



# Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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## **COUNCIL VACANCY - DECLARATION OCTOBER 2025**

Council received Report CC-14-25 relating to Council Vacancy – Declaration – October 2025, that Council declare the office of Councillor to be vacant in accordance with section 262 of the Municipal Act, and that Council fill the vacancy by appointment at a subsequent meeting of Council. The office of Councillor became vacant upon the resignation of Councillor Steve Peters. Within 60 days after the day a declaration of vacancy is made, Council must either:

- a) Appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or
- b) Pass a by-law requiring a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act.

The individual appointed or elected to fill the vacancy would hold office for the remainder of the term of Council. It is recommended that Council appoint an individual to fill the office of Councillor. The individual to be appointed must be eligible to hold office.

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## ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO ROAD SUPERVISORS - DRIVER OF THE YEAR

During the Council Meeting, Dennis O'Neil Member Services Coordinator from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) presented Josh Cousins with the John Gloor Memorial Trophy as "Driver of the Year".

The annual competition puts municipal operators from across Ontario to the test with challenges in safety, precision, and heavy equipment handling. Josh not only rose to the challenge, he drove straight to the top! Congratulations Josh!



## ALMA STREET DESIGN

Council received Report ES-36-25 Alma Street Design and that Council endorse the removal of the traffic signal at Kains Street and Alma Street in favor of an all-way stop.

The scope of the Alma Street Reconstruction project includes the replacement of the existing combined sewer with a separate storm and sanitary sewer, replacement and up-sizing of the watermain, road and sidewalk renewal, and restoration. An opportunity was identified to create new active transportation connections from Talbot Street to Redan Street and Edward Street, improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.

A Public Information Centre is planned to be held later this year to advise residents and businesses of the planned construction and to provide an opportunity for residents to review the plans and speak with the design team



## STRATEGIC PLAN - 2026 ACTION PLAN ADDITIONS

Council received Report CMO-47-25 Strategic Plan - 2026 Action Plan Additions for information, further that Council approve administration's proposed 2026 additions to the City of St. Thomas Strategic Plan action items and Council provide input and suggestions for any additional 2026 action items or areas of focus. Building on the successes of 2025, staff have undertaken an internal review process with all departments to identify recommended 2026 additions that support continued progress toward the Strategic Plan's goals.

Here are the proposed additions

- Transition to digital logbooks for all water sites
- Additional Kms of Recreational Trails Installed
- Replacement of Homedale playground with accessible rubber surfacing
- Waterworks Dam Assessment
- Additional Acres of Naturalized parkland planted
- Replacement of all fluorescent lighting in the Arenas with LED Lighting

The Action Plan is published on the City's website with progress reported on annually to Council, as well as through the Annual Report document.

## STRATEGIC PLAN - KPI PERFORMANCE SCORECARD DEVELOPMENT

Council received Report CMO-48-25 related to Strategic Plan - KPI Performance Scorecard Development for information and that Council approve the development of a Strategic Plan KPI Performance Scorecard and provide input KPIs should be included in the final version.

The proposed draft list of KPIs represents a cross-departmental effort to identify meaningful and measurable indicators that reflect the City's strategic priorities. These KPIs cover a range of focus areas across the eleven strategic pillars of the Plan, Brighter Future. To support this initiative, staff have proposed acquiring an online community engagement platform as part of the 2026 Information Technology (IT) Capital Budget. The platform would also enhance transparency and two-way engagement by allowing residents to provide feedback and view updates as they are made in real time.



## ENTEGRUS INC. - 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

Entegrus presented the 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions. Here are some highlights:

- Entegrus Powerlines Inc. is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board.
- Entegrus is ranked in the first cohort for efficiency among all utilities in Ontario.
- Entegrus donated over \$300,000 to local groups and agencies and worked with community partners to provide approximately \$200,000 in direct assistance to customers in paying their electricity bill.
- To assist in the recruiting process, Entegrus Inc. continues to support the St. Clair College Lineman Program. In addition, Entegrus Inc. actively hires co-op students from Fanshawe College, Western University and the University of Windsor.
- EI once again was able to meet all its financial commitments to the shareholders and stakeholders, while making strategic investments in the core distribution business and strategic investments to expand the scope of the company.



## UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS



**21**  
OCT

Ontario Public Library Week



1 p.m.



CITY HALL

**27**  
OCT

Toastmasters Week



11 a.m.



CITY HALL



AQUA BLUE

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, November 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5 p.m.

To view the council meetings live, visit:  
[www.stthomas.ca/watch](http://www.stthomas.ca/watch)

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