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### **STRATHROY-CARADOC, SARNIA-LAMBTON AND LONDON HIT THE ROAD IN A JOINT PARTNERSHIP TO LEVERAGE A \$1.45 MILLION GRANT FOR INTERCOMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**

STRATHROY - As part of an ongoing commitment to transportation accessibility and affordability, Strathroy-Caradoc, Sarnia-Lambton and London have partnered with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to enhance transit opportunities for residents. Through the Community Transportation Grant, \$1.45 million was awarded as part of a 5-year project to test drive a land-based transportation program connecting London, Mt. Brydges, Strathroy and Sarnia-Lambton. Strathroy-Caradoc will lead the project with a focus on improving transportation between these communities for residents, students and the labour force.

Strathroy-Caradoc Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden applauded the effort by saying, *“Transportation in rural communities is a key component of our economic development and service strategy. Providing access to training and commerce outside of the community is something residents need, and bringing shoppers in from other communities is something our merchants want.”*

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley pointed out, *“As Ontario’s southern gateway, Sarnia-Lambton has numerous amenities and attractions that residents throughout the region want. By connecting our communities, we have opened our doors to a much larger customer base; something that promotes tourism, commerce and general service levels for all.”*

London Mayor Matt Brown added, *“In London, we take great pride in our world-class medical facilities, shopping, entertainment and restaurants. This project will help us work with our neighbours to strengthen our city’s role as a regional hub.”*

Route and fare details are not available, however, public input will be an important part of the process moving forward. Overall, this project will connect Strathroy-Caradoc and Sarnia-Lambton to London’s local and provincial transportation networks. It will help to meet the transportation needs of residents of all communities, whether transportation is for medical services, employment, education or leisure.

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