

**NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**

Interim Control By-law: Computer, electronic and data processing centres

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas passed By-Law No.129-2026 on the 21st day of September 2026, pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. P. 13 as amended.

The Interim Control By-law applies City-wide to all lands designated Employment Lands or Business Employment in the City of St. Thomas Official Plan. Due to this City-wide application, no description or key map is provided.

An Interim Control By-law is a tool under the Planning Act where Council can pass a by-law to prohibit the use of a land, building or structure for (or except for) the purposes specified in the by-law for up to 1 year (can be extended for up to a total of two years) to allow time for a review or study to be undertaken with respect to land use policies or a defined area.

Council passed an Interim Control By-law that has the purpose and effect of prohibiting “Computer, electronic, or data processing centre” on lands designated as Employment Lands or Business Employment in the City of St. Thomas Official Plan for a period of one year, expiring on September 21, 2027. Council has the authority to extend the period during which the by-law will be in effect to a total period not exceeding two years. The Interim Control By-law defines “Computer, electronic or data processing centre” as “means a networked computer server facility primarily used for the remote storage, processing and distribution of data, and can include data centres, enterprise computing facilities and high-intensity digital processing facilities, and excluding a public authority use”. During this time, as directed by Council, staff will be undertaking a study on data centres, enterprise computing facilities and similar high-intensity digital processing facilities. This will include a review of Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law regulations to identify measures that could mitigate potential impacts related to noise, vibration, emissions, infrastructure, and land use compatibility.

In coming to its decision, Council took into consideration the planning reports and submissions prepared by staff.

AND TAKE NOTICE that an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect to all or part of this Zoning By-law may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk either via the OLT e-file portal (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting St. Thomas (City) - Clerk as the Approval Authority, or in person or by mail to 545 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3V7, no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2026. The filing of an appeal after 4:30 p.m., in person or electronically, will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The filing must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the fee required by the OLT. A copy of the appeal form is available at the OLT website www.olt.gov.on.ca. If you wish to appeal to the OLT or request a fee reduction for an appeal, forms are available from the OLT website at www.olt.gov.on.ca. If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to customerservice@stthomas.ca.

For more information about this matter, contact the City of St. Thomas Planning & Building Services Department at planning@stthomas.ca.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION relating to this Interim Control By-law is available for inspection daily, from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the Planning Office, 545 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, or may be accessed on the City’s website https://www.stthomas.ca/living_here/notices_to_residents or the City’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/st.thomastherailwaycity.

DATED at the City of St. Thomas, this 25th day of September, 2026.

Thomas Thayer, City Clerk
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