



## Message from Mayor Tom Bain

The Town of Lakeshore is now more than 35,000 residents that is experiencing unprecedented growth in the Windsor-Essex area. Comprised of five former municipalities and restructured on January 1, 1999, Lakeshore has faced similar problems to other restructured municipalities, albeit with the benefit of sustained growth. The restructuring has provided an opportunity for the community to develop its own identity while protecting the rich traditions of the past.

The Town embarked on an ambitious work plan in 2006 to develop a Community Strategic Plan, Official Plan and master plans for various services including roads, sewers, water, parks, recreation and leisure services, traffic, environment and health services. It is expected that in the fall of 2007, these plans will begin to roll out.

The Community Strategic Plan is completed and is an exciting vision developed by the community for the community. This document will ensure that the Town government's priorities are consistent with those of the community and will guide policies, programs and business plans.

The Council, in its 2007 budget, has undertaken an aggressive water main replacement program by targeting aging infrastructure requiring improvements to service existing residents and provide the needed expansion to accommodate the rapidly expanding industrial and commercial sectors.

During 2006, the Town was pleased to have welcomed several new and expanded industrial facilities creating hundreds of new jobs for our highly skilled workforce. The building of a new water plant, enlargement of the major water pollution control plant, along with major highway upgrades in partnership with the County of Essex, positions Lakeshore to meet the growing demand for industrial and commercial development. The Town in 2007 will undertake secondary

planning intended to lead to development of a major new industrial park along Highway 401, the major east-west corridor in Ontario.

In 2008, a Strategic Financial Plan for 2008-2012 will be developed to include multi-year financial projections integrating operating, lifecycle and capital budgets. The Town administration will be developing several business plans to review internal operations and measure their efficiencies against alternate service providers.

If you are interested in reviewing the financial position of the Town relative to comparators from across Ontario, please follow this link:

<http://www.lakeshore.ca/counciladministration/findoc.asp>.

Major initiatives for 2007 can be found on our Capital Projects Page at the following link: <http://www.lakeshore.ca/businessresources/MCP.asp>

While Lakeshore continues to experience very necessary growth, the Town is committed to ensuring it develops all services to meet the future needs of all our residents, businesses and visitors.

Thank you for visiting our web site. I invite you to browse the site and learn more about the Town of Lakeshore. We welcome any feedback you may have regarding our web site or any questions about the Town and its services. For more information on Town services, please call us at (519) 728-2700, toll free at 1-877-249-3367, or email us at [webmaster@lakeshore.ca](mailto:webmaster@lakeshore.ca).

Thank you again for your interest.

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