

# INDEPENDENT PROCESS

# LAMBTON COMMUNITY

## OBSERVER

## HEALTH STUDY

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Lambton County Residents:

The Lambton Community Health Study Board meets to study environmental effects on the health of Lambton County residents. The goal is to develop a process to determine health outcomes from environmental exposures. The ultimate goal is to complete a scientific health study for our community.

To date, 2,200 Lambton residents have participated in the Ontario Health Study. The Lambton target is 10,000 participants. The Ontario Health Study will follow the health of participants over several decades. There are not enough Lambton residents enrolled as yet so the local Lambton Community Health Study Board has determined that this Board will not get the results desired for Sarnia/Lambton. It is, therefore, very important to move forward with the local health study.

The Health Study Board was officially created in June of 2008. In the Spring of 2013, it was determined that the study was at a standstill and it was time to either disband the Board or become more aggressive. The stumbling block to going forward is "no money". At that same meeting, an "ASK" sub-committee was formed to put forth a plan to determine how to move the Board forward towards the completion of the actual health study which is Phase 3. This sub-committee will also determine how much money is needed to complete this health study, to whom a formal request for funding will go along with a timeline for continuing. The final date to determine whether the Board goes ahead or disbands is April of 2014.

The "ASK" committee is in the process of developing an updated Mission statement which is: "The Lambton Community Health Study is committed to enriching a healthy community through the scientific study of environmental impacts on its citizenry due to the proximity of the petro chemical industry". The updated Vision statement is: "The Lambton Community Health Study will provide the required scientific knowledge to assess the environmental Exposures and Risks related to Cancer, Respiratory and Reproductive diseases ensuring a proactive approach to community health management and enhancement".

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