



Business Improvement Area

IMPORTANT NOTICE

November 21, 2011

RE: FUNDING REQUEST TO INSTALL CAMERAS IN THE OLD EAST VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

On **Monday November 21, 2011**, Council will consider a request for funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the installation of cameras in some parts of the Old East Village commercial district.

The request was made in a letter to Council by the East London Merchant's Organization, due to the significant increase in levels of drug dealing and associated anti social behaviour in the Old East Village commercial corridor.

The request is supported by the Old East Village BIA as one part of a strategy that should include increased police presence in the area and support an intervention from the City of London Community and Social Services Division.

Currently, the successful revitalization of the area is at risk of being jeopardised if the chronic problems associated with illegal drug trafficking are not addressed. An Old East Village environment that supports a thriving business and residential community and the new investment to the area is vital to London's economic prosperity.

The Old East Village BIA acknowledges the valuable contribution that the City is making to our revitalization efforts. We respectfully request that Council supports the request for the funding of camera as part of a comprehensive strategy to address the issues that are impacting negatively on the area.

Sincerely,

Michelle DeVeau,
Vice Chair,