



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:

- 9 Princess Avenue - An extension of the existing legal non-conforming covered patio
- 53 Hiawatha Street - Minor Variance application for an apartment dwelling related to side lot and parking spaces
- 420 South Edgware Road - Creation of a mutual easement between 10 Highbury Avenue and 420 South Edgware Road for servicing
- 4 Avon Road - Minor Variance application to permit a day care centre with adjustments related to the front yard depth and side yard depth

A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

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3. Downtown Oktoberfest - September 19th, 2026 - Municipally Significant Event Request
4. Brighter Future Monthly Update Priority Area #4: Equitable, Accessible and Inclusive Communities



BRIGHTER FUTURE MONTHLY UPDATE PRIORITY AREA #4: EQUITABLE, ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Council reviewed the monthly update related to the Strategic Plan Brighter Future. Priority Area #4 Equitable, Accessible and Inclusive Communities was the focus with input from the following departments; Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services, City Manager's Office, St. Thomas Police Service, Clerk's Office and St. Thomas Public Library.

Highlights of this Priority:

- City Leadership in preliminary development stages of a DEI strategy
- Public Library Community Fridge providing over \$30, 000 worth of food to the community through a local partnership with Harvest Hands
- Parks and Recreation are expanding inclusive recreation programs such as Walking Soccer
- Supporting the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee with audits of municipal facilities to identify opportunities.

Council was given opportunities for feedback and suggestions to move forward.



2026 ROAD REHABILITATION TENDER 2026-013 AWARD



Council received report ES-31-26 related to Road Rehabilitation Tender Award. At this time, Staff recommended Council to reject the tenders relating to the whole project. Due to a change of scope within the project, the tender results were above the approved budget for the project. The construction projects for this tender call included Vanbuskirk Drive, McCully Drive, Airport Turn Pad Widening Works and the Airport Maintenance Garage Parking Lot. At this time, Staff recommended for Council to issue a new tender for the Airport Maintenance Garage Parking Lot as this is a priority for 2026.



DOWNTOWN OKTOBERFEST - SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026 - MUNICIPALLY SIGNIFICANT EVENT REQUEST

Council received a request from the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation and the Downtown Development Board. The request was asking City Council to consider the Downtown Oktoberfest as a Municipally Significant Event. Oktoberfest has become a much loved community event which embraces the City's vibrant downtown area, fosters economic activity, tourism and positive engagement from the businesses, residents and visitors. The event will include the ceremonial Keg Tapping, Saxonia Hall Dancers, beer garden, food vendors, music and much more. Downtown Oktoberfest will take place on September 19th, 2026 at Talbot and Ross.

HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP

Council received four reports regarding the successful recruitment of 4 new doctors through the Elgin - St. Thomas Health Recruitment Partnership. The Health Recruitment Incentive Program provides support to doctors and nurse practitioners that met the requirements of the funding program. The City Manager and Health Recruiter have met with the doctors to discuss their transition to the Community. The following doctors have been approved for the funding:

- Dr. Ahmed Osman - started on a full time basis as of May 19th, 2026 at the Thompson Medical Centre
- Dr. Seyi Olanipekun - with an anticipated start date of September 14th, 2026 at the Thompson Medical Centre
- Dr. Chibuike Egwim - starting on a full time basis as of August 31st, 2026 at the Thompson Medical Centre
- De. Zeeshan Chattaroo - starting on a full time basis as of June 15th, 2026 at the Thompson Medical Centre





SOUTH EDGEWARE AND BURWELL INTERSECTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Council approved a new two-lane roundabout as the preferred solution for the South Edgeware and Burwell Road Intersection Environmental Assessment. The roundabout was identified as the safest and most efficient option for the City, reducing collision risks and improving traffic flow. Staff will file a Notice of Study Completion and begin a 30-day public review period as per requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This project is part of phase 3 of the South Edgeware Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project and will be included in the budget request for 2028.



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 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 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, July 20, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, August 10, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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