

The City of St. Thomas

is in the centre of Southwestern Ontario, 28km. (18 miles) south of London, 193 km. (120 miles) southwest of Toronto, 14km. (9 miles) from the shore of Lake Erie. St. Thomas is only 8 minutes' drive south of Highbury, Wellington Road or Highway 4. Population within the city limits totals 32,275. Households number 12,401 (residential units and apartments). High density suburban residential housing creates a Primary Trading Zone population of over 42, 000. There are 1,105 businesses operating within the City and the adjacent Townships of Central Elgin and Southwold. Elgin County has a total population of 77,674 (including the City of St. Thomas). An Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws for the City and adjacent municipalities are in force.

St. Thomas was an agricultural centre before the coming of railroads and associated industries. Our central location, half-way between the US/Canada borders at Windsor/Detroit and Fort Erie/Buffalo and only one hour from the Sarnia/Port Huron border, allows convenient and easy access to and from all parts of northeastern Canada and the United States. St. Thomas' proximity to Port Stanley, the only deep water harbour/shipping facility on Lake Erie's North Shore, combined with convenient access to arterial highways, rail lines and all other forms of transportation, have caused the community to be recognized by many businesses as an ideal location. Among them, the Ford Motor Co. of St. Thomas Assembly Plant, employing over 2,800, Freightliner of Canada Truck Assembly Plant, employing 1,000, two Magna International Plants employing over 2,000 and several others. The Ford Plant is the only outlet in North America building the popular full size Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis models.

Area

The City of St. Thomas is 7,540 acres (3,000 hectares). Approximately 1,600 acres in the north east section of the City is zoned to accommodate existing and future industries.

Elgin County covers 725 square miles (1,160 square kilometers)