ST. CLAIR COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES OF THE

FULL BOARD MEETING of the BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on May 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm, in Board Room #342, Windsor Campus, Windsor, ON.

PRESENT:

Mr. D. Allen, Chair

Mr. K. Beaudoin

Ms. K. Behune-Plunkett

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. M. Wickham

Ms. T. Wonsch

Also Present:

Ms. K. Adams, Recording Board Secretary

Mr. D. Barsanti, Vice President, Student Services &

Administration

Mr. E.P. Chant, Editor, SAINT, Student Newspaper

Ms. S. Favaro, Corporate Secretary & Manager, President's Office

Mr. J. Freer, Faculty Observer (Alternate)

Mr. W. Habash, Vice President, Academic

Mr. M. Jones, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. R. Seguin, Vice President, International Relations,

Training & Campus Development

Mr. J. Sirianni, Vice President, Human Resources

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 Board 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 April 24, 2018 Meeting Held in Chatham, 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 April 24, 2018 meeting.

3.0 Constituent Reports

Faculty Observer

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

- Professor George Vrantsidis is currently in Kunming, China with five Civil Engineering Technology students. The students are participating in a Surveying Competition.
- Professor Bill Rawlings is currently in Nanjing, China with fourteen Architectural Technology students completing an elective course.
- Professor Kathryn Markham-Petro is also currently in Kunming, China with eight Early Childhood Education students completing their work placement.
- The Fashion Design program produced the Annual Atelier Fashion Show on Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the Student Life Centre. The event was also streamed online. The Fashion Design program is starting to make important connections with high profile designers and is also involved in community outreach projects.

 The Educational Support program donated a prize valued at \$750 to Autism Services Incorporated. The prize was raffled off at their annual pasta dinner fundraiser, with all proceeds going to support the Bruce Awad summer program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Students from the Educational Support program also volunteered at the event.

4.0 **President's Report**

The Chair called on the President to present her report to the Board. The President reported on the following activities:

- The 2018 Ontario Technological Skills Competition was held in Toronto, May 7 May 9, where more than 2,500 college and high school students competed in over 60 unique competitions. The competition offered a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are at the top of their field. Twenty-six students from St. Clair College competed in fourteen categories, and claimed ten medals in eight of those categories. The President expressed her congratulations to all of the students that represented St. Clair College at this year's event. She also thanked the Faculty advisors and Administration that provided leadership and guidance to the students. The Gold Medal recipients and their faculty mentors advance to the Skills Canada National Competition being held June 4 June 5, 2018 in Edmonton, AB. Each of the medalists will be receiving a bursary.
- The annual Enactus National Exposition competition was held in Toronto, May 14 May 16, 2018. Over the course of the three-day event, the St. Clair College Enactus team showcased how their community outreach projects and business ventures are enabling progress through entrepreneurial action. The St. Clair team placed fourth in their league and received the Spirit of Enactus Award. The co-President's of the team each won a \$2,500 Founder's Bursary and our faculty advisor, Mike Spadotto, received the Rookie Faculty Advisor of the Year Award. The President congratulated all those that participated.
- St. Clair College, in collaboration with the University of Windsor and Lambton College, hosted the 2018 Ontario College Council of Chief Information Officers (OCCCIO) Conference, May 15 – May 17, 2018 at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. This annual conference provided an opportunity for Ontario college CIO's and IT leaders to share insights and best practices and to explore emerging trends.
- The St. Clair College Centre for the Arts hosted the farewell dinner for University of Windsor President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Alan Wildeman on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. The President thanked Dr. Wildeman for his contributions to St. Clair College and the community and wished him all the best on his retirement.

- The President noted that the media stories have been sent to the Board members electronically.
- The President's report is attached to the minutes as Item #4.0.

5.0 Consent Agenda

5.1 Increase Corporate Training - Enhance our reputation as a training centre for the workforce of our community.

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors receive and approve the contents contained in the Consent Agenda of the May 22, 2018 Full Board meeting, as presented.

6.0 **Information**

6.1 CICan Update

Five members from the Board represented St. Clair College at the annual Colleges and Institutes Canada (ClCan) conference held April 27 – May 1, 2018 in Victoria, BC.

Ms. Corey reported the following:

- Ms. Corey began by thanking the Board for providing the opportunity to attend the CICan conference.
- The conference was a great experience, diverse with very inspiring keynote speakers.
- Vicki Saunders, founder of SHeEO, a global collaboration of female entrepreneurs and mentors who work together to create a powerful ecosystem for growing women-led ventures. Ms. Saunders was recognized as one of the 100 most influential leaders of 2015 by "Empowering a Billion Women" and as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum.
- Ms. Saunders shared her theories of social entrepreneurship and a new model of capitalism; supporting those in business through mentorship, thinking differently and financially.

 One of the other offerings of the conference was a session regarding governance. At this session, Leslie "Skip" Triplett, Board Chair, LaSalle College Vancouver, shared strategic questions and strategies about the governance of an educational institution from his years of experience, both as an employee and a board member of a higher education institution.

Mr. Curtis reported the following:

- He attended the pre-Conference sessions held in Comox Valley on Vancouver Island and hosted by North Island College.
- Guests were greeted by speakers from K'ómoks who shared important perspectives on the critical role that colleges and institutes are playing in serving rural, remote and northern communities.
- Sessions included discussion about indigenous issues from around the world and creating pathways for Truth and Reconciliation.
- A session at the conference led by Centennial College discussed how internal members of the board work together with Vice Presidents and Presidents of the colleges to deal with issues within the institution.
- Many of the sessions of the conference focused on the internationalization
 of the colleges; how to make the transition from a recruitment model to an
 international community within the college. All of the colleges within the
 country seem to be dealing with similar challenges regarding domestic
 enrolment.

Mr. Topliffe reported the following:

- Mr. Topliffe had the opportunity to engage with other student Governors and discuss the issues that each of their colleges were facing. Again, many of the challenges were similar throughout; internationalization within the institution and the challenges that arise.
- One of the sessions that Mr. Topliffe attended was "Job Talks" with Jon Callegher, Executive Director of Job Talks. The focus of this session was Trading Up: Why the Future of Education in Canada Must Be Skilled.
- Mr. Callegher presented evidence for a new way of looking at education and work, elevating the Skilled Trades as the conceptual path forward, and why Canada's health and success rely on educating students for work that is hands-on, fulfilling and aligns with personal values.
- Mr. Callegher discussed strategies for how colleges can "trade-up" to a model for education in Canada that realistically prepares today's students for tomorrow's jobs.

Ms. Wonsch reported the following:

- Ms. Wonsch had the opportunity to attend a session for International Student Support – Pairing external linguistically and culturally relevant digital programs with on-campus resources to support a unique body of students.
- The focus of this session was the mental health of young people and how academic institutions and campus support services are recognizing the importance of offering alternative forms of support to match the lifestyle, learning style and cultural diversity of students.
- One of the tools that was discussed in this session was keepmeSafe.com. This is a 24 hour a day helpline that is available for young people facing mental health issues or crisis that can be accessed online or through the phone. Resources such as this are helpful, particularly with the increasing International student population as they are far from their home and family and crises often do not follow the typical hours that help is available on campus. This resource also provides assistance in multiple languages to assist with language barriers that may arise.

Mr. Beaudoin reported the following:

- Mr. Beaudoin had the opportunity to attend a session that focused on risk mitigation and emergency preparedness.
- Mr. Beaudoin reiterated many of the comments that have been previously stated by the other Governors who attended the conference.

7.0 **Business Arising**

7.1 KPI Surveys

The President reported the following on this item:

- The KPI Survey has been included on the agenda as it is part of the Board of Governors' Annual Work Plan. Due to the Faculty work stoppage in Fall 2017, the administration of the KPI surveys and their results have been delayed significantly throughout the province.
- The Ministry has stated that results will be released in the summer of 2018.
 Once the results have been received by the College, they will be shared with the Board.
- Administration is hopeful that St. Clair College will continue to exceed the provincial average in the KPI Survey results. It is expected that the overall provincial average will be lower than normal for 2017 – 2018, as a result of the work stoppage.

8.0 Approval Items

8.1 Strategic Directions 2018 - 2019

The President reported the following on this item:

- The Strategic Directions are attached to the Full Board Agenda as Item #8.1 and have been updated to incorporate all of the feedback provided by the Board of Governors in April.
- Strategic Direction pamphlets will be prepared after the Board has provided approval and will be distributed to all staff at St. Clair Day in June. The approved Strategic Directions will also be available on the intranet for staff and on the internet for the community.

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the Strategic Directions 2018 – 2019 as presented.

9.0 Policy/By Law Review

9.1 By Laws 9 & 10 – 2nd Reading

Administration has recommended that the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the terminology of Chair-Elect to Vice Chair in the Board of Governors By Laws 9 and 10 and that, the Board of Governors By Laws and Polices and Procedures be modified to reflect the amended terminology.

After a brief discussion, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2nd Reading of By Laws 9 & 10, as presented.

The Full Board meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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465th FULL BOARD MEETING

of the

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

<u>TIME</u>: **6:00 pm** – Meeting

<u>PLACE:</u> Board Room #342, Windsor Campus, Windsor, ON.

** NOTE: Dinner will be served for Constituent Groups and Observers in the

Staff Lounge at 5:15 p.m.

<u>AGENDA</u>

- 1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018, AT THE CHATHAM CAMPUS, CHATHAM, ON.
- 3.0 CONSTITUENT REPORTS
- 4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Policy - Executive Limitations Communication & Counsel #2003-21)

Information Item –The President will present her report to the Board apprising the Board of any new developments since the last meeting.

- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA
 - 5.1 Increase Corporate Training

Information Item – Administration has provided an update on Strategic Direction #3 – Enhance our reputation as a training centre for the workforce of our community, attached as Item #5.1.

6.0 INFORMATION

6.1 CICan Update
(Policy #2003-6 Cost of Governance)

Information Item – A brief report from the 2018 CICan Conference in Victoria, BC will be presented to the Board.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 KPI Surveys

(Regulation 34/03, Article 8.2(a))

Information Item – Administration will report on the status of the KPI Surveys in regards to the provincial timeline. The summary results of the surveys were submitted to the Ministry on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

8.0 APPROVAL ITEMS

8.1 2018 – 2019 Strategic Directions

Approval Item – Administration will present the Strategic Directions for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, attached as Item #8.1.

9.0 POLICY/BY LAW REVIEW

9.1 By Laws 9 & 10 - (2nd Reading)

Approval Item – The Board will review Board By Laws 9 & 10 for approval, attached as Item #9.1.

10.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next Full Board and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Presidential Report Meeting of the Board of Governors Full Board May 22, 2018

1. 2018 Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC)

The Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) is the premier skilled trades competition in the province, organized by Skills Ontario. More than 2,500 college and high school students compete in over 60 unique competitions from construction and technologies, to industrial and service competitions. This competition is open to secondary and post-secondary students.

The 2018 Ontario Technological Skills Competition took place in Toronto May 7 – 9, 2018 and is Canada's largest skilled trades and technology competition. The competition offers a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the best of the best in their field. Twenty-six students from St. Clair College competed in 14 categories, claiming 10 medals in 8 of those categories.

We are extremely thrilled to announce that St. Clair College won a total of 10 medals at this event. We are very proud of all the students that represented St. Clair College at this year's event and congratulate all the participants. We also thank the Faculty advisors and Administration that provided leadership and guidance to the students.

Team	Student Names	Medal
IT Network Systems	Mohammed Chams	Gold
	Carter Ford	Silver
Mechanical CADD	Chris Fehr	Gold
Precision Machining	David Garrett	Silver
IT Software Solutions for Business	Ashley Doe	Gold
Restaurant Services	Samantha Garvey	Bronze
Graphic Design	Daniel Manera	Gold
	Luc Sauve	Silver
Web Development	Hailey Smith	Silver
CAM	De Tian Zou	Bronze

The Gold Medal recipients, and their faculty mentors, advance to the Skills Canada National Competition which is taking place June 4-5, 2018 in Edmonton.

2. Enactus National Exposition

Each year the Enactus Canada National Exposition brings together student, academic and industry leaders from across the country to celebrate the achievements of Canada's future leaders and entrepreneurs. This year, the annual competition took place from May 14 – 16, 2018 in Toronto. Over the course of the three-day event, the St. Clair College Enactus Team showcased how their community outreach projects and business ventures are enabling progress through entrepreneurial action. The St. Clair Team placed fourth in their league and received the Spirit of Enactus Award. The Co-President's each won a \$2,500 Founder's Bursary and our faculty member, Mike Spadotto, received the Rookie Faculty Advisor of the Year Award. Our students and faculty represented St. Clair College very well. We congratulate all those that participated.

3. OCCCIO Conference 2018

The St. Clair College Centre for the Arts hosted the 2018 Ontario College Council of Chief Information Officers (OCCCIO) Conference on May 15-17, 2018 for over 400 participants. The OCCCIO annual conference provides an opportunity for Ontario college CIO's and IT leaders to share insights and best practices and to explore emerging trends. The theme of this year's conference was "Inspire Innovate". Many students have a desire for the newest technology and have high expectations in using technology to advance knowledge and efficiency. To support this expectation, colleges require innovative means to engage students with the technology that is currently available. Along with providing information packed sessions, the conference was an excellent opportunity for CIO and IT leaders to network with fellow colleagues in the College system. The President provided welcome greetings to the conference attendees on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

4. <u>Dr. Alan Wildeman Farewell Dinner – May 8, 2018</u>

The St. Clair College Centre for the Arts hosted the Farewell Dinner for University of Windsor President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Alan Wildeman on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. More than 500 people gathered to show appreciation for his contributions as his decade-long tenure draws to a close. At the event, it was announced that the new Freedom Way building will be renamed the Alan Wildeman Centre for Creative Arts; and Mayor Drew Dilkens presented Dr. Wildeman with a key to the city. Dr. Wildeman will leave his office at the end of June 2018. St. Clair College thanks Dr. Wildeman for his contributions and best wishes on his retirement.

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Mother of Columbine killer urges mental health awareness

"The thing we have to do, as parents, is learn to ask and learn to listen," said Susan Klebold, mother of Columbine killer Dylan Klebold, at a speaking engagement in Windsor on Tuesday.

Windsor Star- May 1, 2018

The mother of one of the teenage killers in the infamous Columbine High School massacre says it took a tragedy for her to have any awareness of mental health issues.

"I was an infant," said Susan Klebold, mother of Dylan Klebold, on Tuesday. "I had no concept of any of this stuff ... My perspective now is very, very different."

It's been 19 years since that bloody day in Columbine, Colo., that shocked students, parents, and teachers across North America.

On April 20, 1999, Columbine High School students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold carried out a shooting spree that resulted in the deaths of 12 fellow students and one teacher, and wounded another 24 people.

The armed rampage ended with the two murderers both committing suicide.



Sue Klebold, mother of Columbine killer Dylan Klebold, addresses the audience at the Breakfast of Champions held by the Windsor-Essex County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts on May 1, 2018. Dalson Chen / Windsor Star

"At the time, I was not aware that there were signs," said Susan Klebold at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. "This is one of the reasons I speak ... No one put the pieces together."

Klebold visited Windsor as the featured guest at a Breakfast of Champions event held by the Windsor-Essex County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Before an audience of hundreds, Klebold described her reaction to the massacre, including months of denial, attempts to reach out to the families of the victims, being hated and blamed by

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her community, being named in dozens of lawsuits, and — eventually — education on mental health issues.

"I think it's helpful for people to hear a personal story rather than read about these terrible events in the newspaper or see them on TV," Klebold said.

"As a parent, I did everything I knew how to do to raise somebody who was a morally responsible, caring, loving person. What I was not aware of was that Dylan was struggling. He was wearing a mask."

Klebold said it can be very difficult to distinguish between normal adolescent behaviour and pathological behaviour. "The thing we have to do, as parents, is learn to ask and learn to listen. Those were skills I thought I had — but I see now that I did not have them to the degree they were needed."



A view of the crowd that attended the Breakfast of Champions event held by the Windsor-Essex County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts on May 1, 2018. Dalson Chen / Windsor Star

As a former teacher, Klebold said she feels a need to learn from what happened, and a responsibility to pass on what she has learned.

Klebold said the Columbine massacre and her son's part in it are things she lives with every day. "I've looked at this for almost 20 years. Like a Rubik's cube, turning it every which way. Now, I am more analytical ... I look for data."

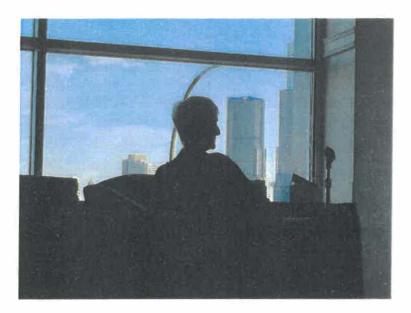
One idea that Klebold does not consider an answer is guns for teachers — as U.S. President Donald Trump suggested in the wake of the high school shooting massacre that took place in Parkland, Fla., in February.

"I don't believe that arming teachers is going to make schools safer. I believe that that's going to make schools more dangerous," Klebold told the audience on Tuesday.

Klebold pointed out that members of law enforcement are regularly trained in use of firearms, and there are still wrongful fatal shootings by officers.

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She argued that it's naive to assume school staff would be able to use weapons in a responsible manner, in the right context and state of mind. "I think it's a frightening idea."



Sue Klebold, mother of Columbine killer Dylan Klebold, sits in silhouette at the Breakfast of Champions held by the Windsor-Essex County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts on May 1, 2018. Dalson Chen / Windsor Star



Sue Klebold, mother of Columbine killer Dylan Klebold, listens to a question from Tony Doucette at the Breakfast of Champions event held by the Windsor-Essex County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts on May 1, 2018. Dalson Chen / Windsor Star

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Mother Of Columbine Shooter Tells Others Not To Ignore The Signs

AM800 CKLW - Tuesday, May 1st 2018



Sue Klebold was the guest speaker at the Breakfast of Champions in Windsor. May 2018 (Photo by AM800's Teresinha Medeiros)

The mother of one of the Columbine High School shooters is in Windsor raising awareness of suicidal prevention and mental health.

On April 20, 1999, Sue Klebold's 17-year-old son Dylan, along with another shooter, shot and killed 13 people before they killed themselves.

"There were signs something was going wrong, but not one of us had the big picture," she told the crowd gathered at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts on Tuesday for the inaugural Breakfast of Champions hosted by the Windsor-Essex Canadian Mental Health Association.

She said Dylan had talked about wanting to die and the agony he was suffering.

She asked him if he was o.k but it wasn't enough.

"Of course I think about Dylan every day and I think about the other people who were killed and harmed," she says. "I can't think about Dylan without thinking about the way he died and it is something that is with me always."

On the morning of the shooting, Klebold says Dylan was up early heading to school and she heard him say 'good-bye' not realizing it would be the last time she heard her son's voice.

Following the shooting, she said 'her world flipped upside down because none of it made any sense.'

"It was very hard to be judged and hated for something over which I had no control and people believed that I should have had control."

With time, she has gone from victim, to survivor to advocate for mental health as she believes the shooting was motivated by Dylan's suicidal thoughts.

Simply put, Klebold says her son needed help and he didn't get it.

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Mother Of Columbine Shooter Calls For Better Suicide Prevention

Blackburn News - May 1, 2018

The mother of one of America's most notorious school shooters is calling for better suicide prevention in schools.

Sue Klebold spoke at the Canadian Mental Health Associations' Breakfast of Champions event at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts in Windsor Tuesday morning.

Her son, Dylan and a friend Eric Harris shot 13 students and staff to death at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado in 1999. The two then turned the guns on themselves. The shooting was at that time the deadliest in American history.

Klebold says there were signs her son was suffering from depression before the shooting, and she regrets having not paid greater attention to them. Now, she is urging parents, mental health providers, and especially schools to do better.

"I truly believe that if Dylan had been able to address that suicidality that he was experiencing that we could have interrupted this," she says. "It might not have stopped the shootings. Eric might have done something without Dylan, but I believe that his participation wouldn't have happened."

Klebold says she continues to live in the same community as the Harris family, even occasionally running into them at the grocery store. She says their relationship is not close, but cordial. The Harris family and the rest of the Klebold family have chosen not to speak publicly about their experiences in the aftermath of the shooting.

Klebold, however, has not remained silent. She has released a book about her experiences called, "A Mother's Reckoning." She is currently on a book tour across North America.

Asked if society, and the media, in particular, need to practice greater compassion towards the families of shooters, Klebold was diplomatic.

"Should is a tough word," she says. "I would love for all of us to be more sensitive to all of our needs. We have a tendency sort of write people off, dehumanize them, put them in a category, this is a perpetrator, this is a victim. I believe that family members of perpetrators of crimes are also victims of that crime. And, I would never have even thought of that if I hadn't been through it myself."

Klebold says she has not reached out to other families affected by school violence the way her's was. She says she respects their privacy, noting that after Columbine she wanted to hide away. She also has not contacted the survivors of the Parkland, Florida shooting this past February, although she applauds their courage as they pursue a change in U.S. gun laws.

"Anything we can do to put some distance between a troubled person and a firearm is the right thing to do," says Klebold with a caveat. "We can't discriminate either. We can't say 'oh because you have a mental illness you can't own a gun."

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Windsor involved in \$80M self driving innovation project



Self-driving cars cross international border promoting auto sector innovation

CTV Windsor - Thursday, May 3, 2018

Windsor has been named one of six regional technology development sites focusing on autonomous vehicles at the border.

The province is putting up \$80-million over the next five years for the innovation and development project.

Windsor and London will split \$5-million from the Ontario Centres of Excellence.



Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens speaks at the Detroit-Windsor tunnel entrance in Windsor, Ont., on Friday, July 28, 2017. (Stefanie Masotti / CTV Windsor)

The research at the University of Windsor and St. Clair College will focus on vehicle cybersecurity and cross-border technologies.

The Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation will oversee the program locally.

CEO Stephen McKenzie tells CTV News this is a key market to study autonomous vehicles.

"It fits perfectly with using the strengths of our region, including the border, because our theme is how do you apply all of this technology into an international border interface," says MacKenzie. "So that's a niche we have that perhaps other areas of the world don't have to test that."

The project is a partnership between the economic development corporations in both Windsor and London, as well as the two universities, the two colleges and tech alliances.

Other sites include the Durham Region, Hamilton, Ottawa,

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Public school board holds second Blackness and Canadian Identity day

Windsor Star - May 3, 2018

Kylandra Cooper admits she was a rebel with a cause during her teenage years, she just didn't know why.

"A piece of me was missing, my black heritage," said Cooper, a mixed-race child raised by a white family in Leamington. "I never got to explore that part of myself when I was younger living in a community and attending a school where no one looked like me.

"When I got a chance to finally connect with my (biological) father's family, it all made sense to me. I just had to fit in that missing piece.

"I was raised in a loving family, but they couldn't give me that piece and now I know why."

Having made that journey of self exploration, Cooper emphasizes events such as Wednesday's second-annual Blackness and Canadian Identity conference are vital in allowing minority students the space to unpack themselves.

For a day, the 217 mostly black students attending the conference put on by the Greater Essex County District School Board got to feel just how freeing it is to be in the majority.

There would be no need to be a spokesperson for your race, to try to explain to classmates your different experiences or not to see a teacher or even a student that looks the same as you.

"I didn't have positive black role models in my life," said Cooper, who has just completed the public board's School Within a College Program (SWAC) that earns students the credits they need to graduate Grade 12 while also earning credits at St. Clair College.

"I thought being black was just the negative stereotypes you see. I think a lot of young black people fall into that trap.

"I'm back on track thanks to programs like SWAC end events like this. I'm hoping to start prehealth at St. Clair now and intend to become a nurse."

The public school board's diversity officer Rachel Olivero said providing minority students with examples of role models, opportunities and giving them a voice are the goals of the conference.

"We want the students who attend to see themselves as leaders, place value in themselves and have pride in their identity," said Olivero, who said the conference was open to all high school students.

"We want to counter-program some of the negative things around them."

Olivero said it's not just a one-day job.

The board offers a year-round mentorship program specifically aimed at racialized students called Change For the Future.

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The conference also featured a workshop for teachers in which graduated students shared what they'd wished teachers had known during their high school careers.

"It's the first time for many teachers having that frank a discussion with students," Olivero said.

Kennedy student Abuolo Cham particularly enjoyed how free-ranging the discussions were in the workshops.

"It wasn't sugar-coated," said Cham, who hopes to become a doctor.

"The acknowledgement (of black students' perspective) was very good. We're much more than the stereotypes."

Lydia Abraha, a Grade-12 student at Kennedy, said she's never had a black teacher. She's also felt isolated at times being the only black student in a classroom.

"I have to be careful what I say and be educated on issues because I'm looked at speaking for a whole race sometimes," Abraha said.

Abraha said making the public board's African studies course available at more schools would help fill the knowledge gap that exists.

"Education is the most valuable and powerful tool we have," said Abraha, who will pursue a career as a physician.

Abraha was encouraged that several non-black students were also in attendance.

"These students aren't black and don't understand what it's like to be black and they're not pretending to," Abraha said. "That's what's great. They're here to learn what it's like for us. Everyone is being educated by each other."



Crystal Brian, left, Natalie Browning-Morgan and Stefan Adjetey chat with Windsor Police Cadet Abraham Nyamadi, right, during Blackness and Canadian Identity Conference: Conversations That Count: Celebrating Black Excellence at the St. Clair College main campus Wednesday. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

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Local roundup: Lions and Mustangs capture medals at OFSAA badminton

Windsor Star- May 6, 2018



The Leamington Lions put a pair of teams on the podium in girls' doubles on Saturday as the OFSAA badminton championships, which wrapped up at the St. Clair College SportsPlex.

It was the first time in over 60 years that the event was held in Windsor and Leamington's Abbey Wigle and Chloe Jakob won the girls' doubles C Flight while Zeel Patel and Casey Bluhm took third in the same division.

The Massey Mustangs boys' doubles team of Shahripar Rahman and Alex Lin won the C Flight while Massey's mixed doubles team of Chirag Rampare and Alanna Olteanu placed fourth in the C Flight of the mixed doubles competition.

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St. Clair College Athletics suspends varsity curling and badminton

CTV Windsor -Tuesday, May 8, 2018

The St. Clair College Department of Athletics is suspending its varsity curling and badminton programs for the 2018-19 season due to financial reasons.

It's a decision that affects more than 20 students at St. Clair.

College vice president Ron Seguin tells AM800 News the two programs were suspended, due to the success of their other varsity programs.



St Clair College curling teams photographed before heading to Sault Ste. Marie to compete in the OCAA Championship, February 7, 2018 (Photo courtesy of @stclairsaints1 via Twitter)

"What comes with that is the stress on travel, hotels," says Seguin. "We're approaching \$500,000 in expenditures this year, so we've had to take a look at what the mix of our teams looks like, where we're most competitive at the varsity level."

The Athletic department notified the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association at last week's Annual General Meeting in Peterborough.

The decision does not sit well with Clovis McLaughlin, who was the badminton coach at St. Clair for nearly 30 years.

"We won six Ontario championships and five bronze medals at Nationals so how can you not say that our badminton program is ok," says McLaughlin. "If you need to make cuts, you could've at least approached me personally first of all and try to see if I could've been able to help with cuts in our own program."

St. Clair says all scholarships committed to the current rosters in curling and badminton will be guaranteed.

The decision caught first-year badminton player Henry Andkilde by surprise. The 19-year-old tells CTV News he is looking to change schools now.

St. Clair College says it will expand intramural and extramural programming in both sports, and will examine all varsity sports offerings over the next year. It says the study will cover the competiveness, long term financial viability and recruitment of top level student-athletes for each varsity team.

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St. Clair axes badminton, curling from varsity sports lineup

Windsor Star - May 8, 2018



St. Clair College Cabana Road West entrance. Nick Brancaccio / Windsor Star

St. Clair College has decided to suspend its varsity curling and badminton programs for the 2018-19 season.

Ron Seguin, vice president of international relations, training and campus development, cited "financial strains" and an overall review of varsity programs.

He said all scholarships to the current rosters of both sports will be guaranteed.

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St. Clair Ditches Badminton And Curling Sports Programs

AM800 CKLW - May 8, 2018



St. Clair College Sportsplex (by AM800's Peter Langille)

The badminton and curling programs at St. Clair College have fallen victim to a tight sports budget.

The school made the announcement today.

The St. Clair College Department of Athletics has made the decision and notified the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association. (OCAA)

College Vice President Ron Seguin says many St. Clair College teams have been very successful.

"What comes with that is the stress on travel, hotels. We're approaching \$500,000 in expenditures this year, so we've had to take a look at what the mix of our teams looks like, where we're most competitive at the varsity level"

Seguin says money is a key factor, but they look at other factors.

"It's competition, our ability to compete in those sports. Our ability to recruit high level athletes in those sports, where we're going to make investments to be competitive within the mix of our sporting teams, so there's a lot that goes into it"

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St Clair College curling teams photographed before heading to Sault Ste. Marie to compete in the OCAA Championship, February 7, 2018 (Photo courtesy of @stclairsaints1 via Twitter)

Ted Andkilde, board member of the Windsor Badminton Club, has a son in the badminton program and admits this is emotional.

"My son was recruited by the school and actually chose to go to St. Clair College specifically because of their badminton program. It's a big disappointment for him, he's a nationally ranked player and he's been playing and practising for many years"

Seguin says the two sports chosen are tournament-based, so the decision doesn't impact OCAA schedules.

He adds badminton in particular is only available at 11 of the 26 colleges.

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St. Clair College Athletics Cuts Varsity Curling And Badminton

WindsoriteDOTca News - Tuesday May 8th, 2018



The St. Clair College Department of Athletics has cut its Varsity Curling and Badminton programs for the 2018-19 season.

Over the next year the college says that they plan to examine the future direction and mix of its varsity sport offerings.

The study will cover the look at the long-term financial viability and recruitment of top-level student-athletes for each varsity team. Following this necessary step St. Clair will reconsider if curling and badminton can be reintroduced to its varsity portfolio.

All scholarships committed to the current rosters in Curling and Badminton will be guaranteed. St. Clair will also be expanding its intramural and extramural programming in these two sports.

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St. Clair College suspends varsity badminton, curling teams

School has agreed to honour all of the scholarships for the academic year





St. Clair college badminton player, Henry Andkilde and his coach, Clovis McLaughlin were shocked to hear the program was put on suspension. (Meg Roberts/CBC)

Clovis McLaughlin has been the coach of the St. Clair College badminton team for the past 29 years — this upcoming season would have been his 30th. But after an abrupt chat with the school's athletic coordinator McLaughlin's career at the college was put on hold, and might even end.

St. Clair College announced it will be suspending its badminton and curling programs due to financial restraints.

"For them not to come to us ... and try to make some kind of arrangement to salvage the program, that is wrong. That is very wrong," said McLaughlin, still wearing his St. Clair badminton jersey.

The retired Ford worker said he worked midnights for 15 years in order to coach the team. With no plan on quitting, he would have liked to sit down with the college to brainstorm ways to make his program more cost efficient.

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Henry Andkilde and his coach pass the birdie around in a friendly game. (Meg Roberts/CBC)

For example, eliminating some yearly tournaments or cutting down on the amount of athletic clothes bought for the team.

"We have made our decision," said Ron Seguin, vice president of international relations, Training & Campus Development. "We have to rationalize where we can be competitive."

Seguin said both badminton and curling are tournament teams with no league play, so the school can enter a roster easily from year-to-year. He said the suspension will allow the school to brainstorm ideas for eliminating costs. Ideas like those mentioned by McLaughlin.

The school needs to "look at how we can compete better," said Seguin, adding that curling and badminton have troubles "in terms of recruitment."

A statement that doesn't sit well with McLaughlin.

"I have been cutting 20 to 30 kids every year because better players are coming in," he said, adding he prides himself on turning good athletes into great ones.

Athletes like Henry Andkilde, who is a provincially ranked player. The Saints' freshman said he would like to go to the Olympics one year but he might have to move out of town to achieve that dream.

"The league that there is available to me is not as active as a [college] league," said Andkilde, who will continue to train outside of school.

"There is no way that it is alright to cut one sport and keep all the rest."

Andkilde, who is on scholarship, will receive his money.

St. Clair College has agreed to honour all of the scholarships for the academic year.

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Local Student Masonry Program Going Province Wide

AM800 CKLW - Sunday, May 13th 2018



(Photo courtesy of istockphoto.com/Bogdanhoda)

A skilled trades program offered by the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and St. Clair College is now going province wide.

The program, which introduces the masonry trade to elementary and secondary students, has been so successful the Ministry of Education is expanding it to Kitchener-Waterloo, Peel Region and Ottawa.

Dan Fister is the Executive Superintendent of Innovation and Human Resources with the local Catholic school board.

He says the program helps fill a gap in the local workforce.

"We've expedited their skilled trades and we're producing more skilled trades people out there in a shorter period of time given this integration and this new model. We're also supporting a need in the community to address skilled trades shortages that have an adult component to it."

Fister says some young people are returning to school to take advantage of the program as well.

"This past winter, young folks from around the region were being trained at our facility. They're working toward their apprenticeship, but their pathway is different. They're already existing apprentices in the field and they're coming back under the college oversight to get training within our programming."

He says program graduates are well on their way to landing a good paying job.

"They're completed a bundle of courses. They've done a number of experiential learning activities, loads of training and certifications that are industry standard. By embedding it into our programs in Grade 11 and 12, those students, they're about anywhere from a quarter to a third of a way through their apprenticeships."

The program provides students with a combination of in class and hands on learning while preparing them for apprenticeship training with the ultimate goal of a career in masonry.

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Chatham-Kent discovery tour held for new residents



New residents look at maps in Chatham-Kent, Ont., on Monday, May 14, 2018. (Courtesy Municipality of Chatham-Kent)

CTV Windsor - Monday, May 14, 2018

Nearly 100 new residents of Windsor visited Chatham-Kent on Monday to discover more about the region, its employment possibilities and tour the municipality.

The tour was developed through Geoff Wright of the Economic Development Services department in cooperation with the College Boreal.

The people on the tour visited the Chatham YMCA, Dajcor Aluminum, YA Engage, Giant Tiger, Riverview Gardens, Enviroshake, Concentrix and St. Clair College.

Mayor Randy Hope also hosted a lunch for the residents at the Civic Centre. They also heard presentations by Chatham-Kent's Resident Attraction and Retention officials and Adult Language and Learning.

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High enrolment of international students creating housing crisis for some St. Clair students

St. Clair College has more than 3,000 students enrolled for the summer semester



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St. Clair College international student Prayag Shah stayed in three different homes before finally settling in his current house. In the second home, he had to share one bed with three other roommates. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

Prayag Shah moved to Windsor less than two weeks ago from Gujarat, India. He is attending St. Clair College for the summer semester as an international student.

Shah is one of more than 3,000 international students currently attending the school — which means there is a competitive search to find adequate housing.

Shah is now renting a room near the University of Windsor that he calls "clean and safe" but in his first two weeks in Windsor, his living situation was anything but that.

First days in Windsor

St. Clair College permits international students to stay at the Super 8 motel for three days, free of charge. Shah said staying at the motel was like living "in a palace" compared to his home in India.

"Super 8 gave me full-fledged facilities, such as good blankets, no bed bugs, good toilets and faucets," he said.

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Prayag Shah said he did not know it would be so difficult to find a place to live before he arrived in Windsor. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

But three days went by quickly. Shah was now in a panic to find a new place to live. He said St. Clair College was unsympathetic of his dire situation.

"I'm an international student. I don't know how to go ahead ... I mailed [St. Clair College asking], 'Could you please extend my stay for three or four more days?' They told me, 'No. You should pay [for] the motel and you can live over there for more days.' But the price of the motel was about \$100 per day."

In just his third day in Canada, Shah — who pays \$13,000 per year in tuition — was searching for a place to live. In the 10 days that followed, he ended up moving houses on three separate occasions.

"In the second house, there were only three students ... and only one mattress. We were sharing two comforters within four people. And in the third house, there were seven people sharing one washroom," he said.



This kitchen was shared by 20 students who all lived in the same house at once. The house is located near the University of Windsor and was predominantly rented out to international students. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

Not the only one

Real estate agent Preetender Brar rents out houses in the downtown Windsor area. He said some landlords are having trouble renting to international students because of the many unknowns surrounding their financial situation.

"When landlords are renting a house, they are looking for credit. New students do not have any credit so how will the landlord allow them to have a house?" he said.

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Real estate agent and landlord Preetender Brar said it is too difficult for international students to find adequate housing. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

"They also have no verifiable income, so that's why the tenants face problems from the landlords. Landlords hesitate to give them a house," Brar added.

While some landlords shy away from renting to international students, others see it as an opportunity for financial gain. Renting out a single-person room to multiple international students means increased revenue for landlords.

"I have seen, in a four-room house, there are 15 students living [there] ... They cannot get ready on time because there is just one washroom or two washrooms in the house," he said.



This photo submitted to CBC News shows a group of international students who all lived under one roof. There are three people absent from this photo. The house included just one kitchen and three washrooms for a total of 20 tentants. (Submitted)

The college's perspective

St. Clair College said they have responded to "very little actual cases" of overcrowding in rental houses.

Ron Seguin, vice president of International Relations, Training and Campus Development for the college said the three-day motel stay is minimally used and is not for people in dire need.

We saw record-amounts of students already have their accommodations arranged before they landed. Ron Seguin, St. Clair College

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"We saw record-amounts of students already have their accommodations arranged before they landed. So of the 3,000-plus students, only 300 have required the hotel accommodation — small percentage when you think of the large numbers," he said.

Seguin added there have not been any students who have needed an extension for the three-day motel stay.

When CBC News informed Seguin of the Shah's situation, Seguin said there are "details around each situation" that must first be examined.

"If we have vacancies or there's a chance to move a student to the residence, there could be incidents," he said. "But certainly, we'd like to spread the word (for international students) to give us a call and we'll work through each individual case."



This bus stop on the corner of Campbell Ave. and Wyandotte St. is fully populated with international students from India. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

Next steps

Seguin said the school is working with city officials to meet increased needs for space, and have hired a housing coordinator who assists students in finding adequate accommodations.

He said he believes the influx of international students is being absorbed by the rental market.

"There may be a little bit of lag time in terms of how the market responds to the housing requirements but, so far, the rental house market has handled it."

St. Clair College is in the midst of constructing 500 new beds. Seguin said they are always renovating 10 to 12 units to make them livable for students — both domestic and international.



Prayag Shah is still settling into his current rental unit. He is optimistic that his long road to get here will ultimately give him the strength to earn his college degree. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

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Fourth house is the charm

Shah is finally settling in to his new rental unit. He has his own mattress and he said his landlords perform cleanliness audits to prevent beg bugs and mice from appearing in the home.

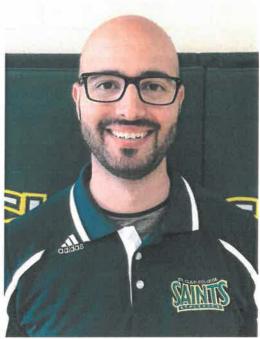
But while Shah has found a better place, he said 10 of his friends are experiencing the difficulties he recently overcame in finding a comfortable place to live.

"They are living in a temporary accommodation at my friend's house ... When they do [look at another place], there's bed bugs, mice, rats."

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Saints Coach Named To National Team

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St Clair College Women's Volleyball Head Coach, Jimmy El-Turk

The St Clair College Women's Volleyball Head Coach has been named by Volleyball Canada as Assistant Coach to the Women's 18U Junior National Program.

Jimmy El-Turk has spent the last three seasons with the St. Clair program and this past season, guided the Saints to an OCAA Bronze Medal — the programs first medal in 21 years.

El-Turk says it's every athlete and coach's dream to be able to represent their country.

"I am so honoured and grateful to be given this opportunity to represent Team Canada as an assistant coach with the Junior National Team," he says. "I am very lucky to be in a position to learn from and share with some of the best volleyball minds in Canada, as well as work with the best athletes in the country. I'm thankful for the opportunity and July can't come soon enough!"

The team will be training at Brock University starting on July 13 and then travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the United States Volleyball High Performance Championships from July 24-28, 2018.

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City of Windsor says it was unprepared for influx of international students

One student said a Transit Windsor bus could not pick him up because it was overcrowded

CBC News · May 17, 2018



This bus stop at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Wyandotte Street is used by many international students. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

An influx of international students has caught the City of Windsor off guard.

St. Clair College recently took in <u>more than 3,000 international students for the summer</u> <u>semester</u> which has made it challenging for some international students to find adequate housing.

Rob Vani, manager of inspections in the City of Windsor's building department, said he is not surprised about the housing challenges.

He said he met with some international students a couple of weeks ago at the college and heard about the problems with finding accommodations, as well as the condition of some of the housing.

"They were telling us that they were still looking for places and that they were having difficulties finding places," said Vani. "And they were looking all over the city, not just around the university or St. Clair College. They were looking as far as Forest Glade and even into the LaSalle area."

While he said the city can't help people find accommodations, they can help if the rental is "substandard."

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This photo submitted to CBC News shows a group of international students who all lived under one roof. There are three people absent from this photo. The house included just one kitchen and two washrooms for a total of 20 tenants. (Submitted)

A photo submitted to CBC News shows a group of 20 international students who all lived under one roof. The house included just one kitchen and two washrooms for a total of 20 tenants.

Vani said there are bylaws regarding the maximum number of people who can live in a house or apartment.

"In our bylaw, you need a minimum of 97 square feet, or 9 square metres in metric, for every person," he said.

But the bottom line, said Vani, is that Windsor doesn't have enough rental units to accommodate the influx of students.

"Strictly from what I understand from the numbers I've seen from CHC (Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation) it's probably going to be very difficult to accommodate these large numbers," he said.

Transit Windsor skipping pick-ups

Transit Windsor is also feeling the effects of an increased number of international students.

Skipped pick-ups have become more common since January, after St. Clair College took in 1,500 international students for the winter semester.



Albert Sharp shows off the hospital admission band he received Tuesday night after spending eight hours in the emergency waiting room. He said a Transit Windsor bus refused to pick him up because it was too crowded. (Sanjay Maru/CBC)

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Albert Sharp, a student at Walkerville Collegiate Institute, said the Dominion 5 and Dougall 6 were too crowded to pick him up the night he spent eight hours in the emergency room.

"I was coming home from the hospital actually and I had to stand outside for half an hour because there was no room on the bus," he said.

Windsor Transit said there was a 25 per cent increase in ridership on the Dominion 5 bus route — caused by St. Clair College's intake of international students during the winter semester.

"Back in January, we had a lot of unsatisfied riders because those buses were being filled right from the start of the route at St. Clair College and a number of riders were being bypassed," said Pat Delmore, Executive Director of Transit Windsor.

Delmore said they have added more buses to the morning route to St. Clair College, and some express buses in the evening to take students to the West end and downtown.

"When this first hit us in January, we were not prepared for this," said Delmore. "We were unaware of the new international student system that was taking place at St. Clair College."

Delmore said he's heard that the buses aren't as crowded as they were a few months ago.

"The additional service is helping. We may not be totally there yet. We've got to continue our evaluation of the service and the ridership needs, recognizing that we don't have additional budget dollars. This is all being over and above the allocated budget that city council has provided to Transit Windsor."

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Two Windsor West candidates weigh in on influx of international students

More than 3,000 international students enrolled for St. Clair College summer semester





This bus stop at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Wyandotte Street is used by many international students.(Sanjay Maru/CBC)

Two of the three major provincial party candidates in Windsor West think that more international students in our post-secondary schools is a good thing, but that those students need to be supported.

This week, CBC News reported that St. Clair College has more than 3,000 international students enrolled for the summer semester, and expects that number to approach 5.000 by the fall.

The influx has made it challenging for some international students to find adequate housing, and Transit Windsor has experienced overcrowding on buses servicing the college.

City of Windsor says it was unprepared for influx of international students

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St. Clair students

"I think it's fantastic that we're seeing so many international students coming, because they could go anywhere in the country, they could go anywhere in this province," said Windsor West NDP candidate Lisa Gretzky. "But they choose to come to St. Clair College because they know that they're going to get a good quality education there."



"I think it's fantastic that we're seeing so many international students coming." - Windsor West NDP candidate, Lisa Gretzky. (Sinan Sbahi/CBC)

"I think it's exciting that our city's becoming more and more diverse every day," said Windsor West PC candidate Adam Ibrahim. "At the same time, we need to make sure these students find jobs after they finish."

Windsor West Liberal candidate Rino Bortolin did not return our calls.

"We need to find ways to help the students when they come here accommodate their needs, and at the same time get established," said Ibrahim.

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"I think it's exciting that our city's becoming more and more diverse every day." - Windsor West PC candidate, Adam Ibrahim. (Stacey Janzer/CBC)

Gretzky said there needs to be a joint effort.

"I think it's incumbent on the municipality and the college — and, frankly, the province — to educate these international students on their rights ... that they have rights as tenants, that they have rights as residents of those cities, and they shouldn't be afraid to speak out if they feel that something is not safe for them."

The college's vice president of International Relations, Training & Campus Development, Ron Seguin, said enrolling students from abroad has allowed them to "deal with what I would call a flatlining of our domestic enrolment."

"It comes with growing pains," added Seguin. "This is a large population increase in a short time. I've got a large number of students living away from home for the first

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time. They're negotiating transportation. They're negotiating buying textbooks, and negotiating college systems all for the very first time."

RM Kennedy is chair of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) college faculty division. She said that all of the colleges in the province have had a "fairly dramatic" increase in their international student enrolment, "largely, I think, to make up for funding shortfalls."

You can't just accept students and take their money.- RM Kennedy, chair of the OPSEU college faculty division

"Internationalization is great for Ontario's colleges," said Kennedy. "But you can't just accept students and take their money. We have to make sure they have the supports they need to be successful."

The provincial Liberals recently released the "International Postsecondary Education Strategy 2018."

The strategy indicates that international students currently make up more than 15 per cent of all students enrolled in post-secondary education in Ontario, and it estimates that by 2022, that number will at be at 20 per cent.

St. Clair's fall semester estimate of 5,000 international students would bring their ratio to 35 per cent.

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