



#### The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

#### CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA May 18, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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#### **Provincial Matters**

Please review the Ontario Community Environment Fund program <u>application guide</u> for guidance on applying to the program. The deadline to submit through <u>Transfer</u> <u>Payment Ontario</u> is May 30 at 5pm. Contact <u>OCEF@ontario.ca</u> for more details.

Public Safety Answering Points will be notified on applications for NG-911 transition funding for 2022-2023. The funding program has been implemented to help support the transition CRTC deadline of March 4, 2025.

There are between 1500-2000 summer student positions at Ontario Parks across the province. Municipalities may share <u>opportunities</u> with students in their communities. Students can contact <u>ontarioparksjobs@ontario.ca</u> with any questions.

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Join us May 16 for our <u>Human Rights & Equity</u> training offering insights, understanding and skills to support your role as an employer in these complex areas.

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AMO's <u>Foundations in Planning</u> and <u>Deeper Dive</u> training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term.

Learn about the new municipal cyber security program CIMOM on May 17 and hold June 8 and November 15 for our <u>general risk webinars</u>.

Save on Energy is offering three online workshops in May and June to help municipal facility and energy staff save energy in their buildings. Learn how to benchmark and analyze your energy use. Space is limited. Email <u>trainingandsupport@ieso.ca</u> for more info or to participate.

If your snow and ice handling equipment took a beating over the winter, the <u>Canoe</u> <u>Procurement Group</u> has you covered! We're pleased to welcome Vohl Inc. as an approved vendor. They have a wide variety of snowblowers and other snow/ice removal equipment to help keep your community safe in the winter. <u>Contact Sarah</u> to learn more.

#### Careers

<u>Manager, Early Learning & Childcare Services - County of Simcoe</u>. Responsible for the co-ordination of services related to the planning, development, management, integration, and capacity building of the Licensed Child Care and Early Years System. <u>Apply online</u> by May 12.

<u>Planner Opportunities - Region of Peel</u>. (5 planning positions) Overall, they must review, comment and coordinate consolidated Regional comments and recommendations on various development applications. <u>Apply online</u> by May 15.

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- Summer Road & Sidewalk Assessments.
- Commissioner Kosseim's keynote address to AMCTO members on April 27.
- May 14 is Child and Youth Care Day.
- Careers: Niagara Region, Halton Region, and Durham Region.

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OSUM Chair Hilda MacDonald is looking forward to working with the new Executive. "We are pleased and excited by the interest in the <u>Executive Committee</u> positions and welcome our new members. The Executive is looking forward to addressing the critical issues facing our small urban communities and working with you and AMO on strengthening Ontario's municipalities."

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#### **Federal Matters**

The Federal Housing Advocate has launched a <u>review of homeless encampments</u>. Municipalities, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness are encouraged to submit experiences and ideas for solutions by May 26.

A free assessment of disability management programs is available until June 2024. The assessment involves an interview and produces a report. For details, visit the National Institute of Disability Management and Research <u>website</u>.

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Delegation meetings are a unique opportunity to meet with provincial ministers and

staff on matters of local interest. The request for delegations through MMAH is opened until June 9, 2023. To request a delegation meeting, click <u>here</u>.

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Understanding your role and responsibilities as an elected official when it comes to <u>Human Rights & Equity</u> is critical. This training examines your legislative responsibilities and understanding what equity means and how it can be implemented. <u>Register</u> today to build your knowledge in these complex areas.

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The LAS IPE Risk Management Symposium will discuss critical municipal risk issues such as climate resiliency and the Natural Assets Initiative, cyber security, risk data management and more. <u>Registration</u> is now open.

AMO and eScribe are pleased to be joined by Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services and Municipal Clerk for the Township of Scugog, to explore the benefits of meeting management platforms. <u>See first-hand how eScribe helps</u> governments leverage technology to make their public meetings easier and engage with their constituents better.

#### LAS

Migrating online services while the population demands a simple digital experience is no easy task. Our <u>latest blog</u> outlines how municipalities can deliver online services efficiently.

Did you know your Emergency Services can buy Safeware products through the <u>Canoe Procurement Group</u>? Safeware offers a wide range of solutions including fire & rescue equipment, law enforcement gear, educational supplies, and training. <u>Contact</u> <u>Sarah</u> to learn more.

The <u>LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service</u> is getting ready for a busy summer! We'll be visiting all parts of Ontario, sign up now along with your neighbours to reduce costs. <u>Contact Tanner</u> for a no-obligation quote.

#### **Municipal Wire\***

Maintaining citizens' trust in a complex digital world was presented to the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario by Information and Privacy Commissioner Patricia Kosseim, April 27. The <u>presentation provided the latest</u> <u>updates (FR)</u> at the IPC as well as issues such as transparency and cybersecurity.

The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies is continuing the #ForgetMeNot campaign to remind community, government, and service providers that kids in care

need critical supports. Click here for resources to participate.

#### Careers

Commissioner of Public Works - Niagara Region. Core responsibilities of the role will be to provide strategic, innovative, and operational leadership for the Public Works department. Apply to arthur@wmc.on.ca by June 9.

Senior Research Advisor - Halton Region, Responsible research, policy, and analytical activities to support the development, implementation and management of policies, programs and projects for the Children's Services Division. Apply online by May 26.

Project Engineer, Rapid Transit - Regional Municipality of Durham. Support the coordination and delivery of Regional road and/or rapid transit projects. Apply online by June 9.

Manager, Health Analytics and Research - Regional Municipality of Durham. This position leads and directs a specialized team of 8 epidemiologists and a program assistant. Apply online by May 31.

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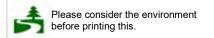


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May 10, 2023

Township of Malahide c/o Allison Adams, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk 87 John St. Aylmer ON N5H 2C3 via email: <u>aadams@malahide.ca</u>

#### Re: Safety Concerns – Request for guardrails on Imperial Road, Port Bruce

Dear Ms. Adams,

At its meeting on May 9, 2023 Elgin County Council considered the Township of Malahide's request for the County of Elgin to consider requirements for guardrail placement on Imperial Road, and passed the following resolution:

"Moved by: Councillor Giguère Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to provide a follow-up report that considers the requirements for guardrail placement on Imperial Road at Rush Creek Line for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

Carried."

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Dutchak, Manager of Transportation Services at <a href="mailto:pdutchak@elgin.ca">pdutchak@elgin.ca</a> .

Yours truly,

Jerra Gentie

Jenna Fentie Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk <u>ifentie@elgin.ca</u>

cc Peter Dutchak, Manager of Transportation Services



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

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STEGH Shares 2022 Milestones and Future Plans

Driving Prosperity and Wellbeing: A Look into Western Ontario Warden's Caucus 2023-2024 Strategic Priorities

Enhancing Safety: New Community Safety Zone and Speed Limit Extension Approved Near Aldborough Public School

Elgin County Council Takes a Stand Against Harassment and Abuse in Local Leadership with Bill 5 Endorsement

Planning Updates



## STEVE GIBSON APPOINTED AS ACTING CAO

County Council appointed Stephen Gibson, General Counsel (previously County Solicitor), as Elgin County's Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Mr. Gibson will be in the Acting role until Council appoints an Interim CAO that will fulfill the role throughout the duration of the recruitment process to hire and onboard a permanent CAO.



## STEGH SHARES 2022 MILESTONES AND FUTURE PLANS

Representatives from the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) presented County Council with an overview of our local hospital's patient services, 2022 achievements, key challenges, risks, and ongoing upgrades.

To view the full STEGH presentation, please access the May 9, 2023, Council Agenda Package.

## DRIVING PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING: A LOOK INTO WESTERN ONTARIO WARDEN'S CAUCUS 2023-2024 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director for the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC), provided County Council with an overview of the organization and their 2023-2024 strategic priorities. WOWC is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper- and single-tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario with a goal of enhancing the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region.

At the forefront of WOWC's 2023-2024 priorities are housing, a workforce to support economic growth, and lastly, mental health, addictions and homelessness.



WOWC advocates on behalf of the 15 municipalities through meetings with Ministers and senior government officials and through partnering with various regional partners such as Community Futures Western Ontario and the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR).

## ENHANCING SAFETY: NEW COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE AND SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION APPROVED NEAR ALDBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

In response to a request received by the Municipality of West Elgin, County Council approved extending the existing reduced speed zone along Furnival Road for an additional 190m and the establishment of a Community Safety Zone within the school zone area.

This decision was made to accommodate normal school day traffic activities surrounding Aldborough Public School in the Village of Rodney while considering the school's new entrance location and existing roadway geometry.

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# ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL TAKES A STAND AGAINST HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN LOCAL LEADERSHIP WITH BILL 5 ENDORSEMENT

The County of Elgin and its Council have shown their dedication to good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies by endorsing Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. They have submitted a letter of support to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Rob Flack, and the municipalities of Elgin County.



## **PLANNING UPDATES**

Elgin County Council granted draft plan approval to Draft Plan of Subdivision and Draft Plan of Condominium by CJDL Consulting Engineers on behalf of Performance Communities Realty Inc in the Township of Malahide and the Town of Aylmer.

County Council also granted approval to the revised Draft Plan of Subdivision, as prepared by CJDL Limited on behalf of 11:28 Properties Inc in the Municipality of Bayham.

Paul Hicks, the Acting Manager of Planning for Elgin, presented an overview of the updates made to Ontario's Draft Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS outlines the land use policies and regulations of the Province, covering a broad range of planning matters. This document holds significant influence over the development of official plans for both local and county levels, as well as all land use planning approvals. Council directed Mr. Hicks to prepare comments addressing the changes outlined in the PPS with regard to the changes to the agricultural policies and the urban settlement boundary policies to the Province through the Ontario Environmental Registry.

For the complete May 9, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County <u>website</u>.



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News

May 8, 2023

## Southwestern Public Health pauses COVID-19 data dashboard; will transition to respiratory virus report this fall

More than 190,000 annual visits to COVID-19 dashboard underscores desire for local data

Since 2020, Southwestern Public Health has published a COVID-19 data dashboard to inform residents of local cases, hospitalizations, outbreaks, intensive care admissions, and deaths resulting from COVID-19. More than 190,000 unique visitors visited the dashboard annually.

Recent changes to provincial data collection and limited testing eligibility have impacted the statistical credibility of the current dashboard. As a result, Southwestern Public Health will pause the COVID-19 dashboard reporting as of Tuesday May 9, 2023.

"What began as a method to compile and report case data became an important tool for local residents to assess COVID-19 risks," says Carolyn Richards, Program Manager for the Foundational Standards planning and epidemiology team. "A key function of public health is to report local health data – and that data needs to be reliable and relevant. We revised our reporting several times during the pandemic to adapt to changing data sources. We now have fewer data sources available, so a pause is needed."

During this pause the health unit's epidemiologists will conduct a thorough review of data sources for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, including influenza. The health unit plans to relaunch the dashboard as a respiratory virus dashboard in early fall to align with provincial surveillance plans for respiratory virus reporting.

"We see such value in connecting local residents with data that informs them of health risks, especially as we plan for how to communicate other respiratory risks in fall and winter," says Richards.

Wastewater surveillance data for COVID-19 continues to be available for the wider Southwestern Ontario region through Public Health Ontario. Ongoing updates to COVID-19 and influenza activity by health unit is also available through Public Health Ontario.

#### **About Southwestern Public Health**

Southwestern Public Health works with its partners to ensure the health of the whole community. Our programs respond to public health emergencies; promote healthy lifestyles; help prevent injuries, illness, and disease in the community; and promote positive change and social conditions that improve

health. Southwestern Public Health delivers mandated programs under the Ontario Public Health Standards and is regulated by the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act. The health unit maintains primary locations in Woodstock and St. Thomas. For more information, visit www.swpublichealth.ca.

#### Contact

Natalie Rowe Communications | Southwestern Public Health 519-535-1478 communications@swpublichealth.ca



May 8, 2023

Dear Heads of Council and Council Members,

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you about the AORS Annual Trade Show being held on <u>June 7-8, 2023</u>, at the Gemini Sportsplex in Strathroy, Ontario hosted by the Middlesex County Public Works Association.

The trade show is a perfect opportunity for you to meet with public works professionals and municipal suppliers from across the province, and is open for you, and your public works staff, to attend. Additionally, the show is suitable for staff that work in your environmental, parks, recreation and/or facilities departments. We are excited to have over 200 exhibitors and expect over 2,000 attendees to the show. Best of all, it is free to attend.

We have included a social media graphic to your CAO/Clerk that we hope you will share amongst your municipal social platforms to spread the word in your communities. As well, please be sure to encourage any of your staff you believe may be interested to attend. Everyone is welcome!

For more information on the show, please visit here: https://aors.on.ca/events/aors-trade-show/.

If you are planning on attending, please consider pre-registering for the event and save time lining up waiting for your badge. Additionally, you will be entered in for door prizes only available to those who pre-registered: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AORS2023TS</u>

Mark your calendars for this great event, and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

*Jarett Hoglund* | *Trade Show Committee Chair* Middlesex County Public Works Association

*Kelly Elliott* | *Marketing and Communications Specialist* Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)

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# News from the AMMA

Witness

An exhibition comprising four

des of local history as seen

the lens of David Ritchie

May - June 2023

## *Witness* Exhibit

Thank you to everyone who attended the exhibition *Witness*: an exhibition comprising four decades of local history as seen through the lens of David Ritchie. So far we've raised approximately \$3,500 through print sales and an additional \$550 in donations. We're so grateful for everyone's support! A special thank you to the Aylmer Area Community Foundation for their generous support of this event and to David Ritchie for his time, talent, and generosity!

The exhibition will be open by appointment until May 11th. The last chance to view the exhibit will be on May 11th from 4-8 pm. Join us for the Downtown Shop Hop and shop some of our amazing stores!



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## **Exhibit Preview**

#### If the Shoe Fits

Our newest exhibit, *If the Shoe Fits*, is officially open! The exhibit features the history of shoes and shoemaking and looks at local shoemakers and shoe stores. Stop by Monday to Friday, 10 am to 5 pm, to see our newest exhibit! Evenings and weekends by appointment. The exhibit features the history of over 100 local shoemakers, shoe stores, and stores with shoe departments. Read below to learn more about three local shoe stores featured in our exhibit!

#### Sears Shoe Store

In January of 1922 George Sears purchased the Elgin Shoe Store at 7 Talbot Street West and established the Sears Shoe Store. In March of 1923 his son, Huron Sears, took over ownership of the store. Huron had several years experience in manufacturing shoes. When he enlisted for service on April 15, 1918, he listed his occupation as a shoe cutter. Throughout the years, Sears Shoe Store used several slogans, including "Exclusive Footwear" and "Shoes for the Whole Family". After Huron took over the business, he often referred to himself as "Your Shoe Man".

Following Huron's death on September 7, 1964, Mike Devine took over as the proprietor. In March of 1965, Mike announced that he was closing the shoe store following the fire of 1965, with the intention to eventually reopen it, but in the meantime, he was going to focus on his insurance business.





Huron Sears in uniform, ca. 1918



Interior of Sears Shoe Store, undated



Façade of the Sears Shoe Store, 1965

#### Parsons Shoe Store

In June of 1947, William "Bill" Parsons bought half of the business Dalley's Shoe Store, located at 49 Talbot Street East, and the store became known as the Parsons and Dalley Shoe Store. By January 1948, Bill Parsons bought out Mel Dalley's share, and the store became known as the Parsons Shoe Store.

Before moving to Aylmer, Bill had experience at Rowland Shoe Stores and Hubert Ashplant & Sons in London, and at the Raven Shoe Store in St. Thomas. He was a registered foot correctionist, receiving a degree from Boston University in 1946 and later studying at Dr. Scholl's School in Chicago.



Photograph of Parsons Shoe Store, taken by J.E. Reid on September 28, 1951

In July of 1960, William Parsons sold his business to George Foreman. He continued to run his foot correction business out of his office in his home at 37 South Street East in Aylmer.

#### Gunstone's Shoe Store

In August of 1933, Harry Moses Gunstone leased the storefront previously occupied by Dixon's Shoe Store at 11 Talbot Street East and opened Harry M. Gunstone. The store was also referred to as Harry Gunstone's Footwear, Gunstone's Shoe Store, and Gunstone's Shoes.

Before opening his store, Harry worked for Fred Love in his shoe store and later worked for the Raven Shoe Store in St. Thomas. The store officially opened in mid-August. Slogans used throughout the years included, "Come to us with Confidence", "Where Good Shoes Come From", "Take your mind off your feet", "Shoes for the Entire Family", and "Quality Family Footwear".

In August of 1960, Harry Gunstone's Shoe Store temporarily relocated to the space above My Lady's Shoppe at 25 Talbot Street East while they underwent renovations following the Bank of Montreal fire. They reopened at their original location again in October with completely new stock.

Harry Gunstone operated the store until 1963 when Burke McLead took over ownership of the store, and the name changed to Gunstone Footwear Ltd. In September of 1969, Paul Castle purchased Gunstone's Shoes. Paul had experience for 12 years in the shoe business. Gunstone Shoes operated under Paul Castle Ltd. until it closed in 1991.



Photograph of the storefront of Gunstone's Shoe Store, taken by Thomas Bradt ca. 1939



Photograph of the interior of Gunstone's Shoe Store taken in 1959

## 2023 Swan Line

#### 519-773-7926

The Tundra Swan Line has officially ended for 2023! This year marked the 38th year of the initiative. The Tundra Swan Line (519-773-7926 (SSE-SWAN)) began in 1985 as a community service to update swan fans and birdwatchers on the migration of the Tundra Swan. Early each spring, the Elgin Stewardship Council (ESC) begins to track the swans as they migrate through our area, stopping off at the Aylmer Wildlife Management Area, where the ESC volunteers feed and monitor the swans daily. Eastlink provides this complimentary phone line, and museum volunteers update the daily messages with the current swan count and relevant information.



Photograph courtesy of Dave Helsdon

This year the swans arrived on February 27 with 250 reported on the first day. A total of 37,675 swans were counted between February 27 and the last day of counting on March 29. This is up significantly from the 13,964 swans counted in 2022. This year we received a total of 3,287 calls to the Tundra Swan Line. A total breakdown of the number of swans recorded each day from 2016 to 2021 is available on our website at: https://aylmermuseum.ca/swan-line/

## Then and Now

South Side of Talbot St. E.

Below are photographs of the south side of Talbot St. E. taken more than 80 years apart. Until recently, this section of Talbot St. remained relatively unchanged throughout history.

Then photograph taken by Thomas Bradt ca. 1939 Now photograph taken in October of 2022





## **New Acquisitions**

#### March & April

At our March and April acquisition meetings, we accepted 35 artifacts from 6 donors into our collection. One notable artifact that was accepted into our collection is a photograph of Billy West. William "Billy" George West ran a shoe repair business in Aylmer from 1939 until 1964. To learn more about Billy West Shoe Repair, and more than one hundred other local shoe-related businesses, visit our current exhibit If the Shoe Fits.

A special thank you to Acquisition Committee members Janet Rigsby, Pat White, Kelly Pearson, Deb Addley, Jim McCallum, and Allan Cross for their assistance and expertise every month!



## From Our Archives 100 Years Ago

Framed lithographic print of an advertisement for Ferry's Seeds, printed in 1923. The image features a glass vase filled with poppies.

The print was part of the Hoshal Collection, donated in 2003. The donation from the Estate of Evelyn Hoshal featured hundreds of seed-related items like this one.



## **New Building Updates**

Thanks to our recent fundraiser *Witness*, we have been able to add another \$4,000 to our relocation fundraiser!

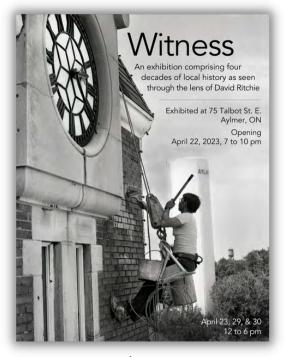
We recently completed our new video regarding our capital campaign and move to the new building! It can be viewed on our website at the link below or on our Youtube channel here: youtube.com/@aylmermuseum

We have also continued to receive donations from individuals and businesses, and have currently raised 23% of our fundraising goal thanks to the generosity of our community and members!

To learn more about our relocation project, including fundraisers and updates, visit: aylmermuseum.ca/relocation-project



## Upcoming Events



Witness An exhibition comprising four decades of local history as seen through the lens of David Ritchie.

Open Hours: May 11 from 4 to 8 pm Part of the Downtown Shop Hop



The Aylmer Fair Visit our booth at the Aylmer Fair August 11 to 13 to learn more about the history of the fair as they celebrate their 175th year!

## **Volunteer Updates**

by Sarah Bentley, Volunteer Coordinator

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out to help with Dave Ritchie's photography show! Rebecca Horeth was a huge help in prepping the exhibit in the days leading up to its opening. The opening night was a huge success with thanks to Cassy Dyck and Kelly Pearson. Many thanks to those who have supervised the exhibit for us, including Deb Waite, Tom and Linda Charlton, Jeannette Pesall, and Ron Sawyer.

Bozena Boadway has been cataloguing our new acquisitions and has been doing a marvellous job, as always. Thank you, Bozena!

Jim McCallum has been digitizing our archival material and has started to process the huge 1984 donation from the Old Town Hall. We're excited to have that collection documented and accessible. Thank you for all your work, Jim!

Ron Sawyer has been helping us to re-package and safely store our collection of eyewear. We and our spectacles thank you, Ron!

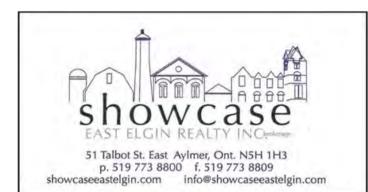
Many thanks to Dan Reid for putting together a draft for our upcoming educational walking tours. We're very excited to see where this goes!

As always, thank you to the volunteers who assisted us through our monthly bingo assignments, board meetings, acquisition meetings, and regular committee meetings. We're so grateful for everyone's help! 22

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Tour of Homes Update

We're hoping to bring back the Tour of Homes in 2023! If you're interested in having your home featured or sitting on our Tour of Homes Committee, please let us know! Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/AylmerMalahideMuseumArchives



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### Springfield Swans

Formerly known as the Springfield Lioness, Springfield Swans took flight on July 1, 2021! This club is a small group of civically minded women with a goal of making their community a great place to live. We're not all about fundraising. Our service work includes maintaining the Mary H Pearson Memorial Garden (Cenotaph Park, Springfield) and an annual Seniors "Christmas in July" event. Donations are made primarily to local endeavours, and include our school, fire department, parade, Fun Day, and area hospitals. Our fundraising events include an annual Community Beef Supper (each year in support of a new charity), "B" Sale (books, baking, etc) for Breast Cancer, Community Spirit Birthday Calendars and assignments at Jackpot City Gaming Entertainment in St Thomas. Anyone who is 18 years of age or older, who is service minded and is invited into the club may be a member.

#### "Volunteering for a Better Community"

Check out our Facebook Page: Springfield Swans Club - Ontario ---- PO Box 179, Springfield, ON NOL 2J0

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If you have not paid your 2023 membership and still wish to do so, please contact Kathi at officemanager@aylmermuseum.ca.

## Thank you all for your continued support!



May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: May 9, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch

#### SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

**WHEREAS** the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

**WHEREAS** the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

• pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)



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 reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

**THAT** our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

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Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO



From: Lizet Scott <<u>LScott@perthsouth.ca</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 3:56 PM
Subject: RE: Resolution - Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

Dear Minister Calandra,

The Township of Perth South passed the following motion at their regular meeting on May 2, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Jaime Martin Seconded by Councillor Mark Bell That Perth South Council supports correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding the use of long-term care funding to support community care services. Carried

I have attached the correspondence from the City of Stratford for your information.

Regards,

#### Lizet Scott

Clerk Township of Perth South 519-271-0619 x224



**City of Stratford Corporate Services Department** Clerk's Office City Hall, P. O. Box 818 Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W1 Tel: 519-271-0250, extension 5237 Email: <u>clerks@stratford.ca</u> Website: www.stratford.ca

April 17, 2023

Via email: Itcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

#### Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

#### THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford Matthew Rae, MPP Association of Municipalities of Ontario All Ontario municipalities



#### **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

#### RESOLUTION

Motion # 132

Date:

#### May 9, 2023

WHEREAS some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada's current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** Transport Canada's loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations.

AND FURTHERMORE, The Council of the Township of Armour endorses the letter from the Three Mile Lake Community Club Inc. and calls on Transport Canada to:

- Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction.
- State that mixed-use' docks and structures will not be permitted.

**AND FURTHERMORE**, the Council of the Township of Armour urges all mentioned in this resolution to **support petition e-4364** to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra. Petition e-4364 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)

**AND FURTHERMORE**, be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marcus Powlowski (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Ontario), Graydon Smith MPP.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod Brandt, Jerry Haggart-Davis, Dorothy Ward, Rod Whitwell, Wendy	Seconded I	by: Blakelock, Rod Brandt, Jerry Haggart-Davis, Dorothy Ward, Rod Whitwell, Wendy	
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#### Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting Council Meeting

Resolution No. Title: Date: 328 Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved byJ. PalmateerSeconded byJ. DeMarsh

WHEREAS poles are essential for deployment of telecommunication and hydro networks across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of pole infrastructure between stakeholders is necessary to limit duplication of servicing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recently set expediated timelines for large telephone companies to provide competitors with access to poles to roll out networks more efficiently leading to more competition across Canada;

AND WHEREAS provincial and territorial government are being encouraged to coordinate with service providers and other stakeholders to facilitate sound network deployment;

JOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed calls on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians;

AND FURTHER, that this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ric Bresee, all Ontario Municipalities for support, Bell Canada, Hydro One.

Carried





#### MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

#### Talbot Line Employment Lands

#### TAKE NOTICE that:

- a) pursuant to Subsections 26(9) and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Municipality of Central Elgin is initiating a Municipally-led Zoning By-law Amendment process to propose amendments to the Township of Yarmouth Zoning By-law No. 1998, as amended, to zone lands from a mix of Open Space and site specific Open Space, Industrial and Business Zones, to a site specific Light Industrial Zone (C1-XXa) and site specific General Industrial Zone (C1-XXb) for employment uses to reflect the Official Plan designation of the lands.
- b) a Public Meeting, pursuant to Subsection 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, will be held by the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023 at 5:40 P.M. to consider amendments to the Township of Yarmouth Zoning Bylaw 1998. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to afford any person that attends, an opportunity to make representation with respect to the zoning proposal. The meeting will be conducted in person in the Council Chambers, Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas and via Zoom Webinar. Should you choose to attend by ZOOM, detailed instructions to join the Zoom meeting can be found at: <u>https://www.centralelgin.org/en/building-and-development/current-planningapplications.aspx#Talbot-Line-Industrial-Area-Zoning</u>

The subject lands are located north of Talbot Line (Highway 3) and south of the Canada Southern Rail Line, between Centennial Avenue and Yarmouth Centre Road and have an approximate area of 139.8 hectares. The subject lands may be legally described as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, Concession 9, in the Geographic Township of Yarmouth. The lands are shown on the Key Map below.

The Municipal-led Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to re-zone lands to implement the Employment Area designation and permit a range of industrial uses through two new site specific industrial zones - Light Industrial Zone (C1-XXa) and General Industrial Zone (C1-XXb). A range of permitted uses are introduced and changes to the general provisions of the C1 zone are proposed. The zoning proposes to include a Natural Hazard Zoning Overlay that is identified through the Official Plan.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Central Elgin before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Municipality of Central Elgin before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment may be accessed on the Municipality's website under 'Current Planning Applications' https://www.centralelgin.org/en/businessdevelopment/current-planning-applications.aspx



**DATED** at the Municipality of Central Elgin, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Lloyd Perrin, Director of Asset Management & Development Services Municipality of Central Elgin 450 Sunset Drive, 1st Floor St. Thomas, Ontario (519) 631-4860, Ext. 277