



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: \$4 Million Cestar College Donation to the Sarnia-Lambton
Oversized Load Corridor

The City of Sarnia is pleased to announce a generous donation of \$4 million on behalf of Cestar College of Business, Health and Technology for the Sarnia-Lambton oversized load corridor.

The oversized load corridor is a designated protected route on existing roadways connecting fabricators to the Port of Sarnia for the unimpeded import/export and trans-shipment of oversized product to and from fabricators' locations and Sarnia-Lambton's industrial base.

Clear passage preserved along this route will improve the competitiveness of local fabricators and large industry by reducing shipping costs, creating new jobs, and increasing the potential for the export of valuable locally manufactured vessels, reactors and modules.

The entire route is optimized for cost, connection to a port, and service to area fabricators. Public consultation on the project has begun and the construction of the project is expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

It is expected that construction will require a four year timeline to complete. The total estimated project cost is \$12 million. In addition to this donation, which will be paid out over three years, the project is being funded by the City of Sarnia, County of Lambton (\$1.2 million), St. Clair Township (\$75,000), Sarnia Lambton Industrial Alliance (\$10,000), and Transport Canada - National Trade Corridors Fund (up to \$6 million).

Cestar College's donation will be recognized with naming rights to the new dock facility which will be constructed as part of the project. The dock will be named "Cestar Dock," identified with signage.

"The Oversized Load Corridor will bring economic stimulus to the Sarnia-Lambton community, just as the public-private partnership between Lambton College and Cestar College has created immense value for the citizens of Ontario. On behalf of Cestar College, I take great pride in announcing our \$4 million contribution to this vital community infrastructure. We truly hope our contribution helps to drive better outcomes for the city and the future of this area," states Hufeng Chen, President, Cestar College of Business, Health and Technology.

"Cestar College has been an important private partner with Lambton College in building an educational bridge to the future. With this very significant donation to the Oversized Load Corridor, Cestar College is now part of the greater City Family in investing in a legacy project that for decades ahead will strengthen and diversify the economy of Sarnia-Lambton, Ontario and Canada," states Mayor Mike Bradley.

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About Cestar College of Business, Health and Technology

Founded in 2007, Cestar College began with a passion for providing high-quality educational experiences and combined this with a mission to develop students who would succeed in the Ontario job market. After investing \$30 million into the facilities and hiring over 200 staff and faculty members committed to working toward these goals, Cestar College is a successful example of the benefit private career colleges bring to our communities. Eight years ago, Cestar began a relationship with Lambton College in Sarnia to amplify their combined influence in Ontario's education system through training international post-secondary students at Cestar's Toronto campus. This public-private partnership has flourished into a powerful and dynamic learning experience, offering 16 programs to students from more than 25 different countries, while simultaneously contributing over \$120 million to the Canadian economy. As a symbol of Lambton College in Sarnia and Cestar College in Toronto's combined efforts to produce better outcomes for the future through the power of education, Cestar College is incredibly honoured to be able to contribute to the City of Sarnia through this philanthropic donation.



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