



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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2025 BUDGET

Council has adopted the 2025 budget, which includes gross expenditures of \$39,608,172 for Capital and \$183,967,823 for Operating, supported by non-tax revenues of \$150,611,670 and a tax levy of \$72,964,325. This budget reflects a 3.93% net levy increase, reduced from an initial 4.93% increase through the use of reserves.

The Director of Corporate Services and City Treasurer has been authorized to draft a by-law setting the 2025 tax rates and ensuring compliance with Ministry of Finance property tax policies. This decision supports the City's strategic priority of Fiscal Accountability and Continuous Improvement.

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2025 BUDGET (CONTINUED)

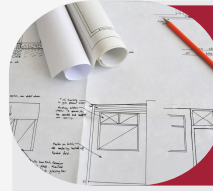
Council has approved measures to support fiscal accountability, operational continuity, and community initiatives.

Councillor Baldwin-Sands proposed a motion to allocate gaming revenue exceeding the \$300,000 already included in the 2025 budget to support the community aquatic facility. These additional funds will help the committee with fundraising, securing sponsorships, and developing draft plans. The motion, seconded by Councillor Clarke, was approved by Council.

Council also approved by-laws for the 2025 Borrowing Limits and Interim Tax Levy. The Borrowing Limits By-law allows temporary borrowing under Section 407 of the Municipal Act, 2001, ensuring financial flexibility despite recent strong cash flow. The Interim Tax Levy By-law, under Section 317, requires property owners to pay 50% of the prior year's taxes in February and April, ensuring smooth operations until final tax rates are set in June.

These actions reflect the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility and community development.

Interested in know more about the budget? Visit:
www.stthomas.ca/budget



ORCHARD PARK MEADOWS

Council received Report PD-01-2025 as information regarding the termination of Elgin Vacant Land Condominium Corporation No. 45. Hayhoe Rentals Ltd. will retain the units for rental purposes, with private infrastructure in place.

The site plan agreement with the City will remain in effect, and the land description will revert to Block 94, 11M-258. The Owner and City had previously entered into a site plan agreement, and this will remain registered on title. There are no negative impacts on land use planning or municipal interests, and the lands will remain tied to the site plan and development agreement.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice of public meeting to take place, via Zoom, on January 23, 2025 at 10:00AM for the following applications:

- Minor variance by Randy Thorpe at 26 Mandeville Road
- Minor variance by Kevin Vanderveen at 96 Park Avenue
- Minor variance by Brian and Morag Ardon at 44 Hickory Lane
- Minor variance by Aislinn Burkholder at 18 Erie Street

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www.stthomas.ca/c_of_a



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

06
FEB

Optimist Day

🕒 TBD

📍 CITY HALL

14
FEB

Kin Kindness Day

🕒 9:00 AM

📍 CITY HALL

21
FEB

Human Trafficking Awareness

🕒 9:00 AM

📍 CITY HALL

02
APR

World Autism Awareness Day

🕒 TBD

📍 CITY HALL

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, January 27, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5PM
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5PM

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