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City Council Highlights



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NEXT MEETING

March 20, 2023 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 13, 2023

TALBOT STREET CAFE SEATING

The Director of Environmental Services and City Engineer brought forward a report on café seating on Talbot Street. The City, in collaboration with the Downtown Development Board, allowed for temporary pop-up patios on sidewalks during COVID-19 restriction on indoor dining in 2020.

The report outlined recommendations for accommodating additional on-street seating options for businesses, some of which included:

- Up to 8 chairs with tables in single row
- Bylaw will only apply to the DDB area
- Must be directly adjacent to and limited to the frontage of the building in question
- Must have 1.5m clear passage remaining on the sidewalk
- Store owner is responsible and liable for placement, maintenance, and storage of furniture
- Eligible from Apr 1 to Nov 15 between 7am and 10pm
- No mechanical railings, bollards, or physical attachment of furniture
- Business owners must meet all existing regulations, laws, or bylaws from the City and other organizations

Council voted to receive the report as information and directed staff to prepare a by-law for their consideration to accommodate the street café seating in the DDB area.

RAILWAY CITY TRANSIT

A report from the Manager of Roads and Transportation was received as information by Council. The report titled 'RCT - Continuous Improvement' outlined feedback received from riders, users groups, Voyago, and members of council regarding the transit service.

Opportunities drawn from the feedback are:

- To increase public awareness on Conventional Transit service hours and when and where On-Demand Transit is available
- Continue to promote positive interactions between dispatchers, drivers and the public through communication and developed resources
- Further develop website and print materials in regards to navigation/readability
- Continue to review and adjust service levels and booking capacity
- Update rider expectation of flexible pickup and drop off times

RCT still maintains a high average of 4.8 out of 5 stars over 2022 for riders who left trip reviews on the OnDemand app with a total of 820 five star ratings.

FIRE OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

The Fire Chief presented a report as information to Council regarding fire operations and equipment for high-rise buildings. This report is in response to concerns over fire protection (specifically equipment and personnel) in vertical developments comprised of 14-storey or more.

The report outlines that the STFD has engaged in high level training with the department's high-rise instructor to be better prepared to handle these events if they arise. Additionally, STFD is currently waiting on the delivery of a 2022 Pierce 100-foot platform (aerial) truck to assist the department with the evacuation of residents from reachable floors (9-storey). This new resource will be extremely valuable during any incident at a high-rise building.



NOTICES

- Notice of a refusal of proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments has been received from the Municipality of Central Elgin regarding the proposed development of a 177 unit high density residential development at 410 Sunset Dr.

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the March 13 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:
 - Hayhoe Rental Ltd.
 - His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General

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