



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT DECISIONS

Council received several reports related to the Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Decisions. The approvals are related to the following addresses:

- 8 Hammond Street - 45% of front and side yard to be used for parking lot, parking space(s) and a residential driveway
- 352 Wellington Street - permit the construction of an addition to the south side
- 30 South Edgware Road - use 32.4% of the front and side yard as a residential driveway
- 161 Fairview Avenue - sever two residential building lots and retain a third residential building lot to facilitate the development of three single detached dwellings

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PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

A great initiative between Parks, Recreation and Library will see the collaborative outreach strategy partnership expand for Summer 2026. These outreach initiatives are focused on bringing the library and community services into parks, recreation centres and other areas in the City. This partnership will assist with community connections, the benefits of being outdoors while using the parks and recreation spaces, reducing barriers to participate and spreading the word about the library and programs. Activities such as registration for the Summer Reading Club, library card registration, family- friendly activities, access to the library outreach van and more will take place during the outreach. As this partnership grows, more activities like story walks, outdoor learning experiences, workshops, youth drop ins, senior programming and community events will take place in the City. The library will participate in local community events such as Pride in the Park, Horton Market, Nostalgia and more. The following dates are the first outreach events: July 22nd and 29th and August 12th.



2026 SENIORS PICNIC IN THE PARK - FREE TRANSIT



Council approved the Free Transit request for the upcoming Seniors Picnic in the Park event on July 8th. Railway City Transit will add an additional paratransit bus for the day that will be solely dedicated to the Picnic in the Park. Voyago has also donated the use of an additional bus during the hours of 9am-2pm to assist with the increased demand. The event takes place at Pinafore Park where there is live music, food, vendor tables, door prizes and more. The bus rental cost will be paid through the 2026 Council Grants program.



NOSTALGIA NIGHTS CAR SHOW 2026 - ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Council has approved the request for road closures on Saturday July 11th from 12pm to 10pm to accommodate the annual Nostalgia Nights Car Show. During the event, a temporary transit detour will be in place. Several on-street parking spaces will be blocked off on the evening of July 10th to accommodate the setup and the event. The organizers and City staff will arrange timing and assistance with the placing of road closure and traffic signs. The event will have free train rides, music, vintage market, service club food trailer and cars. The Nostalgia Nights Car Show is hosted by the St. Thomas Downtown Development Board.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD POLICY UPDATE

Council reviewed the School Crossing Guard Policy report. In the City, there are three locations that have School Crossing Guards. The City continues to see growth and anticipates additional requests for School Crossing Guards will happen. The updated policy includes:

- Enhanced screening criteria to ensure locations are suitable
- School Crossing Guards will now be considered at stop-controlled intersections
- Refined threshold criteria including minimum student volumes and proximity to schools

With the data collected, approximately 300 pedestrians and 650 vehicles travelled in the area during peak school periods. It was recommended for a School Crossing Guard to begin in September 2026 at the intersection of Peach Tree Boulevard and Raven Avenue. This cost was not included in the 2026 Environmental Services operating budget.





ST. THOMAS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - 2025 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Council received the 2025 Performance Report for the Stormwater Management System. This report highlighted system alterations, status of actions planned in previous performance reports and a list of efforts taken to improve or correct performance. There were 25 complaints received relating to the Stormwater System in 2025 with approximately 50% related to drainage. A Stormwater Management Master Plan is currently underway which will provide an outline for short and long term planning for system improvement.



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS



20
JUL

Drowning Prevention
Month

🕒 10:00AM 📍 CITY HALL

20
JUL

Elgin County Pride
Week 2026

🕒 11:00AM 📍 CITY HALL

JUMBO MONUMENT LIGHTING

June 1-7
National
Deafblind
Awareness
Month
💡 Blue

June 8-15
Universal
Pride Month
💡 Pink

July 19-25
Drowning
Prevention
Week
💡 Blue



Make your mark in the community with a proclamation, flag-raising, or by lighting up the iconic Jumbo monument! The Proclamation, Flag-Raising, and Jumbo Lighting Request Form can be found on the City's website or is available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible to ensure they can be placed on a Council agenda. Request forms can be submitted in electronic or hard copy format.



FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, July 20, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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