



Keeping Track

City of St. Thomas Council Highlights

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COUNCILLOR MCCAULLEY STEPS DOWN

Councillor McCaulley has announced her resignation from St. Thomas City Council, ending years of dedicated service. Elected in 2022, she championed community development, safety, and local initiatives while serving on key committees. Previously, she contributed to economic growth through her work with St. Thomas Economic Development. The city will now begin the process of filling the vacant council seat in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

1. Project Tiny Hope
2. Veteran's Crosswalk
3. Tender Award
4. Parks and Recreation Survey



PROJECT TINY HOPE

Council has approved a \$3,000,000 municipal contribution to support Project Tiny Hope, which will create 40 units of affordable and supportive housing. The YWCA, in partnership with Sanctuary Homes and Doug Tarry Homes, is leading the project on a remediated brownfield site. The units will meet Net Zero Ready standards and serve priority populations, including women, youth, Indigenous people, and families.

Construction began in May 2024, with 8 homes built during a three-day event in September. The anticipated completion date is July 2026. The project is also supported by over \$2.4 million in funding from federal and provincial governments.

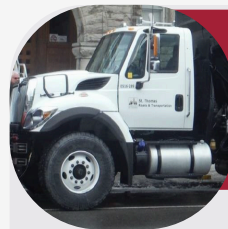
The \$3 million contribution is part of the 2024 capital budget and will be funded through long-term debt. This project aligns with the City's housing strategy.



VETERAN'S CROSSWALK

Council has directed correspondence concerning maintenance at the Veterans Memorial Garden to the Parks, Recreation and Facilities department for a report.

Council also acknowledged the receipt of 200 letters from the community in support of a proposed crosswalk honouring veterans. The matter has been referred to Environmental Services and Parks, Recreation and Facilities for a report.



WINTER MAINTENANCE TENDERS

Council has awarded tenders for two sidewalk machines and a 5-ton snowplow truck. Work Equipment Ltd. will supply the sidewalk machines for \$347,560 (excluding HST), while Premier Truck Group will provide the snowplow truck for \$367,587 (excluding HST). The total cost, including HST, is \$727,733.59, within the approved 2025 budget of \$730,000. These purchases will improve the city's winter maintenance capacity.



TECHNOLOGY TRAIL

Council has awarded the construction contract for the Technology Trail to Amico Infrastructures Inc., with a bid of \$6,929,109.28, excluding HST. The project, which is part of the site preparation for the PowerCo site and Yarmouth Yards Industrial Park, includes the construction of a four-lane roadway, large watermains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and roundabouts. The work is expected to start in April 2025 and be completed by November 2025.

Additionally, Council has approved a \$2,910,091.80, excluding HST, contract for construction administration and inspection services from Arcadis Professional Services Canada Inc. The project is fully funded through the Industrial Development Funding and is expected to be completed within the allocated budget.



ST. THOMAS ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER

Council has awarded the St. Thomas Animal Control Shelter tender to Tonda Construction Limited, with a bid of \$4,066,000, excluding HST. The decision follows a competitive tender process with nine bids received.

The project, which has been in the works since 2022, will be funded through a combination of capital funding, municipal contributions, and donations. The final project cost is estimated at \$4,145,732, including contingency and allowances for various construction components. Council's approval ensures the construction of the much-needed facility will proceed under a well-qualified contractor.



HAVE A SAY IN HOW YOU PLAY

The City of St. Thomas is launching two key studies to plan for future community spaces. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update will focus on improving recreation and park areas such as arenas, sports fields, and playgrounds. The Community and Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study will evaluate the need for facilities like an indoor pool, wellness spaces, and sports amenities, including a gymnasium and year-round turf field.

Residents are invited to participate by completing a [survey](#), available until February 28, 2025. For more information, visit www.stthomas.ca/parksplan.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council has approved two Community Grant requests: \$3,500 for the Senior's Picnic in the Park, organized by the Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners, and \$2,900 for the St. Thomas Skating Club's Ice Show. However, requests from the St. Thomas Seventh Day Adventist Church and the STEAM Education Centre Inc. were declined, as they did not meet grant guidelines. With the approved grants, \$18,600 remains in the 2025 fund.



EVENT REQUEST

Council has granted municipally significant status to the 2025 Railway City Music and Arts Festival, set for August 14-17 at Pinafore Park. The free, family-friendly event will highlight local and regional talent, including musicians, crafters, and artists. Focused on community engagement and tourism, the festival aims to boost civic pride and solidarity.



UPCOMING FLAG RAISINGS & PROCLAMATIONS

06
FEB

Optimist Day

🕒 9:00 AM 📍 CITY HALL

07
FEB

Congenital Heart Disease Awareness

🕒 TBD 📍 CITY HALL

14
FEB

Kin Kindness Day

🕒 9:00 AM 📍 CITY HALL

21
APR

Human Trafficking Awareness

🕒 9:00 AM 📍 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, February 10, 2025 at 5PM
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5PM
- Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5PM

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