completely sold out. They have all their workers living here, currently, because it's unsafe for them to get to their homes. People have been losing their homes, their vehicles, all kinds of stuff. There's tons of people throughout surrounding counties that have come to stay here because their houses are gone."



Flooding shown in Houston, Texas (Photo courtesy of Milica Avdalovic)

Avdalovic adds, the community is coming together to help those in need.

"People are losing their homes and it's really sad, but at the same time it's nice to see people that are out there helping other people out in this time. There's a network of people out there trying to help people out. Prime, simple example of people having good hearts at a time of crisis like this."

The storm is expected to hit Houston with more rain in the coming days as rescue efforts continue in the city.

The city's mayor, Sylvester Turner, says police have rescued more than 3,000 people during the storm.

Hurricane Harvey has already dumped an estimated 15-trillion gallons of water on the State of Texas.

St. Clair College Gets Busy Again Starting This Week

WindsoriteDO Tea News - Monday August 28th, 2017



The quiet hallways and sparse coffee lines at St. Clair College come to an end starting Tuesday August 29th as more than 5,000 first year students descend on the campuses in both Windsor and Chatham.

Orientation Week runs from August 29th to September 1st and as the College continues to mark its 50th Anniversary. Students will meet their faculty, purchase their books, get student cards and tour the campus.

Frosh week starts September 5th and Nick Goran, President of the Student Representative Council (SRC), says there are lots of activities planned.

"We put together events that hopefully appeal to everyone including a Detroit River Boat Cruise, evening events, links to student clubs and volunteer opportunities and more," says Goran. "The highlight however will be a concert with pop band Marianas Trench". There is a real buzz on campus about this one." The band performs on Thursday, September 7th in the new Student Life Centre at Windsor Campus.

Students can also find out about the new partnership with the University of Windsor and the Epic Genesis Centre for students with that entrepreneurial spirit.

At the Chatham Campus, students will be treated to a free hot breakfast, be able to participate in the TSI Olympics, Bazooka Ball, and learn about strategies to help them be successful in the classroom.

"The first few weeks of classes are about getting familiar with the campus and meeting new people," says Stephanie Woodall, Thames Students Inc. Programming and Projects Coordinator. "TSI works hard to ensure that students have lots of opportunity to enjoy campus life. It really enhances their overall experience."

Flooding stalls traffic, closes businesses, destroys residences across Windsor-Essex

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Windsor police urged the public not to drive “unless absolutely necessary,” as many road surfaces had become submerged in several inches of water. Across the city, highly trafficked streets were rendered impassable.

According to Supt. Brendan Dodd, at least a dozen major routes were affected as of 4:30 p.m., including the E.C. Row Expressway, Jefferson Boulevard, Riverside Drive East, Tecumseh Road West, Dominion Boulevard, most of College Avenue, and more.

“Do not drive through standing water on roads or in parking lots,” Windsor police implored. “Many reports of stalled out vehicles in flooded areas.” The City of Windsor said at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday that the situation was being closely monitored and “all storm water management systems are working as designed.”

But the high volume of rain continued to fill up gutters and low-lying roadways, making driving anywhere a risky proposition.

Record amounts of rain fell in the space of six hours between Monday evening and Tuesday morning, only for the deluge to begin again on Tuesday afternoon. Environment Canada issued a severe thunderstorm warning for a second time just after 1 p.m.

“Radar and observations indicate 80 to 150 millimetres have fallen between LaSalle and Tecumseh over the last four hours,” the weather office said at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. As of Tuesday evening, Environment Canada had recorded 160 millimetres of rain in LaSalle, on top of the 125 recorded there the day before, for a total of 285 millimetres in 20 hours.

“It’s pretty significant,” Environment Canada meteorologist Arnold Ashton said. “This area of southwestern Ontario is known for some pretty epic rainfalls. But this one is significant.”

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday — by which point Environment Canada estimated that 90 per cent of the storm had passed — the City of Windsor had recorded 170 millimetres of rain at the Grand Marais Drain.

Early Tuesday, Essex Region Conservation Authority issued a flood warning for all of Windsor-Essex. The agency said the warning will remain in effect until at least Wednesday morning. “Rainfall amounts are surpassing storm drain capacities for areas throughout the western regions of the city and town.”



Dominion Boulevard looks more like a river to motorists trying to navigate it in Windsor's south end on Aug. 29, 2017.

Even before Tuesday's alerts came, the ground was already saturated from previous precipitation. Environment Canada recorded a total of 57 millimetres of rainfall at Windsor Airport on Monday. But double or even triple that amount was reported by other locales — 100 to 150 millimetres, especially in Tecumseh and Lakeshore.

"There was a lot of variability," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson on Tuesday morning. "What we had was a series of localized, intense thunderstorms, moving in a train from south to north."

"The areas that were right under where these storms kept tracking — they got the biggest amounts." In comparison, Environment Canada's observation site in Harrow received a paltry 14 millimetres Tuesday morning. By Tuesday afternoon, commuters were struggling to find alternate routes on river-like streets.

Businesses and institutions were also affected. Devonshire Mall closed all stores for the day due to drainage problems. St. Clair College cancelled all evening classes and apprenticeship sessions, as of 5 p.m.

Flood conditions at the Met Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital became so dire that the medical facility advised patients seeking emergency care to instead go to the Ouellette Campus or even the facility in Leamington.

In a statement, WRH described a "Code Orange" protocol due to "an inability to have rain water leave the facility."

Significant flooding occurred on the hospital's ground floor and in some inpatient areas. The hospital reported that water came up through main floor drains and from the parking lots directly into the building.

The Met Campus emergency department, patient food services, pharmacy, and diagnostic imaging department were all affected. Inpatient care has not been affected.

Private residences also suffered. Hundreds of homeowners all over the region received thousands of dollars in flood damage to their basements.

James Fullerton, 75, who lives on Belleperche Place in the Riverside area, was furious to find half a foot of water in his finished basement — a repeat of what happened to his home during the massive rainfall that Windsor-Tecumseh endured in late September 2016.

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"Flooded again!" Fullerton exclaimed. "That the houses on the street are flooded again. The city says 'Oh, we have it all under control.' But they haven't got it under control. They're totally useless."

Fullerton said he "paid a fortune" to repair and renovate his basement after the last time it was flooded. Now he'll be consulting a lawyer — and he knows he's not alone. "I'm talking about people's homes."

Retirees Donna and Ray Piche, who live nearby at the intersection of St. Rose and Edward avenues, were in the midst of completing renovations to their basement which was also flooded in September 2016 and again during the winter.

They had two sump pumps running as the rain came down Tuesday around 1:30 p.m. when Ray went out to the garage to get a third one, Donna said. "By the time he came downstairs it was gushing."

The water didn't stop rising until it reached the second step of the basement stairs. Their new drywall, carpeting, bathroom and fully furnished family room were ruined in minutes. The couple shut off their water heater and furnace, and called their insurance adjuster. There wasn't much else they could do.

"What really, really bugs us is we have brand new sewers," Donna said, of lines that were put in on St. Rose in 2014 and Edward in 2015. The house was built by Ray's grandfather and the couple has lived there since 1994. Last year was the first time their basement flooded.

Belle River resident Mike Berthiaume had a similar situation at his home on Russell Woods Drive. When inches of water began filling his basement around 2 a.m. Tuesday, he frantically started running pumps and vacuums — and kept at it for the rest of the day.

"It hasn't stopped. Water's still coming up. The township can't tell me why," Berthiaume said. "My problem is the sewer. I've got a backwater valve and everything, and it came right up through the drain in the floor."

"Public works said they can't help me. They said everybody's swamped. That's my story — It's a terrible one, and I'm sure there's a lot of people in the same boat."

The Town of Tecumseh also went into flood watch mode — activating all pump stations and sending work crews to clear storm drains starting Monday night.

In a release Tuesday, the town described the weather situation as "another unprecedented rain event" — similar to [the rainfall of September 2016](#).

According to the municipality, 150 millimetres came down in the space of six hours between Monday night and Tuesday morning alone. The September 2016 storm brought 175 millimetres in six hours, followed by 195 millimetres in 12 hours.

Dan Piescic, the Town of Tecumseh's director of public works, said this most recent rainfall also qualifies as a "100-year storm event."

"It overwhelmed both the storm and sanitary (sewer) systems. We've got ponding of water on roadways," Piescic said.

Reports of basement flooding were still incoming on Tuesday evening. Tecumseh residents dealing with water in their households have been asked to fill out a questionnaire on the town's website (www.tecumseh.ca/flood2016).

Piescic pointed out that the Town of Tecumseh subsidized installation of backwater valves for more than 500 residents after the September 2016 flood. A stormwater masterplan remains in the works, and the

municipality has begun a \$3-million program to improve inflow and infiltration removal in the sanitary sewer system.

"But to be perfectly frank with you, nothing can address an event like last year's flood," Piescic said. "It's too massive."

Piescic said he was out and about the municipality on Monday night until 1 a.m., monitoring work crews and making sure everything was being done that could be done.

"We've been unlucky twice," he lamented.

Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara said in a release: "Unfortunately, these extreme weather events are a new reality and municipalities cannot install the types of systems required to handle this high volume of rain."

Despite appearances, Environment Canada said the rainfall in Windsor-Essex has nothing to do with Tropical Storm Harvey and the catastrophic flooding in Houston.

"It's a different weather system," explained Geoff Coulson. "This series of storms is not related to the tropical moisture that's impacting the Gulf Coast."



Vehicles are barely able to move on flooded Dominion Boulevard in South Windsor on Aug. 29, 2017.

College Support Staff Have Labour Peace Until 2022

Blackburn News – Sarnia Lambton - August 30, 2017

Support staff at Ontario's 24 Community Colleges, including Lambton College, have ratified a four-year contract extension, voting 75% in favour of the new collective agreement.

The new deal, which will be in place until August 31, 2022, includes a 7.75% salary increase, as well as improvements to drug coverage, leave provisions and contracting-out language.

OPSEU spokesperson Janice Hagan says stopping contracting out has been their number one bargaining demand for the last 20 years.

Union President Warren (Smokey) Thomas says they are backing the "We Own It" campaign".

"I believe it is the biggest anti-privatization campaign in Canadian history," says Thomas. "This new collective agreement opens a door that will allow us to pour all the energy of that campaign into stopping the privatization of college services."

College Workers Ratify Four Year Deal

The Square - By: Robert Tuomi - 30 August 2017

(WINDSOR, ON) – Support staff at St Clair College, as well as Ontario's other 23 public colleges, have ratified a four-year extension to their collective agreement. This will extend the agreement to August 31, 2022.

In voting across the province yesterday, 75 per cent of Ontario Public Service Employees Union members backed a deal which gives them a 7.75 per cent wage increase over the four years plus improvements to drug coverage, leave provisions, and contracting-out language.

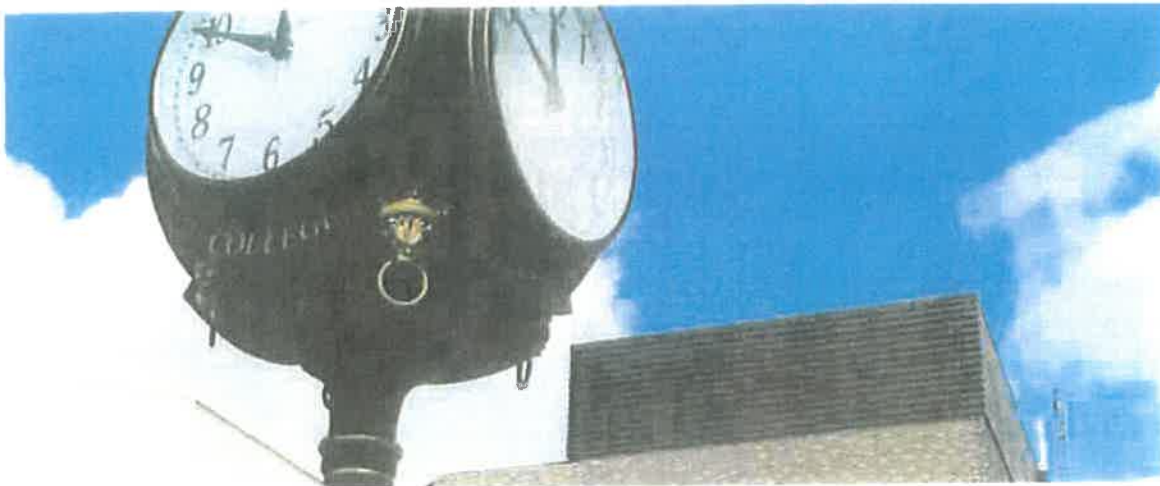
Janice Hagan, chair of the 10,000-strong College Support Division of OPSEU, sees the contracting-out language as a job saver saying, "... but, this new language is a step forward because it gives us an opportunity to save the work and save the jobs. That's not only good for current staff, but for the next generation of workers as well."

Hagan claims stopping the college management from outsourcing jobs has been her union's number one bargaining demand for 20 years.

OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas sees the language as a major union win and part of what he calls the, "... biggest anti-privatization campaign in Canadian history."

The union continues a campaign to force other agreements to have the same ability to restrict the ability of the government to hire a third party to do work done by OPSEU members. Thomas says this work should be kept, "... in the public sector where it belongs."

OPSEU has asked the Labour Relations Board to schedule a strike vote for faculty at Ontario public colleges for September 14.



St. Clair College with decorative clock. Windsor main campus. Photo by Mark Brown/Blackburn News.

St. Clair College Opens Windsor Residences

Blackburn News - August 31, 2017

St. Clair College is gearing up for the fall semester by welcoming students to its on-campus housing.

The college began opening up its residences to incoming first-year students this week, with over five thousand students beginning their programs at campuses in Windsor and Chatham.

The main campus in south Windsor is home to Quittenton Hall, the primary on-campus residence for Windsor students. Jessica McCullough, the housing manager, says the process began for some students this past weekend and things have been going smoothly.

"So far, it's amazing," says McCullough. "We had our first official early move-in day which was this past Sunday, where we had about 145 new students walk through our buildings. They're starting to get settled in."

McCullough says Quittenton Hall can accommodate about 400 students and they have reached capacity for the fall semester, beginning next week.

St. Clair College has its main campus building but also has some of its programs in downtown Windsor, at the MediaPlex and the Centre for the Arts. The college also has a significant campus in Chatham.

The housing is being opened as part of the college's orientation week, and St. Clair continues its celebration of its 50th anniversary. During orientation week, first-year students tour the campuses, become acquainted with their programs and the faculty, and are given a chance to avoid long lines by purchasing textbooks, materials and parking passes.

First-year students, many of whom are living away from home for the first time, will have access to programs and services to make them feel at home. Megan Betts, a medical laboratory science

student from Scarborough, Ont., says she loves living on campus and much is done to make residents comfortable.

"If the student feels homesick and they need to talk to somebody they can come down to the front desk, they can go to their R.A. (resident advisor), and they can talk to somebody about it," says Betts. "We can connect them with the kind of resources they need."

In addition to the tours, McCullough says they are planning events to help new students become familiar with Windsor-Essex, and with each other.

"Right now they're just learning their community, meet new people and meet new friends," says McCullough. "Not only just the college campus, but we're also putting on a Windsor bus tour. We'll be running that about three times this week."

The 50th anniversary of the college continues with the official opening of the fall term on Tuesday, September 5. Events have been planned for the month of September beginning with Dirty Bingo on September 6, and an appearance the following evening by Juno and MuchMusic Video award-winning recording artists Marianas Trench. A craft beer festival is also among events for September on the Windsor campus.

Orientation on the Chatham campus will feature a free hot breakfast, the Bazooka Ball and a chance for students to participate in the TSI Olympics.

For complete information on Orientation at the Chatham campus and all Windsor facilities, click [here](#).

Thirty-four local schools affected by flooding

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Among the hardest hit was Lajeunesse high school of the French Catholic board (Conseil scolaire catholique Providence)

"Everything will be in place for the first day of school," said Joseph Picard, director of education for the French Catholic board.

"We have a company already in there cleaning up and making repairs. We'll be monitoring closely for mould.

"Water came in through the drain. There's one area of the school where we'll have to replace some bulkheads and repair some drywall. "It's nothing too significant."

Picard said his board had seven schools that got water to varying degrees.

In addition to Lajeunesse, water was reported at Saint Antoine, Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville, L'Essex high school, Monseigneur Jean Noel, Saint-Edmond, Sainte Therese and Georges P. Vanier.

Area boards reported most schools were cleaned up by Wednesday afternoon leaving the hallways filled with the buzz of fans and humidifiers to ensure things are completely dried out by next week.



Kelly Bull, vice-principal of Corpus Christi Catholic Middle School, surveys the flood damage in the staff room a day after torrential rain caused widespread flooding on Aug. 30, 2017.

Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board spokesman Stephen Fields said his board had 10 schools flood.

"It looks like the flooding was pretty widespread reflecting the pattern across the city," Fields said. "Brennan looked like it got rocked hard. We've got some damage to the floor in the gymnasium.

"We don't know the full extent of the damage or whether it needs replacing yet."

Fields added Holy Names high school also got water as the roof drains couldn't handle the volume of rain that come pouring down Tuesday.

The other eight schools impacted were Corpus Christi, St. Rose, St. James, Christ the King, Notre Dame, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary and St. Gabriel elementary schools.

"It doesn't look like there's anything that will impact the first day of school," Fields said. "There might be a couple of minor inconveniences, such as not being able to use the gym at Brennan."

The Greater Essex County District School Board had 16 schools affected by floodwater, but suffered no major damage.

Board spokesman Scott Scantlebury said the affected schools will largely in South Windsor, east Windsor and a couple in LaSalle.

Scantlebury said Massey Secondary School and Glenwood elementary were the hardest hit schools.

"All the schools have already been cleaned up and we'll be ready to welcome students on the first day of school Tuesday," Scantlebury said.

"They'll find no evidence of what happened.

"Our maintenance people got on it right away (Tuesday night) and had already completed cleaning up (by Wednesday morning). We didn't need to call in any outside help.

"It was mostly water coming up from drains. There was no structural damage, no drywall was damaged."

Other public schools getting water included Giles French Immersion Campus, Northwood, Ford City, Herman Academy, Kennedy, Hugh Beaton, Marlborough, David Maxwell, Princess Elizabeth, Dr. David Suzuki, Sandwich West, Queen Victoria, Sandwich West, Sandwich high school and Western Facility Service Building.

St. Clair College, which cancelled night classes Tuesday due to road conditions, was open on Wednesday.

The college is hosting thousands of students for orientation this week.

"We had no impact from the water," said John Fairley, vice-president of communications and community relations. "We're open for business."

The University of Windsor also was open and operating normally Wednesday.

"There were no flooding issues at the university related to the storm," said John Coleman, the university's director of public affairs and communications.

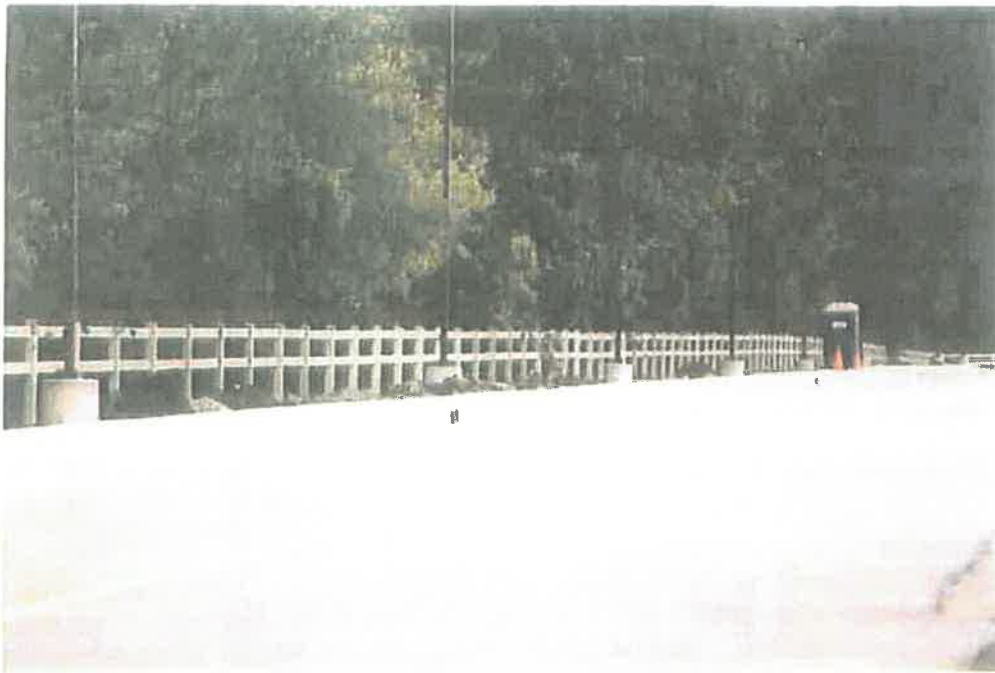
PHOTOS: St. Clair College Ready For Students

WindsoriteDOTca News - Monday September 4th, 2017



The main campus of St. Clair College is ready to welcome students back.





Back to School: Keeping up and innovating is education's great challenge

Windsor Star September 4, 2017

With knowledge doubling at an exponential speed, educators admit there's a great deal of irony in watching the system grapple with the need to innovate rapidly.

Schools should be at the cutting edge when it comes to responding to a changing world, said Paul Picard, director of education for the Windsor-Essex Catholic School Board.

"In reality, it's difficult to effect change and enhance creativity in a system that is so highly structured. Education is actually a conservative institution, though we promote ourselves as dynamic."

In Picard's opinion, promoting creativity and flexibility are the biggest challenge educators face.

"We need to develop a whole new kind of student for this environment," Picard said.

"What's going to be important in the future is being able to self-manage, being able to time manage and manage information. We have to find a way to have discerning learners, critical thinkers.... Schools have to be flexible vehicles to promote opportunities for students, not be rigid institutions that exclude movement."

One of the most popular and rapidly expanding areas of innovation in education is in experiential learning. High school students now have a choice of programs like specialist high skills majors, dual credits that count toward post-secondary education and co-op education.

"Instead of using a one-size-fits-all approach, students can customize their high school experience to match their strengths, interests and career goals," said Heather Irwin, senior media relations coordinator for the Ministry of Education.

Since 2006-07, the specialist high skills majors program has grown from about 600 students to 48,000 in Ontario.

Locally, the Greater Essex County District School Board will have over 1,200 students in 56 specialist high skills majors programs this year. The Catholic board will have over 440 students in 20 programs.

The Catholic board is also unveiling two major high school programs this fall: a science, technology, engineering and math academy at Holy Names and a construction academy at St. Joseph's. The academies are aimed at correcting the mismatch between the skills of graduating students and the skills that are in demand in the job market.



Construction academy lead teacher Cory McAiney, right, demonstrates a state-of-the-art table saw for students in the construction specialist high skills major program at St. Joseph's Catholic High School on Aug. 31, 2017.

The science, technology, engineering and math program will involve the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. The two post-secondary institutions will supply instructors and mentors, as well as invite students onto their campuses for some hands-on experiences.

"This program is unique in North America in that it embeds our students in the classroom," said Chris Houser, dean of the science at the University of Windsor. "They will serve as mentors, give high school students a chance to talk to a university student. It'll help those middle-of-the-road students have a chance to see themselves as possible scientists. More experiential learning is a huge part of the future in education."

The long-term plan is to give students who complete the four-year science, technology, engineering and math program university credits for their work, he said.

Houser also envisions high school students participating in the university's foreign research trips such as his annual trip to Costa Rica.

Jonathon Azzopardi, chair of the Canadian Association of Mould Makers, said industry welcomes more partnerships with schools.

"We're trying to create opportunities for ourselves to get into high schools and get in front of kids," said Azzopardi, president of Loyal International. "The integration of high schools, post-secondary (institutions) and industry in education has tremendous potential. It's common in other countries like Brazil and Germany."

Increasingly, the private sector is providing resources to support programs. The Windsor Construction Association plans to hold a golf tournament to help raise funds to buy materials for student projects in the construction academy. The Canadian Masonry Centre created a textbook for the masonry program at Brennan Secondary School.

"Engaging with education is critical for us in my opinion," said Jim Lyons, executive director of the Windsor Construction Association. "We need recruits. Not everyone is going to be a doctor or professional. We've got a lot of work available and soon we'll have a (the Gordie Howe International) bridge to build."

The local public board's e-STEAM program, which launches this fall at Tecumseh Vista, is another initiative involving the university — along with the EPICentre, Hackforge, the WEtech Alliance, Workforce WindsorEssex and the WindsorEssex Small Business Centre.

The program, which is believed to be the first of its kind in Ontario, focuses on entrepreneurship in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

It will include classroom credits, experiential learning opportunities, collaborative projects, an entrepreneurial centre, field trips, partnerships in the community and scholarships.

Tecumseh Vista teacher Emily Li Causi said students will get a certificate of special recognition along with their high school diploma for completing the different aspects of the program, which include community hours and tackling challenges to solve problems presented to them.

"Students focus on grades, the end product," Li Causi said. "This program won't do that. It'll be more about the process because that's what entrepreneurship involves. You can't be afraid to fail. It's try, pivot, try again. That's how you nurture an entrepreneurial spirit."

The selection of innovative programs isn't just aimed at industry.

The public board's Leamington District Secondary School has developed a stellar environmental program that has hosted an international conference on Lake Erie algae blooms and has drawn the attention of both the Ministry of Education and federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna.

These innovative approaches and programs are increasingly reshaping education.

Even the traditional classroom is being redesigned, as was done with E.J. Lajeunesse Secondary School's unveiling of a classroom of the future last spring. With group tables, workspaces at windows, artwork and bright paint colours, plants and computer stations, it looks more like the office environment students will eventually find when employed. The French Catholic board hopes to reproduce many of the features as it updates classrooms.

"It's an exciting time to be an educator," said public board superintendent Clara Howitt. "Nothing is static. That's the challenge, to create conditions that energize students to be successful when they graduate."

That means exploring new approaches through pilot projects, such as the year-long Makerspace study being launched this fall at Prince Edward Elementary School.

The study, which is being done in association with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, will look at how students create, innovate and explore using different materials to make things in group settings. Three teachers at the school will also receive specialized professional development to support the \$35,000 study.

Hughes said the concept is particularly adaptive for use in robotics, coding and 3-D printing.

"It creates the conditions to promote creative thinking, problem-solving, innovation, communication and collaboration," she said. "Those are all skills employers tells us they want in employees."

Ontario pushing innovation

The Ministry of Education has tried to accelerate the pace of change in schools across the province by placing a greater focus on innovation and technology in recent years. Among those efforts was the creation of the ministry's system planning, research and innovation division last May.

The province is also throwing more money at professional development and technological resources. In mid-August, it announced it was setting aside \$10-million to create a new Innovation in Learning Fund. The fund will provide more professional development opportunities and help implement innovations in learning and teaching. Each of Ontario's 72 school boards will get an annual grant of \$109,000 from the fund.

The ministry is spending an additional \$10-million to purchase more technological and digital tools for students.

There is also funding to provide all school boards with support for online learning, more resources and software, improved broadband services, and to document and share best practices.

"To be able to succeed and achieve excellence in today's rapidly changing world, students need a new toolkit of skills," said Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter.

Transit service begins between Windsor and LaSalle

Windsor Star September 5, 2017



Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens stands by the LaSalle 25 bus before its inaugural trip on Sept. 5, 2017. The bus is one of two that will be regularly travelling between the St. Clair College campus and LaSalle's Vollmer Complex. Jason Kryk / Windsor Star

Trying to get from Windsor to LaSalle, or vice versa? Now you can take a bus.

Tuesday morning marked the debut of transit service between the two municipalities. From now on, the new LaSalle 25 route will have buses making regular trips between the St. Clair College campus in South Windsor and LaSalle's Vollmer Complex.

"The beauty of this is that it's a seamless service," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens — one of the passengers of the inaugural bus ride.

Transit Windsor is responsible for the route. The Town of LaSalle is paying \$400,000 annually for the service.

The new arrangement has been in development for years, but Dilkens pointed out there's a historical precedent: transit service previously existed between Windsor and LaSalle in the 1970s.

"We think there's some demand. LaSalle thinks there's demand," Dilkens said. "Hopefully, this is the framework that lets us expand the service further into Essex County."



Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens describes the new transit service between Windsor and LaSalle on Sept. 5, 2017.



Grade 9 student Lucy Philbin rides the LaSalle 25 route bus for her first day at Sandwich Secondary School on Sept. 5, 2017.



Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens and LaSalle Mayor Ken Antaya shake hands at the Vollmer Complex, where the new LaSalle 25 route has a stop on Sept. 5, 2017

First Transit Windsor bus heads to LaSalle



A Transit Windsor bus makes its first run to LaSalle on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. (Stefanie Masotti / CTV Windsor)

CTV Windsor

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The Windsor-LaSalle bus route is up and running.

The first Transit Windsor bus made the inaugural trip to LaSalle Tuesday morning.

LaSalle will be covered by one route utilizing two buses, one starting at St. Clair College and one in the area of Morton Drive at Front Road.

There are 95 stops on the LaSalle Route 25, which was named in honour of the town's 25th anniversary.

The service is free from today until Dec. 31, 2017.

Fall Semester Starts At St. Clair College

AM800 CKLW September 5, 2017



AM800 File Photo of St Clair College. September 2015 (Photo by Zander Broeckel)

It's back to the classroom today for St. Clair College students.

Director of Marketing Ann Hetherington says students will be at the main campus in South Windsor, along with the downtown campus and the Chatham-Kent campus.

She describes last week's orientation as "fabulous" for first-year students.

"We had probably about four thousand students, first year students who came to campus to get their orientation, meet there faculty, do tours get their books," says Hetherington.

She says enrolment numbers will be released soon.

"Students continue to enroll at the college so we're looking for a very strong start and we'll have numbers by the end of next week.

Hetherington says the college will continue to celebration its 50th anniversary different events are planned throughout the semester.

LaSalle Transit rolls out bus service linked to Windsor

First ride includes VIPs as mayors check out new route

CBC News Sep 05, 2017



LaSalle Mayor Ken Antaya chats with Windsor Morning host Tony Doucette on the inaugural ride of LaSalle's new bus. (Tom Addison - CBC News)

The Town of LaSalle ushered in its new bus route Tuesday morning and there was talk of expansion even before the inaugural ride was through.

"It's the start again of regional transit," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkins. "Something we haven't seen since the 1970s."

Dilkins and LaSalle Mayor Ken Antaya were joined by the media and a handful of curious commuters as they tried out the new route.

"The reality here is in the City of Windsor we have the largest transit system in Essex County," said Dilkins, who is keen to expand transit into neighbouring communities. "It's very easy for us to scale up and add incremental service like the town of LaSalle."

Dilkins said similar partnerships were discussed with Tecumseh and Lakeshore. Neither town has plans to join at this time.

"I think it's important as we mature as a community," said Antaya, adding the service will primarily hit the northern half of LaSalle, but could expand in the future. LaSalle partnered with Windsor Transit to purchase 2 buses. One starting at St. Clair College and one in the Morton Drive and Front Road area. The entire route takes about 45 minutes to travel, and connects with Transit Windsor routes.

Service operates Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passengers can ride the LaSalle route for free until December 31st.

St. Clair Saints soccer, baseball and softball set for season openers

While rosters have changed, the expectations remain high for several St. Clair College Saints teams set to open the season.

Windsor Star - September 7, 2017

While rosters have changed, the expectations remain high for several St. Clair College Saints teams set to open the season.

St. Clair's men's baseball team has won four-straight OCAA titles and will host this year's championship next month while the women's softball team advanced to the Canadian Collegiate Softball Association championship tournament a year ago. In soccer, both the men's team and women's team advanced to the OCAA championship tournament last season

Men's baseball

After four-straight titles, head coach Dave Cooper's squad opens the season on Saturday with a doubleheader against George Brown at Lacase Park and then hosts Seneca on Sunday for two more.

"It's going to be an interesting team," Cooper said. "Our average age in the past was probably 24 and now it's about 19."

St. Clair will rely on a strong starting pitching staff that features returning right-hander Kyle Breitner and left-hander Taylor Pappin. Right-hander Micah Harris should take on a bigger role while freshman right-hander Seth Chauvin and freshman left-hander Mitchell Prsa will also figure in the rotation.

Offensively, the Saints will look to produce offence this year with speed more than power.

Freshman Carson Burke and Austin Oulds can both fly while third-year shortstop Kevin Dion also adds speed and batted over .300 a year ago. Third baseman Matt Bondy, who is a transfer from Sienna Heights University, adds a veteran presence to the lineup while Cooper is hoping for some power from freshman first baseman Mike McKay. Outfielder Brendan Renaud and second baseman Patrick Kibble, who are both freshmen, will also get the chance to start.

"We don't hit and have the power we've had in the past," Copper said. "We have to be perfect on offence, move runners and not strikeout."

Women's softball

Softball head coach Doug Wiseman's team gets rolling on Friday with a road doubleheader against Conestoga before returning home on Sunday for a doubleheader with Durham.

Wiseman announced four more recruits this season and his 17-player roster will feature nine new faces from the team that won the pennant a year ago and took OCAA silver.

"I feel really good about the team this year," Wiseman said. "I expect good things."

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The Saints have strength up the middle with veteran second baseman Sarah Bondy and shortstop Michaela Rillett. Wiseman also has high hopes for veteran Megan Lumley, who moves to first base from centerfield, and pitcher Allison Telfer.

Freshman Olivia Elliott will add to a strong pitching staff that features Jenna Pierce and Sara Stiller.

St. Clair also has high hopes for freshmen outfielders Madisyn Clark and Jordyn Clark along with third baseman Jordan Taylor, who are all left-handed hitters.

"We lost some key players, but I'm focused on who we've got and the ones we have are good to build upon," Wiseman said.

Men's soccer

Head coach Mike Baraslievski's squad is coming off a West Division title last year and will open the season at home on Saturday against Redeemer.

Baraslievski lost 15 players off last year's 22-man roster and the team will lean heavily on veteran goalie Shane Beaton and midfielders Stefan Zastavnikovic and Martin Nyul while hoping defender Cameron Anger recovers quickly from injury and is able to get back in the lineup.

"For sure we're going to be leaning on the veterans," Baraslievski said. "They're proven starters and part of a division champion. Our success is going to depend on how they do."

Forward Korede Adepitan battled injury during last year's outdoor season, but was solid during in the indoor season and Baraslievski hopes he can continue that this fall.

Luca Pasini and Max Iannetta move from the bench into starting roles on defence this year while freshmen Joshua Hunter and Adam Thompson will see early action. Evan Mendonca and Bastien Aguilera will be at midfield.

"We have some good, young players, but they are young," Baraslievski said. "We should be one of the better teams in our division. Barring any major injuries, we should be in position to challenge for the top."

Women's soccer

Kris Geier, who served as head coach from 1987-2002, returns as head coach. His squad opens play at home on Saturday against Redeemer and the club returns just four starters in striker Julie Albeartie, midfielder Melanie Jubenville and defenders Alexis Provost and Cassie Nicholas.

"We've got a lot of new faces, so it'll be interesting to see how they react to their first game," Geier said. "I'm kind of nervous and kind of excited."

The Saints have high hopes for freshman Jaclyn French at forward. Freshman Alexandria Schooley will get to start early at midfield while the team added Charesse Thomas-Tate, a transfer from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and will see Ravneet Rana start at the back and freshman Tory Brown open the season in goal.

"Our first four games are at home, so we have to do well and see where we stand," Geier said.

PHOTOS: St. Clair College Rocks Frosh Week With Marianas Trench

WindsoriteDOTea - Friday September 8th, 2017



St. Clair College and The Student Representative Council (SRC) started the school year right with their main frosh week event being a Marianas Trench concert in their Student Life Centre.

Hundreds of students, as well as alumni, packed the area to enjoy the concert and kick off the start of another academic year together.



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St. Clair College Sportsplex May 12, 2015. (Photo by Adelle Loiselle)

Mental Health Association Highlights Suicide Prevention

Blackburn News - September 9, 2017

The Canadian Mental Health Association - Windsor Essex County Branch has organized its second annual Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

"Last year we were overwhelmed by the support from the community for Suicide Prevention Awareness Week," says CEO Claudia den Boer. "A suicide prevention coalition has been formed with many community partners. Together, they are committed to reviewing effective models for change and implementing actions that demonstrate results."

The theme this year is "You Are Not Alone" and a week of activities kicks off Sunday with a 5K walk at the St. Clair College Sportsplex. The walk, which starts at 10am, will take participants across campus to the Herb Gray Pkwy. Trail.

You can register [online](#).

This year's events also include the "Go Yellow" campaign to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. The association says local community partners, businesses and organizations will hold special events and training seminars.

On Tuesday, September 12 there will be a panel discussion at Walkerville Collegiate called "13 Reasons Why Not", a play on the title of the hit Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" about a teenaged girl who takes her own life after experiencing bullying and sexual assault.

On Saturday, September 16 at Average Joes, the association presents Music4Minds Joins Cainerfest

Event at St. Clair College launches suicide prevention awareness week

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Windsor Star - September 10, 2017

Suicide is still occurring both locally and across the country far too often, so nearly 300 people gathered Sunday to mark World Suicide Prevention Day and kick off awareness week.

Roughly 4,000 Canadians each year decide to take their own life — an average of more than 10 per day. They leave behind shattered family and friends who are often filled with guilt for missing the signs and not doing enough to reach out.

"Today helps people start the conversation because that is where it begins," said Claudia den Boer, CEO of the local Canadian Mental Health Association. "We need to talk about the anxiety we all feel in different periods of our lives. It's important to keep talking about it with our family and friends."

"People should know the signs and reach out when it gets beyond an ability to cope. Today, people are more aware and the stigma is less. We can all talk about (suicide) more and that's where it all starts."

Sunday's kick-off event at St. Clair College themed, "You Are Not Alone," included a five-kilometre walk, plus speeches from area mental health officials and those touched personally by suicide.

"Today means community support for those affected by challenges of mental health and suicide," said Andrea Milne, who participated in honour of Jordan Caine of Tecumseh, who took his own life at the age of 27 in August 2014.

"In my opinion, what needs to change is how we perceive mental health. It should be treated the same as any physical health care issue — that way we are not missing the whole picture. We need to treat the whole person and not just what we can physically see. We need more services and that would help decrease the (suicide) numbers."

Those most susceptible to suicide include men in the ages between 40 to 55, plus youth, den Boer said.

Possible signs may include talking about suicide, substance abuse, anxiety, feelings of hopelessness, increased withdrawal or anger and reckless behaviour.

"That's why it's so important to have events like this to raise awareness and get the messages out there," den Boer said. "There is help available."

For information, support or emergency assistance, there is a local crisis line available at 519-973-4435. People can also contact the Canadian Mental Health Association at 519-255-7440 or visit online at <http://www.windsorsexessex.cmha.ca>.

Other events scheduled for the upcoming awareness week include walk-in counselling clinics, workshops, panel discussions and the third annual Cainerfest, a suicide prevention fundraiser in honour of Jordan Caine Saturday at Average Joe's located in the 1200 block of Lauzon Road starting at 1:30 p.m.

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Wrestling Promotion Grapples With Excellence

WindsoriteDOTca News- Tuesday September 12th, 2017



Slamming its way back to St. Clair College, one local promotion is striving for excellence.

Celebrating its fourth year, Border City Wrestling (BCW) Excellence is shaping up to be a stacked card. Taking place at the college's Sportsplex on Saturday, October 14, the show is set to feature local talent, current wrestlers and WWE superstars from several eras.

It's an event that organizers hope provides something for everyone.

"We have had some huge names at St. Clair college since 2012 including WWE legends Kevin Nash, Carlito, Scott Hall, Jake Roberts, Rikishi, Bret Hart, Scott Steiner, Hurricane Helms, Santino Marella, Damien Sandow, Billy Gunn, Hornswoggle, current superstar Shinsuke Nakamura and more," said BCW partner, James Trapanier. "This year's line-up is our biggest ever as past WWE superstar Rey Mysterio will be in action as well as the current WWE UK Champion Pete Dunne and there will also be an appearance by WWE Hall of Famer Tito Santana."

Although they can't announce most matches yet, BCW will have lots of talent to round out the show. Mysterio will headline while BCW favourite Aiden Prince fights WWE UK champion Dunne. Four Global Force Wrestling (GFW) knockouts are also scheduled to compete.

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Despite a recent incident in Mexico, Rosemary will be healthy and ready to go along with Allie, Taryn, Terrell, and Sienna. After three years away from wrestling, St. Clair alumnus and Can-Am graduate Petey Williams will also make his return to BCW's squared circle at this event.

Although V.I.P. tickets are already sold out, general admission seats are still available for \$20. People can find links to purchase tickets online through BCW's [website](#), [facebook page](#) or by calling their hotline at 519-969-1245.

Hosting such a big show, it wouldn't be possible without St. Clair college's five years of support.

"We are able to make these the biggest show of the year for BCW thanks to our partnership with the St. Clair College Entertainment Technology program," said Trepanier. "These events are an integral part of the students' curriculum and that allows us to go all out on all aspects of our production. This includes audio/visual, staging, lighting, pyrotechnics, and more. That all adds up to a world class television caliber event emanating from St. Clair College."

Gaining its name when BCW honoured Bret "The Hitman" Hart in 2014, more than 750 fans sold out the St. Clair college Sportsplex last year. This time around, doors open at 7 p.m. for those in general admission and at 5:30 p.m. for anyone lucky enough to have purchased a V.I.P. meet and greet package. Bell time will be at 7:30.

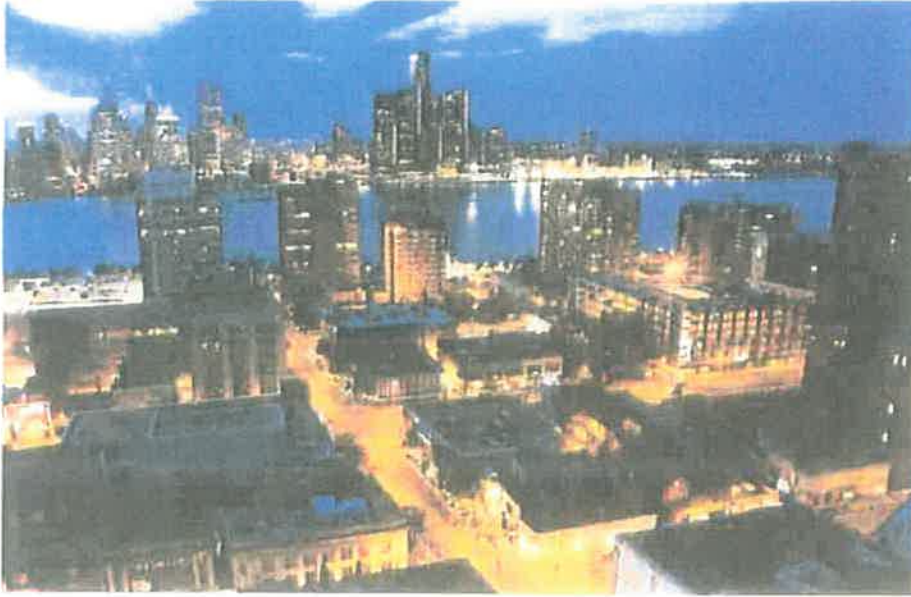
Providing a winning formula, Trepanier thinks fans come back because they expect the very thing this show is named after.

"I think we thrive in Windsor because our fans have come to expect a consistent high level of quality sports entertainment from us for the last 25 years," he said. "This is paired with the fact that we have strong community relationships and have always tried to give back to the community through our work with organizations like [Adopt-a-Vet](#), [Fantastic Fathers](#) and the [Windsor and District Labour Council](#) to name a few."

Those interested in the event and everything BCW can visit their [website](#) for all the latest.

Downtown Windsor Offering Coupons To University And College Students

WindsoriteDOTea News - Wednesday September 13th, 2017



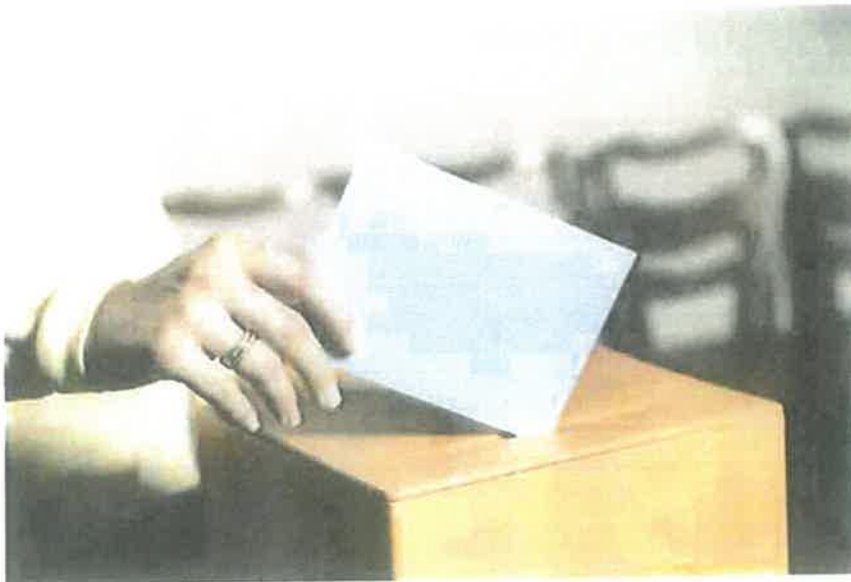
The Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association has once again launched a new series of coupons aimed at welcoming University and College students, faculty, and staff to the city centre.

In its third year, the Our Students, Our Future Coupon Program realizes the participation of 40+ merchants and over 70 active coupons offering a diverse selection of product and service offers and discounts, including retail and cuisine.

Participants can simply hop online, download a coupon, and present it to the merchant with their student, employee, or faculty identification. The coupons can also either be printed or displayed via a smartphone, making redemption simple, effortless, and a great way to save some cash while supporting local business.

"We welcome the participation of returning and new merchants in the coupon program, and we're excited to promote downtown Windsor as the place to be for students, faculty and staff," said DWBIA Chair Larry Horwitz. "The program introduces students, staff, and faculty to the myriad of downtown businesses, supports the local economy, and generates a lively and engaging environment in the city centre."

Coupons can be accessed online at downtownwindsorcoupons.ca



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Faculty At Ontario Colleges Vote To Strike If Necessary

Blackburn News - September 14, 2017

Faculty at Ontario's public colleges have voted to strike if necessary, as talks continue between the faculty union and the College Employer Council.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) says 68% of all faculty at colleges throughout the province voted in favour of a strike mandate on Thursday, with collective bargaining scheduled to resume next week.

A strike has the potential to impact students at all 24 colleges in Ontario, including St. Clair College, Lambton College and Fanshawe College.

A strike or lockout deadline has not been set at this time.

Key issues in during talks, which began ten weeks ago, include the role of faculty in academic decision-making and fair treatment for contract faculty.

"Eighty-one percent of college teaching is done by contract faculty, all of whom have no job security and are paid significantly less than the negotiated rates for full-time permanent faculty," OPSEU says in a statement. "With the introduction of Bill 148, the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 'equal pay for equal work' has become a top issue not only for college faculty, but for college administration as well."

The collective agreement for 12,000 professors, instructors, counsellors, and librarians expires on September 30.

15 Employers Holding Job Fair

WindsoriteDOTca News - Thursday September 14th, 2017



Fifteen of the region's top employers are joining forces this year to hold the Windsor-Essex job fair at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor next Thursday.

The companies participating range from the manufacturing, insurance, health care, agriculture, automotive and hospitality sectors. They include: Active Care Management, Caesars Windsor, Centreline, Classic Tool & Die, Cypher Systems Group, Dakota Integrated System, Force Automation, Leggett and Platt Automotive Group, Linamar, Mucci Farms, Rafih Auto Group, Redoe Group, TRQSS, Windsor Mold Group and Windsor Regional Hospital

Over 1,000 jobs will be available and 101 distinct positions.

"This is an innovative and creative way for a group of companies to showcase jobs and careers," says Carol Bendo, of Mucci Farms and spokesperson for the WE Job Fair. "The employers' team approach makes it easier for job seekers and also helps employers find the right fit. It's a unique and collaborative approach to bringing potential employees and employers together," Bendo said.

"This is about streamlining the process and working together to attract more people to one event," Bendo said. "It's a win-win situation for everyone."

The event runs Thursday, September 21st from 11am to 7pm

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Fifteen local employers hosting job fair to fill 1,000+ jobs

Windsor Star - September 14, 2017

More than 1,000 jobs are available from 15 of the region's top employers, who are banding together to host a job fair next Thursday.

This is the second annual Windsor-Essex job fair, organized by Workforce WindsorEssex at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"It's great for job seekers and it's great for employers who are looking for qualified staff," Workforce WindsorEssex executive director Michelle Suchiu said in a news release.

The list of jobs can be viewed at www.wcjobfair.ca

The companies include Active Care Management; Caesars Windsor; Centreline; Classic Tool & Die; Cypher Systems Group; Dakkota Integrated System; Force Automation; Leggett and Platt Automotive Group; Linamar; Mucci Farms; Rafih Auto Group; Redoe Group; TRQSS; Windsor Mold Group; and Windsor Regional Hospital.

"It's a unique and collaborative approach to bringing potential employees and employers together," said Mucci Farms' Carol Bendo, a spokeswoman for the job fair. "This is about streamlining the process and working together to attract more people to one event."

Over 1,000 jobs available at Windsor job fair



Help Wanted

CTV Windsor

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More than 1,000 jobs will be available during the second annual Windsor-Essex job fair

Workforce Windsor-Essex says 15 of the region's top employers will be represented at the job fair next week.

It will give job seekers an opportunity to meet employers face to face in one day

"This is a unique approach to a job fair," said Michelle Suchiu, Executive Director of Workforce Windsor-Essex. "It's great for job seekers and it's great for employers who are looking for qualified staff."

The companies participating range from the manufacturing, insurance, health care, agriculture, automotive and hospitality sectors. They include: Active Care Management, Caesars Windsor, Centreline, Classic Tool & Die, Cypher Systems Group, Dakota Integrated System, Force Automation, Leggett and Platt Automotive Group, Linamar, Mucci Farms, Rafih Auto Group, Redoe Group, TRQSS, Windsor Mold Group and Windsor Regional Hospital

"This is an innovative and creative way for a group of companies to showcase jobs and careers," says Carol Bendo, of Mucci Farms and spokesperson for the WF Job Fair. "The employers' team approach makes it easier for job seekers and also helps employers find the right fit."

Staff are needed to fill professional, skilled trades, customer service and general labour roles

The job fair will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor

For a list of positions see www.wcjobfair.ca

Fair Promises 1,000 Jobs

The Square - 15 September 2017

(WINDSOR, ON) – Fifteen of the region's employers are again joining forces to host the Windsor-Essex Job Fair at the St Clair Centre for the Arts. The event runs Thursday, September 21 from 11am until 7pm.

The fair offers job seekers an opportunity to meet the employers face-to-face a single day. Over 1,000 jobs are available within 101 positions. The majority of opportunities direct-hire position with the employer. [Check online for a full list of positions](#)

"This is a unique approach to a job fair," said Michelle Suchiu, the executive director of Workforce Windsor-Essex. "It just goes to show when businesses in our region collaborate, great things happen. It's great for job seekers and it's great for employers who are looking for qualified staff."

The companies participating range from the manufacturing, insurance, health care, agriculture, automotive, and hospitality sectors. They include Active Care Management, Caesars Windsor, Centreline, Classic Tool and Die, Cypher Systems Group, Dakota Integrated System, Force Automation, Leggett and Platt Automotive Group, Linamar, Mucci Farms, Rafih Auto Group, Redoe Group, TRQSS, Windsor Mold Group, and Windsor Regional Hospital.

"This is an innovative and creative way for a group of companies to showcase jobs and careers," said Carol Bendo of Mucci Farms, and spokesperson for the WE Job Fair. "The employers' team approach makes it easier for job seekers and also helps employers find the right fit. It's a unique and collaborative approach to bringing potential employees and employers together."

Staff are needed to fill professional, skilled trades, customer service, and general labour roles.

"This is about streamlining the process and working together to attract more people to one event," Bendo said. "It's a win-win situation for everyone."

Musical entertainment being added to Bowling for Hunger and Education

Chatham Daily News - Friday, September 15, 2017



Jeff Burrows, left, Brenda LeClair and Paul Haslip, organizers of the second annual Bowling for Hunger and Education fundraiser, have added musical entertainment to this year's event being held at the Bowlerama in Chatham, Ont. on October 14, 2017. Photo taken on Wednesday September 13, 2017. (Ellwood Shreve/Chatham Daily News)

The organizers of Bowling for Hunger and Education are adding some musical entertainment to the second annual event on Oct. 14.

Jeff Burrows, drummer for the Tea Party, who is one the event organizers, said they have invited the duo Twisted Sisters to perform after bowling wraps up.

"They're going to perform here so we don't have to leave here," Burrows said, adding people are welcome to come and have a good time even if they aren't bowling.

He said Bowlerama owner Bruce Cockburn has a liquor licence and has generously offered the facility for the second year to host the event.

Another addition is recognition for the top fundraiser.

"We're offering a special prize for the individual who raises the most money," said fellow organizer Paul Haslip.

He noted the prize is still to be determined, but added, "it'll be something splashy."

There will also be raffle draws for instant prizes.

Since Halloween will be just over two weeks away, participants are welcome to wear costumes to add even more fun to the event.

"I dress as a rock star all the time," Burrows quipped.

Last year's event raised \$11,300 that was split between Outreach for Hunger and the St. Clair Scholarship Fund.

Burrows said four scholarships were provided to students attending the Chatham campus of St. Clair College.

He added with the powerline program expanding at the college to house the National Powerline Training Centre, the hope is more money can be raised for scholarships.

Haslip said: "If you ever wanted to somehow thank hydro lines people for bringing your hydro back online after a storm, then come to our event, buy some raffle tickets and know that the money you put up, half is going to directly to these students."

Brenda LeClair, executive director of Outreach for Hunger, said, "I love events like this, because it involves a lot of people and you get to come out and have fun and that sense of community."

She added these type of fun events also lead to people asking questions so "there's that opportunity to educate people on how a food bank operates and what it is that we do."

LeClair is pleased that the fundraiser also benefits students, noting she is a strong advocate for education because it is what gets people out of poverty.

"It's a wonderful partnership in that regards," she said.

Over 7000 students receiving free tuition in Windsor and Sarnia



CTV Windsor - Saturday, September 16, 2017

Over 7000 students in Windsor and Sarnia are receiving free tuition thanks to the new Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

More than 3000 students from the University of Windsor, more than 3000 students from St. Clair College, and about 1000 students from Lambton College are benefiting.

Along with the new OSAP, Ontario students will have access to additional proposed financial supports including:

- Free pharmacare so that youth under 25 don't have to worry about paying for prescription medication starting January 1, 2018.
- Raising the minimum wage so that students can earn more money to help them afford the cost of school.
- Improved repayment assistance so that students don't have to worry about paying back their Ontario student loans until they're making at least \$35,000 a year.
- Free online textbooks to help students cover the cost of buying their textbooks.

"Going to college or university is a wonderful opportunity for young Ontarians. That's why this government is committed to making it as easy and affordable as we possibly can for students, so that they can pursue their dreams, fulfil their potential and get the skills they'll need for the jobs of tomorrow," said Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development and Minister Responsible for Digital Government in a news release.

Windsor designer hoping for big break during Vancouver Fashion Week

Ashely Regnier, 27, gets big chance to showcase her fashions
CBC News - September 18, 2017



Ashley Regnier, 27, hopes her show at Fashion Week in Vancouver will propel her into the big time

Ashley Regnier could be on the verge of a career breakthrough when models wearing her designs walk down the runway during Vancouver Fashion Week.

The 27-year-old graduate from the Fashion Design Technician Program at St. Clair College said she could barely contain her excitement when she got the news she had won a spot in the show.

"This could mean discovery," she explained. "This could make me international, worldwide. I could become a huge designer out of this." Elaine Chatwood, the coordinator of the program, suggested Regnier after the event organizer asked her to send along a list of names of designers who might best fit the bill. Chatwood said Regnier's talent, coupled with her ability to meet requirements such as having her own brand and a website, made her a great choice for the fashion festival.

"She really understands target market and understanding who her customers are and it's really great for someone so young and new to the industry," said Chatwood.

Regnier graduated from the design program in 2015 and has sold several prom dresses and a wedding dress through the label, [Shhh Fashions](#). She describes her designs as "a little bit edgy. A little bit daring." "It's more for the woman who is willing to put herself out there and have all eyes on her," Regnier added.

She will be able to showcase eight designs at the show, including an outfit inspired by the annual Burning Man event in the Nevada desert, complete with a brown leather vest with fringes.

The fashion week includes runway shows featuring 80 designers from around the world, including 38 from Canada.

"It's like a moviemaker going to [The Toronto International Film Festival]" said Chatwood. "It's a huge event. She's going to meet so many people, network, hopefully get some orders"

"I'm super excited," said Regnier. "This means the world to me."

Her runway show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Chatham campus holding Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Chatham Daily News - Tuesday, September 19, 2017



St. Clair College is gearing up to celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting a Homecoming Weekend at the Chatham campus Friday, September 29 to October 1, 2017. Pictured from left, is Stephanie Woodall, Mary Beth Rush, Dale Terrell and Andrea Brown, some of the 50th anniversary committee members who are working hard to stage a memorable event. They are shown in front of the Healthplex, which makes up \$11 million over the more than \$20 million that has been invested in the Chatham, Ont. facility since 2004.

St. Clair College is celebrating 50 years and the Chatham campus has been along for 40 of those years.

A 50th Homecoming Weekend is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Chatham campus that will feature a wide variety of activities to highlight what is offered at the local post-secondary education facility.

For those who haven't seen the Chatham Campus in years, you might not recognize the place.

Mark Benoit, chair of economic studies at the Chatham campus, said when he arrived in 2004 there hadn't been much investment in the facility.

But a lot has changed since then.

Benoit said more than \$20 million has been invested in the Chatham site, including an \$11-million Healthplex, a \$5-million Trade and Technology Centre, a \$2-million 48-bed student residence and nearly a \$1-million renovation of the Mary Uniac Health Science Centre.

The student government, Thames Campus Incorporated, also spearheaded a \$1.6-million project to expand and upgrade the student centre.

And more investment is happening with construction beginning on a new \$2-million National Powerline Training Centre.

"The next expansion for this campus is adding on to the residence," Benoit said.

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"Our residence has been filled since we started," he said, adding there is a wait list of at least 50 students.

He noted popular programs including powerline training, occupational therapy and physiotherapy assistant, along with nursing and health science programs, are attracting students from across the province.

Benoit recalls when he arrived in 2004, there were 770 students enrolled in Chatham. That reached a high of 1,300, but slipped back to about 1,250 students, he added

"The college has added at least one new program or more since 2004 until 2016," he said, adding this year is the first year in a long time since a new program wasn't added in Chatham.

However, that will soon change.

Benoit said the plan is to grow the enrolment to 1,500 students, which will be achieved by adding new, unique programs.

Ann Hetherington, director of marketing, said a "ton of work" has been done by the homecoming committee in Chatham to invite the community to take part in this special celebration.

"It'll be a great weekend, lots of laughs, lots of memories," she said.

Benoit said the weekend kicks off with a Friday Flashback on Sept. 29.

"We're just encouraging folks to come and take a tour through the campus," he said.

Saturday, Sept. 30, will feature an OCAA Saints men's baseball doubleheader at Rotary Park, Fergie Jenkins Field in the afternoon followed by a dinner dance that evening at the new student centre.

Benoit said the Chatham campus will hold its first-ever Family Fun Day on Sunday, Oct. 1, which will include a chance to go up in a bucket on one of the powerline vehicles.

He added there will also be a chance for people to "have fun and explore the campus" and see what kind of career opportunities are available.

More details and tickets for the Saturday night dinner and dance are available online at stelaircollege.ca/sec50/events.

Premier Aviation sells Windsor facility

AAR plans to continue employing all 300 current employees in Windsor

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Premier Aviation has sold its Windsor site to AAR (Mike Haslam/CBC News)

Premier Aviation has sold its Windsor operation to AAR, a global aviation company, which currently has no plans to cut positions.

Premier, a Canadian-owned aircraft maintenance and repair company, opened its 143,000 square-foot Windsor site in 2012. The AAR purchase also includes the sale of Premier's operation at the Trois-Rivières Airport in Québec.

The Windsor facility includes a "full back shop capability" and enough space to house six narrow-body aircraft, according to a media release.

"We are pleased that the customers and employees of these facilities will continue to be well-supported," said Ronnie DiBartolo, President of Premier Aviation. "This transaction also allows Premier to focus its resources on future areas for growth at our other two MRO facilities."

The sale won't affect a partnership between the Premier site and St. Clair College, according to Ron Seguin.

The college's vice president of international relations and training explained the school and company set up a special plane-maintenance program with the company, but the purchase hasn't had an impact on students who are currently enrolled.

"For our students going to work it's full steam ahead," he said.

Those taking part in the program still have a chance to continue working at the site after they graduate in about a month, he added.

"It was all very seamless for us," said Seguin. "Our students have been welcomed."

Premier Aviation sells Windsor operation

Premier Aviation has sold its Windsor operation, which was touted when it opened in 2012 as a new industry for this area.

Windsor Star - September 19, 2017

Premier Aviation has sold its Windsor aircraft MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) facility to AAR, an American company that leads the aircraft aftermarket industry around the globe. Mayor Drew Dilkens, who said he has been aware of the pending sale for months, said there is nothing but upside for the city and the workers at the hangar.

"The long story short here is that we should see more business at our MRO which is great for the city and great for employment," said Dilkens.

The 143,000-square-foot Premier Aviation operation opened in 2012, a project of former mayor Eddie Francis, that saw \$23 million of taxpayers' money go into construction.

Dilkens said there were a number of factors that resulted in frequent downtime at the facility due in part that Premier Aviation is a relatively small Canadian company.

"A company like AAR — because they have the breadth and the experience and they're just good at what they do — they can keep that pipeline full that's going into the facility," said Dilkens.

"I think that's different from what we had with Premier. This isn't about bashing Premier, I'm not, it's just something that's different with the scale of AAR."

The Wood Dale, Ill.-based AAR also purchased a 150,000-square-foot Premier Aviation facility in Trois-Rivieres, Que., that has been in operation since 2002.

"We are excited to add an experienced workforce and two world-class facilities to our award-winning MRO network, and we look forward to growing our position in, and bringing more flexibility and value to, the Canadian market," said John Holmes, president and chief operating officer of AAR in a news release.

"The culture of continuous improvement and execution excellence at these facilities is consistent with AAR's commitment to the highest levels of service."

The release also stated that "the facilities have made significant investments in tooling over the past few years and currently employ over 300 well-trained aviation mechanics and personnel who will retain their positions based on expected workload."

AAR's vice-president of strategic communications Kathleen Cantillon could not say how many are currently working in Windsor.

Shortly after announcing the sale, AAR and Air Canada announced a \$500-million contract for servicing of Air Canada jets at the Trois-Rivieres facility.

Dilkens said he plans to reach out to AAR soon to see how Windsor can benefit from the new regime.

“They’re a public company, they’re publicly traded, they’re the real deal, they’re big, they’re successful and they certainly have what it takes to make that facility shine,” said Dilkens.

“Knowing the capabilities of that facility that we have built, and knowing the background of AAR, if anyone can make this work and get that facility running at full throttle, it’s a company like AAR. So I’m excited about that.”

St. Clair College had teamed with Premier Aviation for an aircraft mechanic course but that endeavour winds up in November, Dilkens said.

Premier Aviation president Ronnie DiBartolo said his company will now focus on its two remaining operations.

“We are honoured that a company with the reputation, breadth and depth of AAR has recognized the quality of our MRO facilities, and we are pleased that the customers and employees of these facilities will continue to be well-supported,” said DiBartolo.

AAR began as the Allen Aircraft Radio company in Chicago in 1950 supplying radios to the fledgling commercial airline industry and has grown over the years to become a complete aftermarket airline supply and maintenance company.



Windsor's St. Clair Centre For The Arts branding is seen on its downtown building on October 6, 2016. (Photo by Ricardo Veneza)

1,000 Positions Open At Windsor Job Fair

Blackburn News - September 21, 2017

If you are looking for work, the St. Clair Centre for the Arts is the place to be in Windsor.

A total of 15 employers need to fill 1,000 positions including Caesars Windsor, Dakota Integrated Systems, Mucci Farms and Rafih Auto Group.

The job fair is Thursday, September 21 from 11am to 7pm.

Carol Bendo with Mucci Farms is the spokeswoman for the event, and she says companies are looking for a long list of workers including professional, skilled trades, and general labour. The list of all positions is [online](#).

"We ask them to bring a resume, a cover letter. We ask them to understand what positions are being offered, what they're interested in, what their availability is," says Bendo adding that all of the jobs are full-time.

She says some interviews will be conducted on-site.

"We're just looking to see everybody face to face which I think is one of the best ways to get to know each other and see if there's a fit," says Bendo.

She says wait times will be longer at the beginning of the job fair, but they tend to be shorter during the dinner hour and in the evening.

1,000 Jobs Up For Grabs In Windsor Job Fair

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If you are looking for a job, the St. Clair Centre for the Arts in Windsor is the place to be today

15 employers are hosting a Windsor-Essex job fair where 1,000 jobs are up for grabs.

Employers on hand include Caesars Windsor, Mucci Farms, Centreline, Cypher Systems, Dakota Integrated Systems, Rafih Auto Group and Windsor Regional Hospital.

Manager of Human Resources at Mucci Farms Carol Bendo says people need to be prepared for a mini-interview. "Employment is live and well in Essex County and we regularly count up our openings in this group."

"There is lots of time to drop off a resume," says Bendo. "The line-ups are larger at the beginning of the day. There tends to be more availability around dinner time and into the evenings, so if you want more face time it is better to spread yourself out through the day."

Positions include professional, skilled trades, customer service and general labourer roles.

The event runs from 11am to 7pm.

St. Clair College reaches 10,000 students for first time

St. Clair College has a historic first to add to its 50th anniversary celebrations this year after the school cracked the 10,000-student mark for the first time this fall.

Windsor Star - September 22, 2017

St. Clair College has a historic first to add to its 50th anniversary celebrations this year the school cracked the 10,000-student mark for the first time.

The college, founded in 1967, has 10,539 students enrolled this fall. That's an increase of 12 per cent over last year.

"During our 50th anniversary year, the St. Clair College Alumni Association will grow to over 100,000 graduates (during October's Convocation sessions). It is exciting to be recording another milestone number with an enrolment in excess of 10,000 students," said St. Clair President Patti France.

"More than that, it is heartening to realize that both domestic and international students have recognized St. Clair as an exceptional post-secondary destination, offering unparalleled instruction and state-of-the-art technology to pursue the careers of the 21st century."

The increase continues the steady climb in enrolment the college has enjoyed in recent years. In the past three years, enrolment has increased 24 per cent.

Fuelling the rapid growth is the growing number of international students choosing the college as a place to study. The college saw a near doubling of international students over last year from 581 to 1,100 this fall.

"The majority of students are coming from India and China and are seeking the higher education and skills expertise that the college delivers," said Ron Seguin, Vice President International Relations, Training and Campus Development.

"This gives them the knowledge and tools to start careers in what today is a global workforce." Helping draw in more students has been the aggressive expansion of programming and upgrading of the college's infrastructure during the past 15 years. Among the latest program launches are graduate certificates in Human Resources Management, Web & Interactive Advertising and Event Management.

A National Powerline Training Centre will also open late next year on the college's Chatham campus to expand the popular Powerline Technician program.



Computer Systems Networking Technology students Ryan Brook and Dean Hayes work together during class at St. Clair College in 2015.

Record Enrollment at St. Clair College

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The west entrance to St. Clair College, off of the Herb Gray Parkway, formally known as Geraedts Drive, has been renamed St. Clair College Drive for the College's 50th anniversary. (Photo courtesy of St. Clair College)

Record enrolment at St. Clair College.

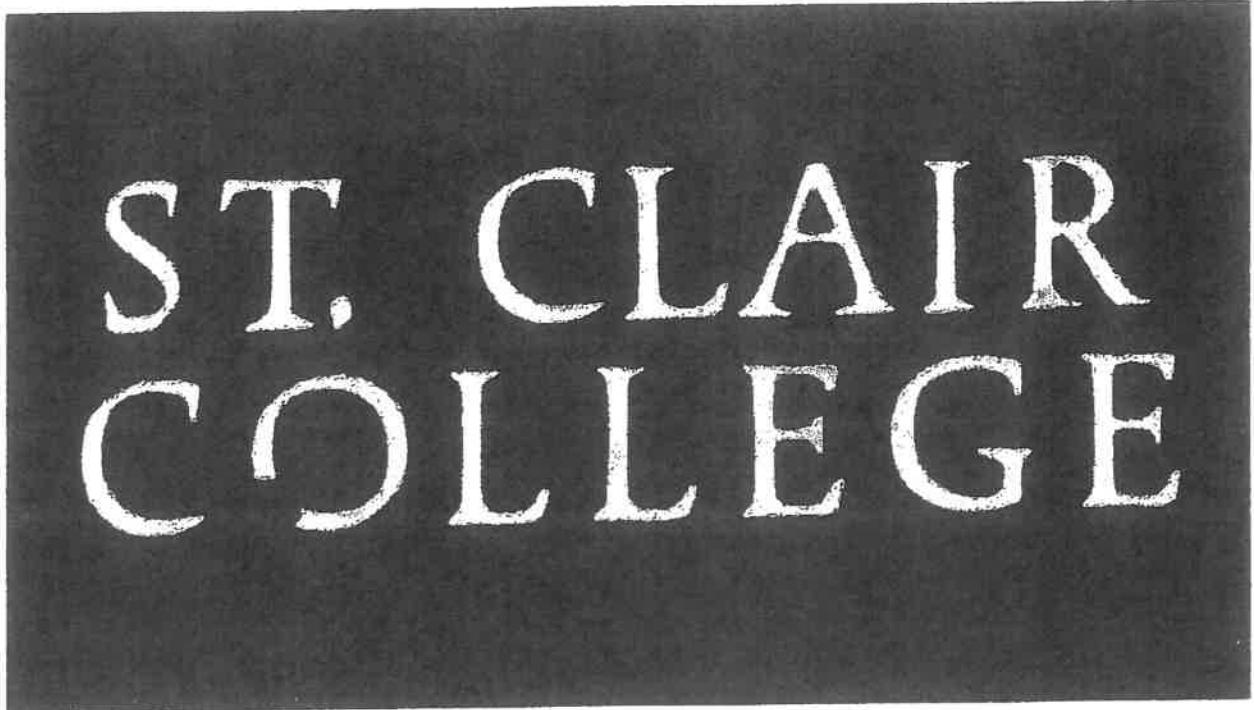
The number of students taking classes in Windsor and Chatham is at an all-time high of more than 10,000 – a 12% jump compared to last year.

There was also a dramatic increase in the number of international students enrolled – 1,100 – a 90% jump from 2016.

St. Clair boasts popular programs in health-care, engineering, manufacturing, business, information technology, social services and the applied arts.



Enrolment at St. Clair College hits record high



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For the first time in school history, more than 10,000 students are enrolled at St. Clair College.

The 10-day enrolment numbers posted by the college put the number of students at 10,539 at the Windsor, Chatham and ACE Acumen Academy.

The enrolment figures are bolstered by intake the ACE Acumen Academy, as well as international students, which account for 2,564 of the student population.

The school of Business & Information Technology has the largest intake of students, with 1,917. That's a 20 per cent jump over figures from last year.

The school of Nursing also saw an 11 per cent increase in students, up to 1,210.

"We will continue to work collaboratively with one another, with our exceptional spirit of teamwork, so that we may provide students with the highest quality education and most comprehensive campus services possible," college president Patti France wrote in a memo to staff.

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International Students Boost St Clair Over 10,000 Mark

The Square - 22 September 2017

(WINDSOR, ON) – St Clair College has broken the 10,000 foot ceiling in student enrolment. The college has announced that it has achieved 10,539 students as of yesterday. This represents a 12 per cent increase over 2016 while the Chatham Campus achieved a 6 per cent increase as compared to 2016.

This is the second consecutive year of increases to the College's enrolment. In 2016, the College saw a 9% increase in enrolment over 2015.

“During our 50th anniversary year, the St Clair College Alumni Association will grow to over 100,000 graduates, it is exciting to be recording another milestone number with an enrolment in excess of 10,000 students,” said St Clair president Patti France. “More than that, it is heartening to realize that both domestic and international students have recognized St Clair as an exceptional postsecondary destination, offering unparalleled instruction and state-of-the-art technology to pursue the careers of the 21st century.”

This milestone has been achieved, in large part, to a dramatic increase in international students.

In 2016, the college had 581 international students. Today, there are 1,100, a 90 per cent increase. Additionally, the college's campus in Toronto, Ace Acumen, saw an increase of 54 per cent over last year, now topping 1,450 students.

“Canada has quickly become one of the most sought after educational destinations,” said Ron Seguin, vice president international relations, training, and campus development. “The majority of students are coming from India and China and are seeking the higher education and skills expertise that the college delivers. This gives them the knowledge and tools to start careers in what today is a global workforce”.

International students are taking a wide variety of programs with the greatest interest being shown in the College's Business and Technology programs. St Clair College also launched three new graduate certificates; Human Resources Management, Web and Interactive Advertising, and Event Management. They have proven to be popular with both international and domestic students.

Chatham Campus is starting construction on a new National Powerline Training Centre slated for completion in the winter of 2018. This facility will provide lab and classroom space for the Powerline Technician program, which has seen significant growth in enrolment over the past five years.



St. Clair College Senior VP of Operations Patti France speaks about taking over as school president in the fall, February 26, 2015. (Photo by Mike Vlasveld)

Major Milestone Reached At St. Clair College

Blackburn News - September 22, 2017

St. Clair College has broken a student enrolment record.

The college now has 10,539 students as of Thursday, which is an all time high and a 12% increase over 2016.

College officials say Chatham Campus enrolment jumped by 6%.

In 2016, the college saw a 9% increase in enrolment over 2015.

"During our 50th anniversary year, the St. Clair College Alumni Association will grow to over 100,000 graduates, so it's exciting to be recording another milestone," says St. Clair President Patti France.

St. Clair officials say this milestone has been achieved, in large part, because of a dramatic increase in international students.

In 2016, the college had 581 international students but today, there are 1,100.

"Canada has quickly become one of the most sought after educational destinations," says Ron Seguin, Vice President International Relations, Training and Campus Development. "The majority of students are coming from India and China and are seeking the higher education and skills expertise that the college delivers. This gives them the knowledge and tools to start careers in today's global workforce."

International students are taking a wide variety of programs with the greatest interest being shown in the college's Business and Technology programs.

Enrolment At St. Clair College Reaches All Time High

WindsoriteDOTca News - Friday September 22nd, 2017



St. Clair College has achieved 10,539 students for the 2017 school year.

This represents a 12% increase over 2016. Chatham Campus achieved a 6% increase as compared to 2016. This is the second consecutive year of increases to the College's enrolment. In 2016, the College saw a 9% increase in enrolment over 2015.

"During our 50th anniversary year, the St. Clair College Alumni Association will grow to over 100,000 graduates (during October's Convocation sessions), so it is exciting to be recording another milestone number along with an enrolment in excess of 10,000 students," said St. Clair President Patti France. "More than that, it is heartening to realize that both domestic and international students have recognized St. Clair as an exceptional postsecondary destination, offering unparalleled instruction and state-of-the-art technology to pursue the careers of the 21st century. Coupled with the crucial task of addressing the skills gap in trades-and-technology, we continue to furnish expertise-laden graduates to the fields of health-care, engineering, manufacturing, business, information technology, social services and the applied arts - all of which are essential to the well-being of our community, and the prosperity of the local, provincial and national economies."

This milestone has been achieved, in large part, to a dramatic increase in international students. In 2016 the college had 581 international students. Today, there are 1,100, a 90% increase. Additionally, the College's campus in Toronto, Ace Acumen, saw an increase of 54% over last year (1,450 students, up from 940 in 2016). Domestic enrolment held its own, in the face of continued declining catchment enrolment.

"Canada has quickly become one of the most sought after educational destinations," says Ron Seguin, Vice President International Relations, Training and Campus Development. "The majority of students are coming from India and China and are seeking the higher education and skills expertise that the College delivers. This gives them the knowledge and tools to start careers in what today is a global workforce"

Updated: St. Clair College reaches 10,000 students for first time

St. Clair College has a historic first to add to its 50th anniversary celebrations this year after the school cracked the 10,000-student mark for the first time this fall

Windsor Star - September 22, 2017

Fuelled by growth in international education, St. Clair College hit the 10,000-mark for full-time student enrolment for the first time in the school's 50-year history.

The college, which had 5,222 full-time students in 2000, more than doubled its enrolment to 10,539 during a period in which the region's population was actually dwindling.

Enrolment increased by about 12 per cent, year over year.

Including part-time students, apprenticeships and adult education, the number swells to 11,953 students. Those numbers don't include the Continuing Education program.

"It's symbolic for us, we've been trying to get to 10,000 for a decade," said Patti France, president of St. Clair College.

"We've been trying to diversify our programming pathways and increase our international students. This is really symbolic of those efforts."



International students celebrate at St. Clair College's south campus, Sept. 22, 2017, after hearing the news that enrolment has hit 10,000 full-time students. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

In addition to surpassing 10,000 students, the college will also reach 100,000 graduates with next month's fall convocation ceremonies

St. Clair saw a near doubling of international students over last year from 581 to 1,100 this fall at its Windsor and Chatham campuses.



International students celebrate at St. Clair College's south campus, Sept. 22, 2017, after hearing the news that enrolment has hit 10,000 full-time students. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

The school's Toronto campus experienced a 54 per cent increase over last year from 940 students to 1,450.

The prime source for international students has been China and India, the world's two most populous nations.

"I can remember not long ago when we only had 200 international students," said France, who has seen enrolment grow by 24 per cent in three years.

"We've been focused on increasing that. We're working with agents overseas, building relationships. Staff are being sent over two or three times a year to visit schools personally."

Perhaps the best advertising for the college has been the international students who come to St. Clair, said France.

"Word-of-mouth has been huge," she said. "With social media, kids are tweeting to friends and family back home. They're making videos."

"We had an international students' orientation event last week and the social media from that was tremendous."

"The college's profile and its reputation have been raised."

There has also been a greater emphasis on recruiting international students for the Windsor and Chatham campuses.

"We've been trying to get these students down to the Windsor area because of the tremendous economic benefits to the region," France said.

"We doubled the number of international students on our two regional campuses last year and our goal was to double it again this year and we basically did that."

"We feel there's a lot of room for growth there."

France also credited the college's steadily improving retention rate of students for keeping enrolment up. The average rate of retention this fall was about 81 per cent.

Bolstering the college's sales pitch has been the aggressive expansion of programming and upgrading of infrastructure during the last 15 years.

The latest program launches include graduate certificates in human resources management, web and interactive advertising and event management.

A National Powerline Training Centre will also open late next year on the college's Chatham campus to expand the powerline technician program.

Pending Ministry of Education approval, the college hopes to be able to offer two new degree programs as early as next September.

The four-year degree programs are in business administration/information technology, communications, social justice and legal studies.

With its business programs now surpassing 2,000 students, France said "a new face is required" for that segment of the college.

"We're discussing what that might be," France said. "Is it a building, a tower? We need to put some time, effort and money into it."

France also expects to break ground within 12 months on the college's new sports park concept, which includes an indoor soccer field.

"We're working on the conceptual drawings and those should be released for people to see in the next couple of months," France said. "We have to replenish our sports fields after we lost some to expropriation for the (Gordie Howe) bridge project."

France said the college is well positioned financially to continue its growth having run an \$8-million surplus in the last fiscal year.

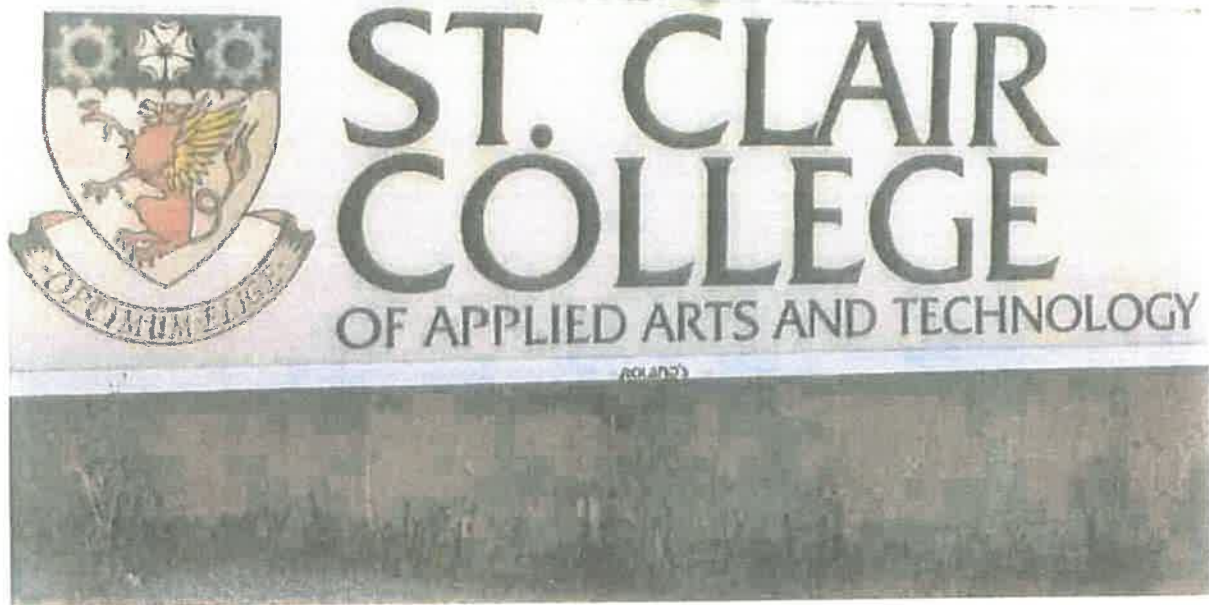


St. Clair College students Frances Loghrin, left, Aurora McClellan and Sydney Nicholson perform during Music Theatre Performance class, Sept. 22, 2017. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

St. Clair College celebrates enrolment cracking 10K

Majority of international students coming from China and India

CBC News Posted: Sep 22, 2017 6:16 PM ET Last Updated: Sep 22, 2017 6:16 PM ET



St. Clair College is crediting an influx of international students as main reason behind the school's record-breaking enrolment this year.

The post-secondary institution announced Friday 10,539 students have signed up with the school this year — a six per cent increase compared to last year.

"It is heartening to realize that both domestic and international students have recognized St. Clair as an exceptional post-secondary destination, offering unparalleled instruction and state-of-the-art technology to pursue the careers of the 21st century," stated president Patti France in a media release.

Students coming from across the world

In 2016, the college had 581 international students, but that number has jumped to 1,100 this year.

"The majority of students are coming from India and China and are seeking the higher education and skills expertise that the College delivers," said vice president of international relations Ron Seguin. "This gives them the knowledge and tools to start careers in what today is a global workforce."

St. Clair College Registration Statistics Fall 2017

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Registration Statistics

Fall 2016 vs. Fall 2017 Comparison

Fall 2016 FT Post Secondary = 9,478

Fall 2017 FT Post Secondary = 10,539

Overall Increase = 11.2% ↑





Registration Statistics

Domestic Students

Budget	7,800	
Strategic Direction Target	7,800	
Actual Day 10	<u>7,975</u>	<u>< 2.2%</u> 

International Students

Budget	720 FT Post Secondary
Strategic Direction Target	3%  from last yr (or +17)
Actual Day 10	1,100 FT Post Secondary
Overall Increase from 2016	1,100 – 581 = 519 or <u>89%</u> 



Registration Statistics

	<u>Day 10 Fall 2016</u>	<u>Day 10 Fall 2017</u>	
Media, Art and Design	536	596	
Community Studies	<u>288</u>	<u>322</u>	
Downtown	<u>824</u>	<u>918</u>	+ <u>94</u>



Registration Statistics

	<u>Day 10 Fall 2016</u>	<u>Day 10 Fall 2017</u>	
Business & Information Technology	1,603	1,917	
Community Studies	1,025	1,018	
Engineering Technologies	1,073	1,086	
Health Sciences	807	802	
Media, Art and Design	332	336	
Nursing	1,094	1,210	
Appr. & Trades – Industrial & Trans.	526	492	
Appr. & Trades – Constr. & Service	115	127	
South Campus	<u>6,575</u>	<u>6,988</u>	+ <u>413</u>




Registration Statistics

	<u>Day 10 Fall 2016</u>	<u>Day 10 Fall 2017</u>	
Academic Studies Chatham - Kent	578	628	
Nursing - Chatham	401	413	
Health Sciences – Chatham	<u>125</u>	<u>128</u>	
Chatham Campus	<u>1,104</u>	<u>1,169</u>	+ <u>65</u>



Registration Statistics

	<u>Day 10 Fall 2016</u>	<u>Day 10 Fall 2017</u>	
Domestic	7,922	7,975	53
International	581	1,100	519
Acumen	<u>940</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>524</u>
Total Students	<u>9,443</u>	<u>10,539</u>	<u>1,096</u> 



Registration Statistics

Highlights of 1st Year Intake (Total 5,436) by City

Windsor – 44.9%	Sarnia/Lambton County – 1.2%
Belle River, S.Woodslee, Harrow – 5.1%	Wallaceburg – 0.9%
Chatham – 6.0%	Eastern Ontario – 0.6%
LaSalle – 2.0%	Kitchener/Waterloo – 0.4%
International Students – 13.5%	Niagara/Hamilton – 0.6%
Tecumseh – 1.7%	Durham Region – 0.3%
Kent County – 3.6%	TOTAL = 100.0%
Amherstburg – 3.7%	
Leamington – 2.9%	<u>YEAR 1 APPLICANT STATUS AT TIME</u>
London/Middlesex/St.Thomas – 1.7%	<u>OF REGISTRATION:</u>
Miscellaneous – 3.5%	
Greater Toronto Area – 1.7%	FYR (First Year) = 34%
Essex County – 4.2%	MAT (Mature) = 66%
Kingsville – 1.2%	
Northern Ontario – 0.9%	



International Enrolment – Country Representation

Afghanistan	Albania	Armenia	Bangladesh	Belgium	Brazil	Burundi	Cameroon	Chile	China
Colombia	Croatia	Egypt	Eritrea	Ethiopia	Ghana	Hong Kong	Ivory Coast	Hungary	Iceland
India	Iran	Israel	Italy	Jamaica	Japan	Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kenya	Lebanon
Malaysia	Mexico	Morocco	Netherlands	Nigeria	Pakistan	Palestine	Panama	Philippines	Poland
Romania	Russia	Saudi Arabia	Slovenia	South Africa	South Korea	Sri Lanka	Taiwan	Tanzania	Turkey
Ukraine	United Kingdom	United States	Venezuela	Vietnam	Zimbabwe				

Top 10 Source Countries

India 714	China 154	Nigeria 27	Vietnam 24	Panama 23	Philippines 19	South Korea 15	Brazil 11	United States 9	Bangladesh 8
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** A total of 1,100 students from 56 countries study in 68 programs.*



Recommendation

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Governors receive this report for approval.



St. Clair College
Financial Monitoring Report
2017-18: 1st Quarter

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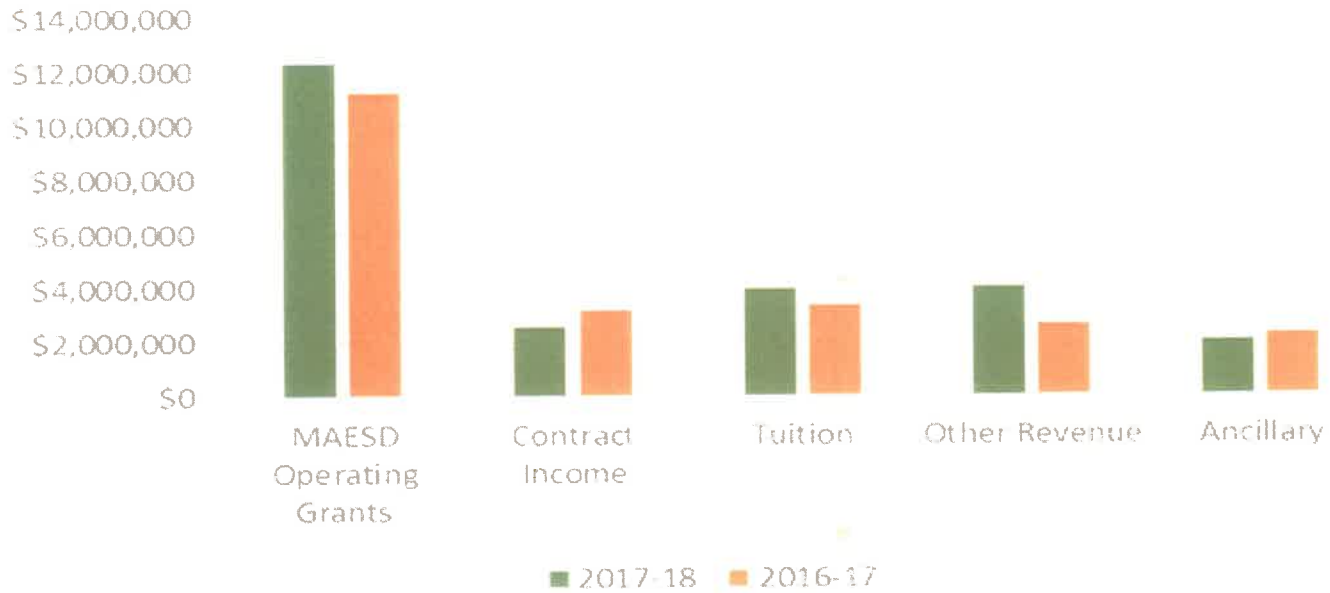
Income Statement

Schedule I: Item 7.2 page 7 of 14 (in 000s)			
Line Item	Approved Budget Income Statement	June 2017 Actual Income Statement	June 2016 Actual Income Statement
Revenue	\$129,990	\$24,789	\$22,693
Expenditures	\$128,814	\$30,069	\$29,359
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,176	(\$5,280)	(\$6,666)

Revenues

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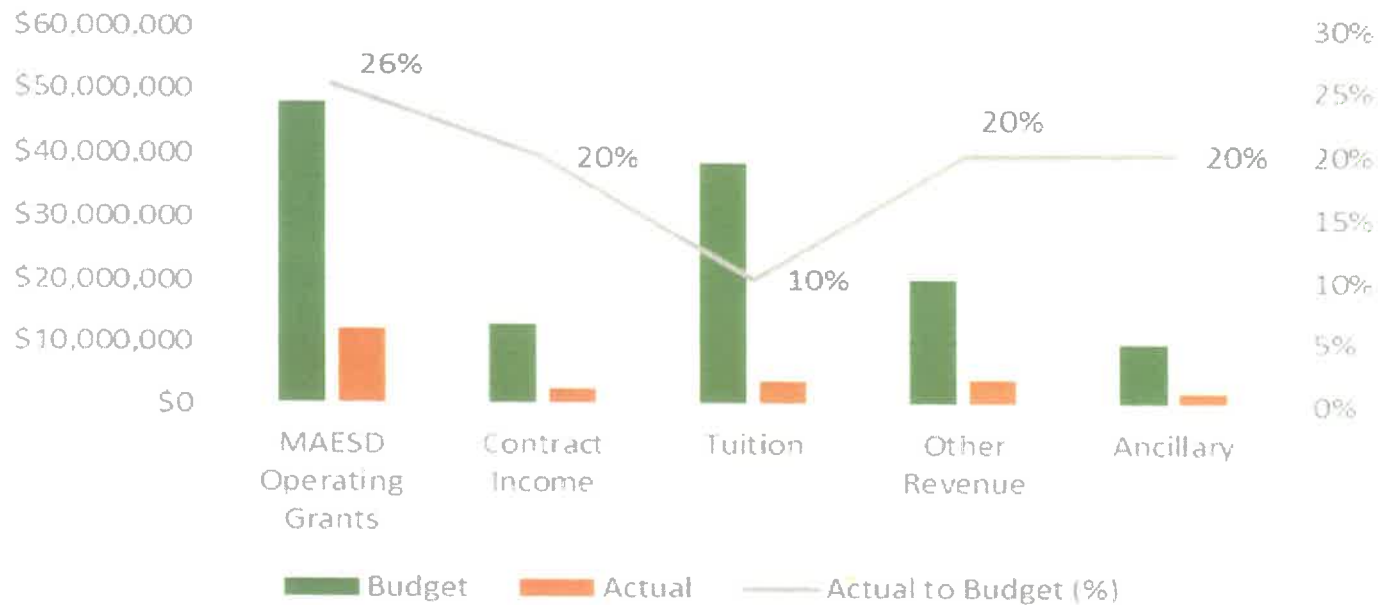
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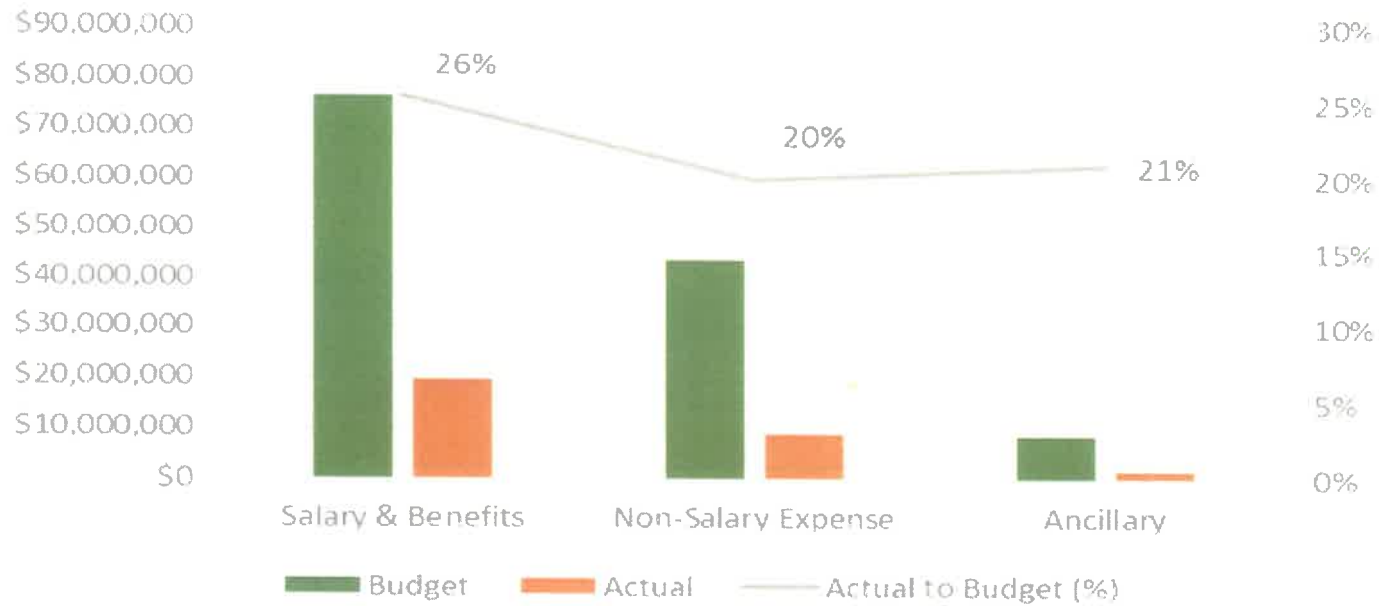
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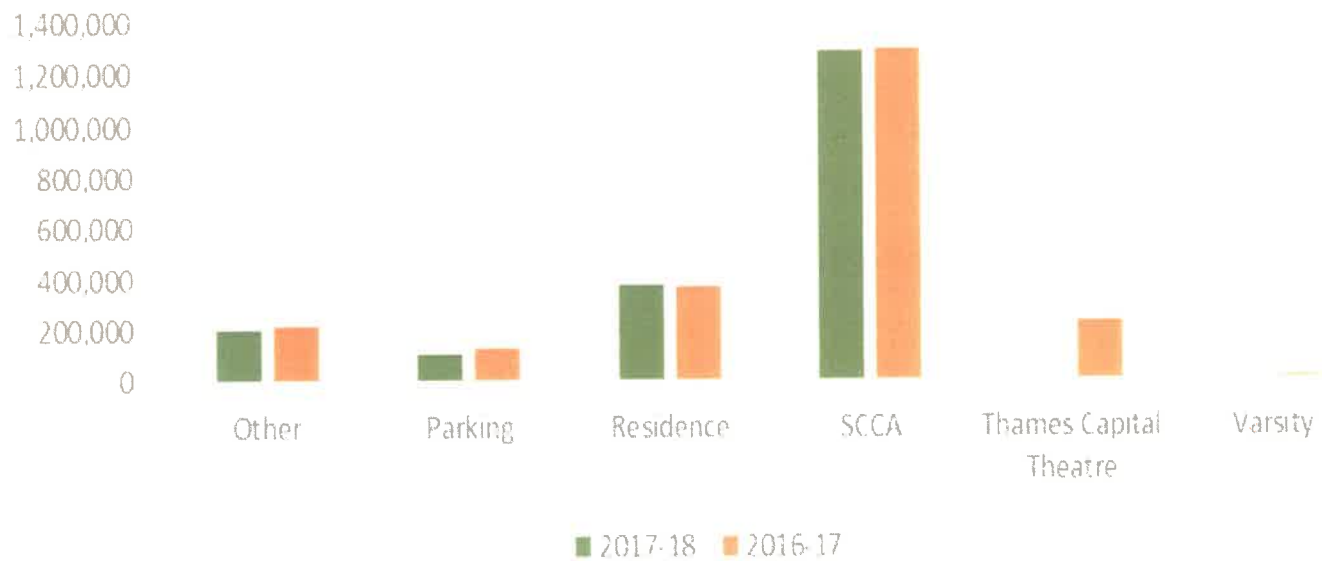
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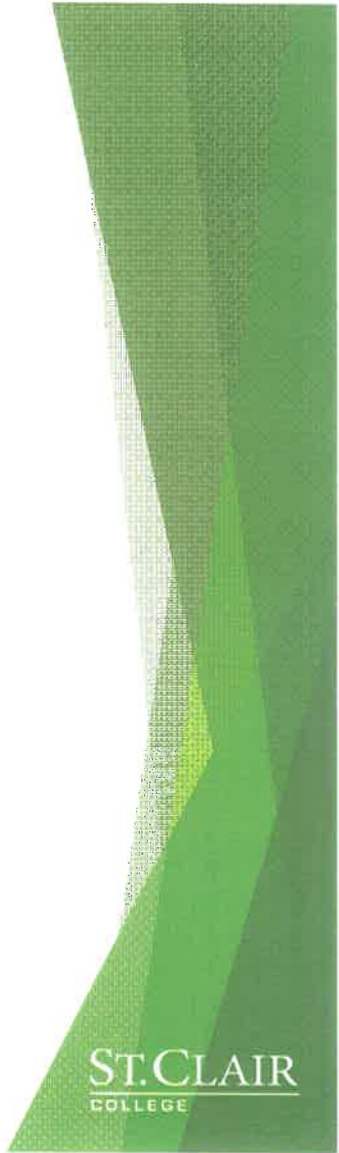
Financial Sustainability Metrics (Item 7.2 page 14 of 14)

- ▶ Metrics included in the SMA (Strategic Mandate Agreement).
- ▶ Actual metrics for March 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- ▶ Projected metrics for March 31, 2018. One flag.

Recommendation

- ▶ IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Governors:
 - ▶ Receive the June 30, 2017 Financial Monitoring report as information.

Questions?



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Explanation of Surplus Variance

Line Item	Amount (000s)
Surplus - June 30, 2017	(\$5,280)
Surplus - June 30, 2016	(\$6,666)
Variance	\$1,386
Contributing Factors:	
Ministry Operating Grants Increase	(\$1,042)
Contract Income Decrease	\$639
Tuition Increase	(\$552)
Other Revenue Increase	(\$1,431)
Salary & Benefits Increase	\$365
Non-Salary Expense Increase	\$635
	\$0