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## **Cambridge Celebrates 'Local Government Week' Kids from St. Benedict and Monsignor Doyle Schools Come to City Hall**

Cambridge, Ontario. October 17, 2011... The Cambridge Council Chambers at Historic City Hall today had a special audience when approximately 50 students converged upon the horseshoe to hear about local governance.

As part of 'Local Government Week', Mayor Doug Craig invited students from Monsignor Doyle's Social Sciences and St. Benedict's History and Geography programs to a 'Lunch and Learn' at City Hall. "They really did their homework and came prepared with questions about budget, infrastructure, safety and other council decision making processes," said Mayor Craig. "I was impressed with their interest and enthusiasm."

This year, 'Local Government Week' runs from October 16 - 22. The initiative is a partnership between The Province of Ontario, Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Designed to celebrate the key role that Ontario local governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, amenities and physical make-up of communities, the City of Cambridge continues to be actively involved in engaging youth through this and other processes.

The visitors also learned about the opportunities to work with the City which include volunteering for events, committees of council such as the Youth Advisory Committee, and even in council chambers as a page (The page transfers documents from the Mayor and Council to administration officials and provides other administrative services as required during a council or general committee meeting).

In past years, Cambridge has hosted other events to celebrate 'Local Government Week' including a sustainable development focused event for students at the architecture program for the University of Waterloo, and a City Hall tour for the local boy scouts. This year's partnership with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board demonstrates the important linkages between academia and government and builds on the program.

"We pride ourselves on having educational excellence in Cambridge and this group of students certainly showed they were aware of local issues and came prepared to ask some of the hard questions to better understand the rationale behind projects within the community," added Mayor Craig.

For more information on 'Local Government Week' and a tool kit for the community can be found at:

[http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Education\\_Events/Local\\_Government\\_Week/content/Education\\_Events\\_Pages/Local\\_Government\\_Week\\_Landing\\_Page/Local\\_Government\\_Week.aspx?hkey=09421288-b5e4-4abc-9438-035e465e4f32](http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Education_Events/Local_Government_Week/content/Education_Events_Pages/Local_Government_Week_Landing_Page/Local_Government_Week.aspx?hkey=09421288-b5e4-4abc-9438-035e465e4f32)

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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