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Mayor Gives Capitol Personal Support

CHATHAM, ONTARIO – Mayor Diane Gagner has helped the Chatham Capitol Theatre pass the half way mark in their Seat Sponsorship Campaign. The Mayor surprised the theatre at the presentation by sponsoring three seats instead of one. The sponsorship of \$1,500.00 represents one seat for each of her family who will have their names displayed on brass plaques placed on theatre seats. Mayor Gagner, a long time supporter of the Chatham Capitol Theatre Project, presented a cheque to Mr. Robert Fox, Project Manager to reach this significant milestone, with seat 585 the half way mark, and seats 586 and 587 going to the Mayor.

Mayor Diane who is looking forward to the world standard productions the theatre will accommodate said “The Chatham Capitol Theatre is undergoing major restoration and will play a key role in revitalizing Chatham’s downtown and the region. The Capitol Theatre was highlighted as a key priority for this community in the Community Strategic Plan.” A fully operational theatre will create important new cultural and economic opportunities for Chatham-Kent.

Mr Fox, pleased to receive the sponsorship and support, remarked “We have a vision of growth and vitality for Chatham-Kent. There are many good things happening. The Chatham Capitol Theatre is part of this inspiring movement.” Fox added “We are particularly grateful for this wonderfully encouraging support from Mayor Gagner, who along with Council and Municipal Staff, is leading the way to the ongoing growth and development of Chatham-Kent.

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“The Chatham Capitol Theatre Association” and “The Chatham Kent Festival” known as “The Chatham Capitol Theatre” are registered charity and not-for-profit organizations for the arts.

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