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# City freezes parking policy

After discussing the deficiencies of Windsor's cash-in-lieu of parking policy, city council decided Monday night not to scrap the bylaw.

Instead, a motion was passed to freeze the policy until a report by the planning department is complete, with amendments that make it fairer for new businesses.

In the interim, new applicants will not pay a cent.

Mayor Mike Hurst said as it exists now, the policy is unfair. New businesses wanting to help develop the area are forced to pay a fee to the city if they are unable to provide customer parking or their application to operate is rejected.

"New businesses that want to develop are paying a penalty," he said.

Traffic commissioner John Tof-

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flemire said a comprehensive review is required to look at the number of parking spaces as well as the issue of fairness for new businesses.

Businesses within BIA's who have signed a parking agreement will not be required to pay their annual fee until the report is complete.

## \*Ties strengthened with twin city in Poland

City council cemented its relationship Monday with the City of Lublin, its twin city in Poland.

Council accepted a number of recommendations by a group that travelled to Lublin in April to represent Windsor during the signing of the Twin City Agreement.

The Windsor delegation was headed by Councillor Dave Cassivi.

Lublin is the ninth largest city in Poland, with a population of 360,000.

"Just as Windsor is the gateway to North America, Lublin is truly the gateway to Eastern Europe," Cassivi said.

Council has agreed to begin talks with officials at the Medical University of Lublin, to explore ways of meeting mutual needs.

The city will also seek federal and provincial government grants for the exchange of economic, artistic and cultural initiatives.

## Neighbourhood Watch urges residents to meet

Windsor's first annual Neighbours Night Out will be held tonight.

The city's Neighbourhood Watch organization is encouraging people to step out onto their front lawns between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. tonight and meet their neighbours.

Yvonne Zimmerman, of the Windsor Crime Prevention committee, said crime is reduced when neighbours know each other. "When you know your neighbours, you care about your neighbours. When you care about your neighbours, you keep an eye on them."

Block parties and bike decorating contests are being organized in neighbourhoods, Zimmerman said.