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CULTURAL CELEBRATION

D.J. White, a traditional dancer from Walpole Island First Nation, took part in the fifth annual Alumni and Student Pow Wow co-hosted by the University of Windsor and St. Clair College on Saturday, which celebrates Indigenous culture and creates space for connection between students, alumni and the community, organizers said. **A3**

Police honour fallen officer 20 years after his death

Atkinson 'saw policing as not just a job, but as a calling': former chief

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"Officer down."
Those were the words that came across the police radio at 2:07 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006, after Const. John Atkinson, 37, was shot and killed after approaching two alleged drug dealers in a convenience store parking lot at Pillette Road and Seminole Street.

A manhunt involving witnesses, one who tracked an armed suspect fleeing on foot, led to the arrests of two 18-year-old men within an

hour. The 14-year-veteran was the first Windsor police officer to be murdered on the job. He left behind his wife and two children, who were aged seven and nine at the time.

"John was a dedicated police officer," Glenn Stannard, the city's former police chief, said of the senior constable. "He saw policing as not just a job, but as a calling."

"He worked hard at it."
On Tuesday, Windsor police will mark the 20th anniversary of Atkinson's death with a ceremony at police headquarters.

ONTARIO MEMORIAL HELD SUNDAY

Shelley Atkinson, her children Nicole and Mitchell, and dozens of police were to pause their day to honour the fallen officer.

Members of the service, alongside Shelley Atkinson, also attended the 2026 Ceremony of Remembrance at the Ontario Police Memorial in Toronto on Sunday.

"Standing with policing partners from across Ontario, we honoured officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," police said in a social media post.

Two decades later, Stannard still describes the tragic incident as the "most difficult" day of his 38-year policing career.
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Downtown BIA to help cover costs for Project Greenlight

PASCAL HOGUE

Windsor residents can expect to see more blinking green beacons across downtown — and occasionally an AI-voice asking them to move along — as security cameras are installed on downtown businesses in the coming weeks as part of a city-funded initiative to deter criminal activity.

Project Greenlight, which officially started Monday, will see commercial-grade surveillance cameras with real-time monitoring capabilities and security lighting installed at as many as 90 businesses throughout the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Area (DWBIA).

The city has set aside \$50,000 for the DWBIA to help cover the

cost of operating one camera per business in the downtown area for up to a year, Ward 3 Coun. Renaldo Agostino announced on Monday.

"We think it's a great idea, we really love the initiative," Agostino told reporters. "The more businesses we can sign up, the more protection we'll have for downtown ... People (will) know that there's eyes watching and making sure everything's going good downtown."

City council approved \$450,000 for the program last February as part of the Strengthen the Core downtown revitalization master plan.

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