

# Riverview to get look at corridor project

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A power-point presentation will be made tonight to Riverview town council by Rob McLure of SGE Acres Ltd. regarding the scheduling for the first phase of the East/West Corridor project.

"This is a very important part of the project, as it will provide council with a comfort level in having a precise construction schedule in place and knowing we will be able to proceed in 2005 and meet our time guidelines," said Brenda Orchard, director of economic development for the town.

She said the municipality can now proceed to have detailed engineering drawings done, tenders put out and construction started on this year's portion of the first phase of the connector road.

Orchard said this year will see the cut made into the hill on Ida Street leading from the Gunningsville Bridge. The work will hopefully start in the spring, she said, adding a seven-per-cent grade will be cut into the hill, which will see a whopping 250,000 cubic metres of soil excavated.

In 2006, she said the east/west corridor will be extended to Pine Glen Road and in 2007, it will continue onto Findlay Boulevard. She noted there are still other phases for the project, but the current federal, provincial and municipal funding commitment only covers the first phase.

Also, at tonight's session, Aliant will make a request to council to build a communications tower on town property, located on the southwestern corner of Wentworth Park.

At its last meeting, council granted Aliant an easement and the company began negotiations with an adjacent neighbour to permit them to build the 100-foot (30-metre) tower on private property.

But the negotiations were unsuccessful, so Aliant is now asking council for permission to build it on municipal property, said Orchard. She said it would be on the portion of Wentworth Park closest to the Riverview shopping mall.

The councillors will also be awarding the contract for a street sweeper for the public works department at tonight's session, which is scheduled to get under way at 7 p.m. in Riverview Town Hall.