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City Council Highlights



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NEXT MEETING

December 19, 2022 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2022

2023 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS

Council issued notice of their intention to adopt the 2023 Operating Budget and 2023 Capital Budget at the Monday, January 9, 2023 5:00pm Council Meeting. More information on the draft budgets can be found on the City's website: www.stthomas.ca/city_hall/treasury/budgets

PROJECT TINY HOPE

An application from the YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin went before Council to seek an amendment to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for 21 Kains Street. The applicant is proposing to construct an affordable housing development consisting of 40 residential units. The project is being called "Project Tiny Hope" and is a partnership between the YWCA and Doug Tarry Homes.

Council authorized staff to prepare site-specific draft amendments to the St. Thomas Official Plan and Zoning By-law 50-88 to permit the proposed residential development.

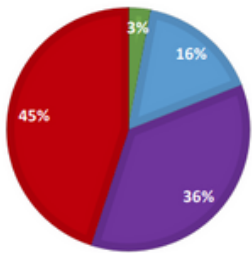
A public meeting has been scheduled for January 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Council received a report as information regarding the 2022 Municipal Election Results. 30.6% of 31,103 electors voted in the

TURNOUT BY AGE
■ Under 25 ■ 25-44 ■ 45-64 ■ 65+



2022 municipal election compared to 36.09% who voted in the 2018 municipal election.

Members of Council noted the downward trend of voter turnout and discussed options on reengaging the public, particularly those under the age of 45. Options included forming a committee, engaging youth in local high schools, and

enhancing communications. Council will revisit this issue prior to the next municipal election.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATABASE

The City Clerk discussed the use of the provincial database for the 2026 municipal election. Utilizing this database will provide election officials with more up-to-date and accurate voters list information.

SUNSET DRIVE

Council received a report as information regarding the Northwest Area 1 Sanitary Servicing - Project Update.

The report gave notice of a future closure on Sunset Drive scheduled in Spring of 2023 for additional asphalt work. In addition, the Spring work will include raising manholes and completing several runs of directionally



drilled sewer. The work will occur before the 2023 May long weekend. Other construction activities will be permitted along the project limits with appropriate traffic control in place. The project is on schedule and will be completed by the end of June 2023.

ICE FISHING ON LAKE MARGARET

Fishing is permitted:

- Outside of the spawning season which runs from the end of November to the end of June. This is in accordance with MNRF's Bass season.
- Only on the western portion of Lake Margaret and not behind any of the homes.

To ensure the health of the fish population, staff are encouraging fishers to practice catch and release.

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the December 12 Council Meeting
- Amend Zoning By-law 50-88 to remove the holding symbol for 1029 Talbot Street
- Appoint a Building Inspector, By-law Officer and Noise Control Officer

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