



June 5, 2025

Middlesex County
Mayor Ropp and Council
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Dear Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Municipality of Brockton Council and the residents of Brockton, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for the professionalism, compassion, and swift response of the Middlesex-London Paramedic Services, Oxford County EMS, Ontario Provincial Police, Thames Centre Fire & Emergency Services and ORNGE Air following the tragic accident on May 23rd in Thames Centre. This devastating incident claimed the lives of four students and a teacher from Walkerton & District Community School and has profoundly impacted our entire community.

Despite the extraordinarily difficult circumstances, your teams response is recognized and commendable and has left a lasting and meaningful impact on those affected. We fully recognize the emotional and physical toll such a tragedy imposes on emergency personnel, and we trust that the necessary resources and support will be made available to them in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Further we offer support for Council's consideration of a traffic safety study in the area where the accident occurred. We understand this is a thoughtful and complex process, but we believe it may be a constructive step towards improving road safety for all.



In our shared grief, we are reminded of the essential role our emergency services play during life's most difficult moments and offer our sincerest thanks.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Peabody".

Mayor Chris Peabody
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