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NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2022 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 9, 2023

2023 CAPITAL & OPERATING BUDGET APPROVAL

The Director of Finance and City Treasurer brought forward a report regarding the 2023 Capital and Operating Budget Approval. This was the second report regarding the draft 2023 Capital and Operating Budget, with the original having been presented at the December 5, 2022 meeting.

The new report detailed that the 2023 Operating Budget requires a levy of \$64,729,464 to be raised. This would be an additional \$2,663,931 from the 2022 levy raised of \$62,065,533 or a 4.29% increase. Taking into account that the 2022 assessment growth will raise an additional \$1,194,513 of levy in 2023, the effective increase will be 2.37%.

Council voted in favour to receive the report as information, adopt the estimated 2023 gross expenditures of \$24,328,469 for Capital and \$142,852,760 for Operating, adopt the estimated 2023 non-tax revenues of \$101,451,765 and tax levy of \$64,729,464 to support these gross expenditures, adopt the current operating and capital estimates (as outlined in the report), and authorizes the Director of Finance and City Treasurer to draft a by-law that sets the 2023 tax rates based upon a levy of \$64,729,464 and provides for the 2023 property tax policies required by the Ministry of Finance.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

- Council of the City of St. Thomas proclaimed February 23, 2023 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Day" in the City of St. Thomas. The Victim Services Elgin flag be flown at City Hall.
- Council of the City of St. Thomas proclaimed August 7-13, 2023 as "Pride Week" in the City of St. Thomas. The Pride flag will be flown at City Hall, and the Jumbo monument will be lit in rainbow colours for the week.



CIVIC AWARDS PROGRAM

The City of St. Thomas recognizes that people are at the heart of our community, and it is important to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

The Civic Awards Program pays tribute to hardworking volunteers, athletes, artists, youth, and heroes who have brought pride and distinction to the City of St. Thomas.

Nominate someone today! www.stthomas.ca/civic_awards



NOTICES

- Public meeting on January 12, 2023 at 10:00am to discuss a consent application for 248 and 250 Forest Avenue
- Public meeting on January 25, 2023 at 6:10pm to discuss a proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendment for 410 Sunset Drive

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the January 9 Council Meeting
- Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Education

