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City Council Highlights



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NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2022 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2022

BILL 23

Council received a report as information regarding Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

The detailed report discussed changes which will fundamentally alter how land use planning approvals are processed, approved, and implemented in Ontario. Highlights of the report:

- Some elements of Bill 23 may have a positive outcome for the creation of affordable housing, it will depend on how they are implemented in practice.
- Bill 23 proposes numerous changes that, if passed, will significantly impact how municipal governments recover the costs associated with growth and how applications are processed. It will cause municipalities to go back to the drawing board with respect to the calculation of development charges, as well as parkland by-laws.
- The proposed changes may contradict the goal of building more housing in the long-term as it appears to shift the financial burden of growth-related infrastructure onto existing taxpayers. Issues such as pollution control, conservation of lands, and the public's ability to comment on a development proposal, all impact the way municipalities will have to deal with applications in the future.

HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The City of St. Thomas and Elgin County Health Recruitment Partnership is pleased to award five local medical students with a \$1,000 scholarship to assist in their pursuit of a career as a physician in family medicine. The 2022 Health Recruitment Scholarship recipients include:

- Brandon Brower
- Corina DeKraker
- Daniel Black
- Laura O’Gorman
- Patrick Acres



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please be advised of the following closures:

- City Hall & the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and will reopen on Wednesday, December 28. Both buildings will also be closed on Monday, January 2.
- The Community Recycling Centre will be closed on December 24 and returning to regular part time hours on December 28.



NOTICES

- Intention to adopt the 2023 Operating Budget and 2023 Capital Budget at the Monday, January 9, 2023 5:00pm Council Meeting.
- Public meeting on January 12, 2023 at 10:00am to discuss a minor variance for 31 Park Avenue
- Public meeting on January 12, 2023 at 10:00am to discuss a minor variance for 275 Highview Drive

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the December 19 Council Meeting
- Adopt an Interim Tax Levy
- Authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023

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