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**Abundant Skilled Labour** -Evolving from an agricultural heritage, the St. Thomas labour force features an exceptionally healthy and stable work ethic. Whether you require general labour, skilled trades, or managerial staff, you will find it all in the St. Thomas labour shed.

**Close to Your Market** - Located in the heart of the Great Lakes basin, more than 150 million people are located within one day's drive. Toronto, Detroit, New York, Chicago are all within easy shipping distance of St. Thomas.

**Excellent Transportation Links** - Whether your transportation needs demand road, rail, or air services, St. Thomas offers excellent access by all modes of transportation. Major highway routes (including Highway 401 and 402), national rail lines, and air and seaport facilities are all available around the City. Our location along the NAFTA Super Highway makes St. Thomas an obvious choice for anyone seeking in the North American marketplace.

**Chosen by Many Industry Leaders** - Many industry leaders have already realized the advantages a St. Thomas location has to offer. Magna International, Ford Motor Company, Sterling Trucks, Canadian Timken, Gorman-Rupp, Marconi Communications, Lear, A.Schulman, and ZF Lenksysteme Amino North America Corporation all call St. Thomas home. St. Thomas prides itself on its rich manufacturing history and strong industrial future.

**Room for Growth** - St. Thomas offers more than 200 acres of serviced industrial land that is ready for development. These lots range from 1 to 125 acres in size with the opportunity for rail access.

**Proactive Business Development Policies** - St. Thomas offers competitively price shovel-ready land for industrial development. Development in the City of St. Thomas enjoys no Development Charges and a business friendly cap on building permit fees. Moreover, the City will convene its Rapid Response Team to ensure your project is completed on time and under budget.

**An Educated Population** - More than 50% of the population over age 20 possess a university or college education. In addition to the University of Western Ontario and Fanshawe College, no less than 14 universities/colleges are located with two hours of St. Thomas.

**A Community Dedicated to Business** - The St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation, along with its partners work to ensure the healthiest of business environments. The St. Thomas and District Chamber of Commerce, the Elgin Community Futures Development Corporation, the Central Elgin Economic Development Association and Employment Service Elgin, to name only a few, are all working for business in our area.

**Affordable Living** - There is 25% more life in St. Thomas. Compared to surrounding communities and larger metropolitan centres, St. Thomas offers a lower cost of living to all of its residents. From minor hockey registration to the cost of a new home, the value of St. Thomas is unmatched.

**An Unsurpassed Quality of Life** - Residents of St. Thomas enjoy affordable homes in safe communities, a rich cultural heritage, active living and one of the most moderate climates in the country. Living in St. Thomas means you are only 10 minutes to the City, or 10 minutes to the lake.

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