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**TO: The Mayor and Members of Council
Corporation of the City of Windsor**

VIA FAX: 255-6868

Re: Interim Control By-Law # 380-2003

On December 8th, 2003, Windsor City Council adopted the Interim Control By-law 380-2003. This action was taken to prohibit uses of land as "entertainment lounges" while allowing for the completion of a land use study and its implementation.

At that meeting, the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce made a presentation and submission with 5 recommendations. Specifically, the first recommendation was "***that the projected timelines be compressed from the proposed one year to eight months and, that the extension of time for the purposes of completion of the study not exceed four months after which time the Interim By-law should be repealed***".

Eight months have now passed and, after a protracted start-up process, administration is requesting the extension of the interim Control By-law for a further four months to the full year (December 8th, 2004).

The Chamber of Commerce has already supported administration's extension request by way of our December 8, 2003 submission. (Attached).

The Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that the issue of revitalizing our downtown core and improving life for our businesses and citizens is extremely important. However, preserving a positive business climate has to be the guiding principle in any deliberations concerning the Interim Control By-law and in this regard, time is of the essence with this issue.

Accordingly, we strongly recommend that this one-time extension of the Interim Control By-Law include a concrete plan with *measurable* and *accountable* timelines for results within this four-month time period.

Windsor has to demonstrate, in a balanced way, that we are open for business.

Regards,

Linda E. Smith
President

Attach.