



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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YARMOUTH YARDS EARTHWORKS AND SERVICING 6

Council has approved a \$1.2-million contract with Murphy Construction Co. to continue preparing industrial lands at Yarmouth Yards. The next phase includes grading, topsoil movement and site preparation to create shovel-ready properties for future development. By making these lands more attractive to potential investors, the City is helping encourage new businesses, future employment opportunities and long-term economic growth. These investments support a stronger local economy, benefiting residents, businesses and the future prosperity of the City of St. Thomas.

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INDOOR SPORTS DOME IMPLEMENTATION STUDY AND CSRIF FUNDING APPLICATION

Council is exploring new opportunities to expand year-round recreation within our community. Council approved an implementation study to assess the proposed Indoor Sports Dome's location, feasibility and costs. The study will cost approximately \$90,000 and will be completed by Baker Turner Inc. The study will also support an application for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), which could cover up to 50% of eligible construction costs. The proposed \$14-million facility would offer indoor turf fields, multi-purpose courts and a walking track. If this project is successful in securing CSRIF funding, Staff will provide Council with a report outlining the municipal contribution, funding strategy, sponsorship/partnership opportunities and project implementation options. The CSRIF funding application is due December 22nd, 2026.



BRIGHTER FUTURE MONTHLY UPDATE PILLAR 2 - PRIORITY AREA #4 AND PRIORITY AREA #5



The City continues to make progress on its Brighter Future Strategic Plan, focusing on technology, innovation and community partnerships this month. Council has the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and suggestions during these monthly update meetings. Recent achievements include:

- water system cybersecurity upgrades
- advancements in emergency response technology
- stronger partnerships supporting housing, health and public safety.

Upcoming initiatives include modernized water meters, a Stormwater Management Master Plan and an Urban Forestry Management Plan. These efforts will improve municipal services, strengthen community resilience and support a brighter future for residents.



PUBLIC ART TEMPORARY ADDITIONS AND DECORATIONS POLICY

Council approved a new Public Art Temporary Additions and Decorations Policy, developed by the St. Thomas Public Art Committee. The policy establishes guidelines for temporarily attaching decorations, accessories or other items to public art installations, or placing items on or near them. It aims to protect artwork from damage, maintain its intended appearance and address safety concerns while supporting community engagement. Lighting of Public Art follows the Outdoor Lighting of Public Art policy approved by Council in 2018. There will be a new Commemorative Recognition Policy that will be presented to Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM APPROVALS - 96, 98 AND 100 MOORE STREET

Council has approved the draft subdivision and condominium plans for Alma College Square at 96, 98 and 100 Moore Street, subject to conditions. The development includes the three apartment buildings currently under construction that will remain rental buildings. These approvals will help the developer (Patriot Properties Inc.) secure financing and access potential Canadian Mortgage and Housing funding programs. No physical changes to the previously approved development are proposed. The project supports continued residential growth and housing opportunities in the City.





UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

OCTOBER

16 International Day for
the Eradication of
Poverty
🕒 11:00 am

19 Foster Family
Appreciation Week
🕒 10:00 am

20 Ontario Public
Library Week
🕒 11:00 am

NOVEMBER

20 Eczema Awareness

30 International Gastric
Cancer Awareness
Day

JUMBO MONUMENT LIGHTING

October 15
Light it Up!
For NDEAM

💡 Purple

November 20
Eczema
Awareness

💡 Blue

November 30
International
Gastric Cancer
Awareness Day

💡 Periwinkle



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, October 19, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 2, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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