

St. Marys Volunteer Seminar Committee
c/o St. Marys Museum

April 3, 2017

Mayor Al Strathdee and St. Marys Town Council
c/o Brent Kittmer CAO

Dear Councillors

On Thursday April 20 at 7 p.m. the St. Marys Museum will be holding a seminar discussing ways to reuse abandoned railway buildings. It will have special application to our own St. Marys Junction Station. The presenter will be Laurence Grant, a heritage professional. Last May, he spoke at the Ontario Heritage Conference on this topic. He has been involved since 2008 with the Canada Southern Railway Station in St. Thomas as contract historian. This organization's web address is below for your interest.

It would be wonderful if all of you could attend this session just to hear the issues and to see how various challenges can be met. It may help us down the road to accomplish something beneficial to all at the Junction Station.

I understand this cannot happen this year but soon we will need to make a decision on what we do with this wonderful structure. I remind you that it is recognized as one of Canada's National Historic Places. It will continue to deteriorate unless we soon make some decisions as a town and community. Please give this date your consideration and plan to attend. This is a building of great importance and Town Council should be supportive and involved.

Thanks so much

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St. Thomas Station website: <http://narhf.org>

Canadian Historic Places website: <http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=7488>