



# Ingersoll District Chamber of Commerce

Breakfast  
With Mayor Ted Comiskey



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## We have turned the corner; the future is brighter now!

- It took six years to get our finances under control
- Property tax rate is on the way down
- Investments to update our infrastructure continue
- Reserve levels are being restored
- Reserves being established for a new recreation centre





## 2015 Developments in Review

- Industrial vacancy in Ingersoll moved to near zero (whereas London and St. Thomas region increased slightly in 2015 to 8.7%)
- Commercial vacancy in the downtown core ended 2015 at only 6.9%, and YTD 2016 now down to 6.5%
- Over 235,000 sq feet of new or renovated industrial space was completed and a new auto parts supplier is moving to town in 2016
- New owners of Victory Memorial initiated the proposal for 54 apartment units to be completed by early 2017



## 2015 Industrial Success

- CAMI success translates into Ingersoll success
- Autrans added a further 20,000 sq. foot expansion
- The former Ingersoll Fasteners building has been renovated for Martinrea International
- Long term vacant property on Thomas St. has been levelled and graded for use
- Over 200 net new industrial jobs created in 2015





## Charting a Sustainable Path

- 2016 Budget has been approved – 1.98% levy increase
- Tax rate decreases 1.32%
- Taxes on the average home increase by \$8
- Additional \$518k put in reserves to fund future budget needs including asset management and multi-use recreation
- Working to accommodate future growth within the Town Boundaries



## Boundary Negotiations

- Meetings have been held between Ingersoll and SWOX
- Focus on a fair deal for both municipalities
- Ingersoll is growing and needs to prepare growth areas for the future
- Must make financial sense for Ingersoll
- Hopeful an agreement can be reached to present to both Councils
- Healthy growth is essential to keeping tax increases in check for both municipalities



## Landfill – The fight has only just begun!

- Still investing to maintain and protect a healthy community with funding to fight the landfill
- Toronto heard it first hand that we are not a willing host
- Excellent media coverage of Ingersoll's concerns
- But in the end, the TOR was amended but approved to begin the scientific studies
- This fight will take years, but we believe the scientific studies will not support a landfill







## Making Ingersoll Home

- Trails committee is back up and running - literally
- Improving both cycling and walking trails in and throughout our community
- Becoming a more bike friendly community with help from the Downtown BIA
- Multi-use recreation committee has been established





## Creating Our Future

- Infrastructure investments will continue – Tunis St. will be rebuilt this year
- Planning for renewals of North Town Line and many other bridge and culvert projects
- Future Oxford - Communities are shaping their sustainable future
- Zero Waste – Target waste reduction by 2025 to extend Oxford Landfill to 2100
- Go 100% Renewable – Energy generation = consumption



“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

– Henry Ford





# Promoting our Community



**Tetra-Chem  
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# Canada's Industrial Heartland



## So, are we there yet?

- Community involvement has increased – motivated groups working together on:
  - Multi-use Rec Centre
  - Dog Park
  - Carnegie Library
  - Fight against the Landfill
- Strategic Priorities of Council are set:
  - Long Term Financial Plan
  - Infrastructure Investments
  - Multi-use Facility
  - Recreation Master Plan
  - Stop the Landfill
  - Boundary Adjustment
  - Natural Waterfront
  - Commercial, Industry and Residential Strategy
  - Environmental Strategy
  - Downtown Strategy
  - Dog Park
- Ingersoll Museum has been nominated for Attractions Ontario's 'Ontario's Choice Award'



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