Keeping Track

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT 2022-2026 FINAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Over the past four years, Yarmouth Yards has transformed from a concept into a fully developed 1,500-acre industrial subdivision. This historic initiative, the largest in St. Thomas history, involved approximately $1 billion in municipal infrastructure projects delivered on time and on budget. Through Council's leadership and collaboration with City staff and partners, Yarmouth Yards is positioning St. Thomas for continued business investment, job creation, and economic growth, creating opportunities that will benefit residents for generations to come.

A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

1. Emslie Grandstand Donations and Construction Update

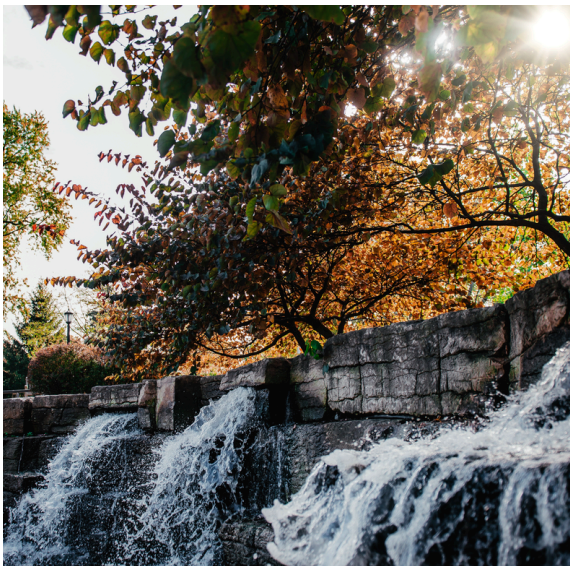
2. Memorial and Commemorative Policy

EMSLIE GRANDSTAND DONATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

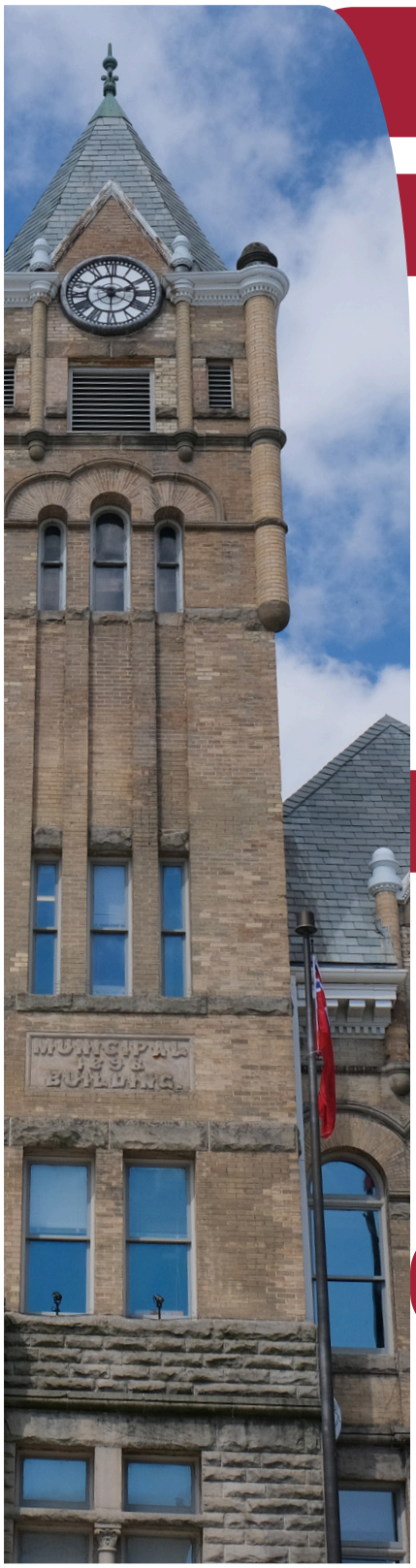
Council reviewed the rehabilitation options for the historic Emslie Grandstand at Pinafore Park. Built in 1938, the grandstand is a valued community landmark requiring significant structural improvements. Options considered included minimal rehabilitation of the existing structure, extensive rehabilitation of the existing structure or construction of a new grandstand, with costs ranging from approximately $786,000 to $1.172 million. Council previously allocated $600,000 toward the project, while St. Thomas Minor Baseball pledged $100,000 toward preserving the existing structure. Following discussion of costs, long-term sustainability and community support, Council referred the project to the 2027 budget deliberations for further consideration.



MEMORIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE POLICY



Council approved the Memorial and Commemorative Policy which will provide clear, consistent guidelines for honouring loved ones and recognizing community contributions in public spaces. Existing programs, which includes the Pinafore Park Memory Garden and Memorial Bench Program, will continue, offering meaningful opportunities for remembrance. The policy also establishes guidelines for plaques, artwork, and commemorative installations while directing requests toward established programs. New memorial tree requests will no longer be accepted. This approach ensures residents can continue celebrating special memories while preserving City parks, facilities, and public spaces for everyone to enjoy for generations to come.



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

NOVEMBER

20 Eczema Awareness

30 International Gastric Cancer Awareness Day

DECEMBER

JUMBO MONUMENT LIGHTING

November 20

Eczema Awareness

Blue

November 30

International Gastric Cancer Awareness Day

Periwinkle



Make your mark in the community with a proclamation, flag-raising, or by lighting up the iconic Jumbo monument! The Proclamation, Flag-Raising, and Jumbo Lighting Request Form can be found on the City's website or is available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible to ensure they can be placed on a Council agenda. Request forms can be submitted in electronic or hard copy format.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 16, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Monday, December 7, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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