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## THE CITY OF WINDSOR IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY DINNER NIGHT, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Perhaps one of the least encouraging, although most predictable characteristics of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is the fact that the tradition of families assembling at least once a day to enjoy a meal, companionship, discussion and fellowship together is becoming a virtual rarity.

Some of those who responded to the question “When did you last have a meal together as a family?” admitted they could scarcely remember such an event ever occurring at all.

The City of Windsor has been pleased to support the initiative of National Family Dinner Night in six previous years. We are delighted to do the same in 2011.

It is especially satisfying that this good effort to reacquaint our families in an atmosphere of sharing both a good meal and lively conversation is accompanied by a pledge from M & M Meat Shops to donate \$1 to the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) on behalf of every family which registers to participate by the deadline date of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

So far, this imaginative fundraising initiative has raised a remarkable \$21.5 million for CCFC, and we look forward to the total being substantially increased by National Family Dinner Night again this year. Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), which includes the conditions of Crohn’s Disease and Colitis, afflicts some 200,000 of our fellow citizens, and although research into its diagnosis and treatment has yielded promising results, much more remains to be done.

With this in mind, and reinforcing the many pleasures of families enjoying themselves together, the City of Windsor is pleased to offer our wholehearted support to National Family Dinner Night and to encourage our residents to register and participate in this beneficial demonstration of the warmest values of our society, helping restore a healthy tradition while at the same time, aiding CCFC in its vital and continuing work among us.

Sincerely

Eddie Francis  
Mayor