



# Keeping Track

## *City Council Highlights*



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### **NEXT MEETING**

March 13, 2023 at 5pm

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 6, 2023**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW (50-88)**

The Manager of Planning Services submitted a report as information regarding proposed updates to the St. Thomas Official Plan and Zoning By-Law 50-88. Recent changes brought about by Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022) has prompted an update to Council's planning documents to increase the number of units permitted on a lot from 2 to 3.

It has also been recommended to update the general provisions of the Zoning By-Law to introduce a clause meant to deal with multiple parcels across a site. This provision will permit the owner to subdivide the site and yet still have the zoning regulations apply across the site as if the severances had never taken place. The principle regulations governing development of the site will not change.

Council received the report as information and authorized staff to prepare the amendments. A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00pm.

## ROADMAP FOR REACHING FUNCTIONAL ZERO

Council received a report as information from the Homelessness Prevention and Housing Program Supervisor regarding achieving functional zero within St. Thomas-Elgin. This is achieved when the number of people experiencing homelessness is less than the number of people being housed each month, or less than 3 – which ever number is greater.

In 2022, 120 people were identified as actively experiencing homelessness through the By Name List. In that year, the median number of people who were moved into existing resources each month was 19 and the median number of people added to the list each month was 21.

In 2023, there will be an addition of 45 affordable, supportive housing units available for people in the community actively experiencing homelessness and identified through the By Name List. Having these units will result in a 38% reduction of the By Name List. This reduction will significantly support St. Thomas-Elgin in its effort to achieve the next Built For Zero Reduction Milestone of reducing chronic homelessness by 50% by the end of 2023.

## FREE TRANSIT SERVICE FOR JOB FAIR

Council has approved the request from Elgin Employment Services for free transit service on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 12:00pm until 6:00pm. This will remove the barrier of transportation and cost to job seekers.

For more information on the job fair, please visit:  
[www.employmentserviceselgin.ca](http://www.employmentserviceselgin.ca)



**SAVE THE DATE**

**2023 JOB FAIR**

 **DATE**  
APRIL 5, 2023

 **TIME**  
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

 **JOE THORNTON  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!**



## BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the March 6 Council Meeting
- Remove certain lands from part lot control
- Amend By-law 188-2002, being a by-law to impose fees or charges with respect to Parks and Recreation
- 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:
  - The Young Women's Christian Association of St. Thomas
  - Kari Sue-Ross Vance and Rachel Elizabeth Ross-Vance
  - Elgin Standard Condominium Corporation
  - His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by:
    - Solicitor General
    - Minister of Transportation

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