



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF EARLYON AGREEMENTS

Council received Report SESS-26-25 Amendment and Extension of EarlyON Agreements. The City has a longstanding partnership with Tiny Tots Co-op Nursery School (West Zone) and the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario (Central Zone) to provide early years programs for children and families. Recently, the East Zone operator provided notice that they will no longer provide this service beyond the end of the contract. The Central and West Zone operators were invited to submit applications to provide services in the newly available East Zone. Tiny Tots Co-op Nursery School was selected and will provide services for the East Zone from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. The other contracts were extended and the following are in place moving forward: Central Zone - March 15, 2021 to December 31, 2026 and the West Zone - March 15, 2021 to December 31, 2026.

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VALLEYVIEW RESIDENT AND FAMILY SATISFACTION SURVEY - 2025



Council received Report WV-03-25 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey. Each year, as mandated in the Long Term Care Act, requires long-term care homes to conduct an annual satisfaction survey for residents and families. These surveys are conducted to determine the satisfaction levels of residents and families, areas for improvement and areas of concern. The survey at Valleyview was conducted in the Fall of 2025 either through mail, face to face interviews, and online. 66 residents and 50 family members participated in the anonymous survey. Each question has an opportunity for the respondent to offer more specific and direct comments. The Professional Advisory Quality Committee, which consists of representatives from all departments, will review the results and develop the quality improvement plan for 2026. The committee will meet at least quarterly to review the plan and make sure that the initiatives are being supported by the entire team and that all departments share in the success of the initiatives.

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 57, 59, 65, 75 WALNUT STREET

Council received Report PD-70-2025 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 57, 59, 65, 75 Walnut Street. Cyril J. Demeyere Limited (CJDL) on behalf of Walnut Park Inc. submitted an application for approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit two 3-storey apartment buildings, a 5 storey apartment building, and a triplex on land located at the corner of Walnut Street and Stanley Street at 57, 59, 65, 75 Walnut Street. The requested Zoning By-law Amendment is to permit a 3-story apartment building with 22 units at 57 Walnut Street, in addition to the approved 59, 65, 75 Walnut Street. A recommendation will be made in a follow-up report after the public meeting has been completed.



2026 MAYOR'S WINTER LEVEE EVENT AND "2025 YEAR IN REVIEW"

Council received report CMO-54-25 2026 Mayor's Winter Levee Event and "2025 Year in Review". The City Manager's Department has developed a new annual initiative; the Year in Review. As a key action item within the Corporate Communications Strategy, this initiative is aimed at improving public storytelling, celebrating municipal achievements and reinforcing the City's strategic priorities. With the support of the Mayor, staff proposed the introduction of the Mayor's Winter Levee on Saturday January 10, 2026 where the new publication of the 2025 Year in Review will be revealed. A Levee is a tradition seen in many Ontario municipalities as an opportunity for residents to gather with their Mayor and Council at the start of a new year. The Levee will serve as an accessible, community focused event offering residents the opportunity to meet members of Council, hear reflections and accomplishments on the past year and look ahead to priorities for 2026 in the City of St. Thomas. Light refreshments will be provided. The event will take place at the Horton Farmers' Market which is a central, welcoming and community focused venue for a winter gathering.



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS



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, January 12, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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