



THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO

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Her Worship, Mayor M. N. Archibald
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Dear Mayor Archibald:

May I respectfully request this letter be placed as an Agenda item at an early Chatham City Council meeting:

"This year, 1984, marks the 50th Anniversary of the Chatham Coloured All Stars Baseball Intermediate "B" Ontario Baseball Association Championship.

First to win a Provincial baseball title for Chatham.

First coloured baseball team to ever engage in O.B.A. Provincial playdowns.

Any recognition City Council may choose to give may ignite interest, perhaps a Service Club, to get the survivors together for an historic picture.

A letter from City Council to each surviving member of that amazing team would no doubt be deeply appreciated. I know some are still in Chatham, including Wilf (Boomer) Harding and King Terrell. Many, of course, have passed on.

Enclosed is a copy of an All Star 1934 photograph from the old Border Cities Star and a story I wrote of the testimonial banquet honouring the team, while attending C.C.I.

In the finals at Penatang, the Chatham team defeated Phil Marchildon who later became a Major League great with Philadelphia.

The All Stars moved up to Senior "A" competition in 1935 and added some players, including Fergie Jenkins senior and Andy Harding.

The writer is a Chatham native and current property owner in my hometown. I was most interested in the reunion of the 1959 Chatham Maroon Allan Cup Champions.

For the record, it is 50 years since the 1934-35 Chatham Maroons won their first Michigan-Ontario Hockey League Championship, starring goal-tender Freddie Peardon. Recognition for these terrific players is of equal importance in the view of a retired sports editor.

There are several members of the Michigan-Ontario champions still in Chatham."

Best regards,

Art Cartier

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