



# Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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## PROVINCIAL GAS TAX AGREEMENT

Council received the report on the Provincial Gas Tax Agreement as information and endorsed the preparation of a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Letter of Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation.

This agreement will enable the transfer of \$418,003 in Provincial gas tax funds for 2024-2025, the same amount as the previous year. Part of the funding supports transit operating costs, while the remainder is set aside for capital projects, including vehicle replacements. These funds must supplement, not replace, existing municipal transit funding.

## A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

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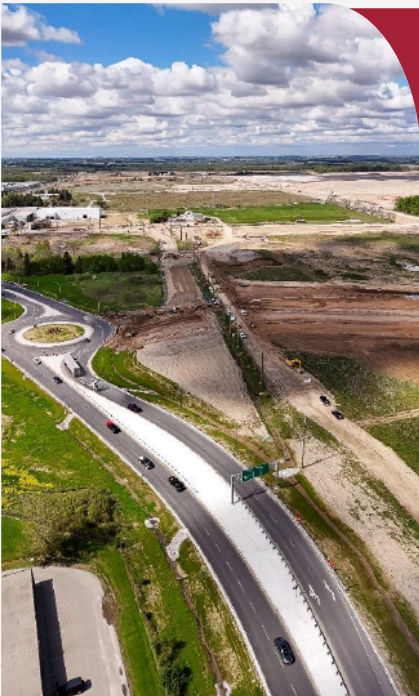
## ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Council has received a report as information regarding a proposed Zoning By-law amendment to allow a 78-unit supportive housing development at 20 Balaclava Street, the former Balaclava Street Public School.

The City submitted the application, with Indwell as the future operator. The plan involves redeveloping the existing building with an addition and includes requests to reduce parking and unit size due to the location's access to transit and the nature of supportive housing.

At a May 20 public meeting, residents raised concerns about building height, density, privacy, and neighbourhood compatibility. Indwell addressed questions about the facility's operations and affordability, while City staff responded to inquiries related to site design and planning details.

The draft by-law is scheduled to return to Council for consideration on June 2.



## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Council has received its sixth update on the City's industrial development efforts, with most major projects progressing as planned. The extensive work includes road upgrades, rail infrastructure, utility installations, and ongoing construction at the PowerCo EV battery plant.

The 2025 construction season will be especially busy, with over 10 projects underway in Yarmouth Yards. Key highlights include progress at the HydroOne substation, roadwork along Highbury Avenue and Technology Trail, and work at the South Edgeware Booster Station.

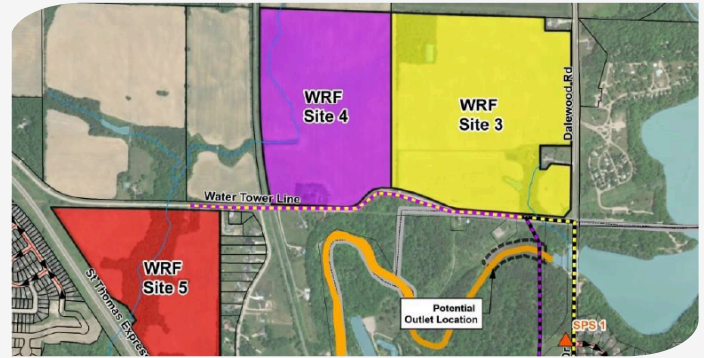


## MONUMENT HONOURING LIVES LOST

Council received a report as information on plans for a monument to honour people who have died experiencing homelessness. Led by the St. Thomas-Elgin Housing Stability Alliance, the project aims to provide a place for remembrance, healing, and raising awareness about homelessness, shaped through community engagement including those with lived experience.

The monument will be built with durable materials on accessible public land at 230 Talbot Street, incorporating local symbols like a lighthouse and railway heritage. It will also include a space for visitors to leave messages, a feature strongly supported by people with lived experience.

An application has been submitted to the Public Art Committee, which will advise Council following an upcoming consultation. If approved, the monument is planned to be unveiled on World Homelessness Day, October 10, 2025. There is no financial impact to the City at this time.



## DALEWOOD WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Council has endorsed the Environmental Study Report for the Dalewood Water Reclamation Facility, confirming Site 3—at Water Tower Line and Dalewood Road—as the project's future location.

The decision follows a 30-day public review period that drew 40 emails, a 17-signature petition, and an online petition with 696 signatures. Concerns focused on odour, noise, environmental impact, housing values, and communication. City staff emphasized odour control measures exceeding regulatory standards, compliance with provincial noise regulations, and environmental benefits to Kettle Creek.

Council's endorsement reflects a thorough evaluation of environmental, technical, and community considerations. With this decision, the Class Environmental Assessment phase is complete, and the project can move to the next stage.



## UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

**07**  
JUN

**LemonAID Day**

📍 VIRTUAL

**09**  
SEP

**International FASD Awareness Day**

🕒 9:09 AM 📍 CITY HALL

**16**  
OCT

**Light it Up for NDEAM**

💡 PURPLE & 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, June 9, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5PM

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