



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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WINTER WARRIORS

Residents are invited to get creative and name the City's snowplows and sidewalk machines! Submit your ideas by **March 14, 2025** for the chance to see your chosen name on a vehicle and featured on social media.

Mayor Preston will select the top 10 names, and the community will vote for the winner. This annual contest celebrates the machines that help keep St. Thomas safe during the winter months.

Submit your name today!

www.stthomas.ca/winterwarriors

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PUMPER REPLACEMENT

Council has approved the purchase of a new E One Pumper from Darch Fire Inc. for \$1,371,208. The 2006 pumper, exceeding its 15-year service lifespan, faces rising maintenance costs and reliability issues.

The new pumper meets modern NFPA standards, enhancing safety and efficiency. Approved in the 2025 Capital Budget, the purchase exceeds the allocated \$1.2 million, with \$147,208 covered by the 2026 Canada Community Building Fund.

This investment ensures regulatory compliance, reduces maintenance costs, and strengthens the Fire Department's emergency response capabilities.

VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Council reviewed maintenance issues at the Veterans Memorial Garden, including cracked concrete, cleaning, and caulking replacement. Routine inspections and maintenance are ongoing, with quotes obtained for repairs.

In December 2024, staff applied to Veterans Affairs Canada for a grant opportunity for cenotaph maintenance. The application was successful, and that grant will help assist with the proposed work.

LIVESTREAMING SERVICE

Council has approved St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association's continued use of LiveBarn at the Joe Thornton Community Centre. The livestreaming service, trialed since 2022, allows remote viewing of games.

With no public complaints, St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association will cover all costs and obtain parental consent, with no financial or privacy obligations for the City.



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

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APR
⌚ 9:00 AM 📍 CITY HALL
World Autism Awareness Day

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APR
⌚ 11:00 AM 📍 CITY HALL
Beta Sigma Phi

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MAY
⌚ 10:00 AM 📍 CITY HALL
Mental Health Week

Make your mark in the community with a proclamation, flag-raising, or by lighting up the iconic Jumbo monument! To submit your request, write a formal, signed letter addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, explaining your cause and desired date. Letters must be sent to the City Clerk at least one month in advance. See the [website](#) for more information.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5PM

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