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City Council Highlights



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NEXT MEETING

June 19, 2023 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 12, 2023

CLIENT CARE / SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION COMING TO VALLEYVIEW HOME

Council received a report from Valleyview Home requesting the creation of a new position in the Adult Day Program, the Client Care/Services Coordinator.

Valleyview Home operates an adult day program at 350 Burwell Road and manages two other day programs in the County of Elgin. These programs run 5 days a week with recreation, exercise, socializing, dining, and bathing programs available to community clients day and night.

The administrative burden to run these programs is high and demand for service is expected to grow in the coming years. This new position would help support the current coordinator and help accommodate for this increased demand. They would be responsible for organizing referrals to the program and maintaining the waitlist while assisting with the day to day administrations of the adult day programs.

The new role would also assist in Valleyview's anticipated expansion of the program into weekend and overnight service, and potentially secondary site service. Cost for the new position would be covered under Ontario Health funding and would not result in a new cost for the City.

Council voted to receive the report as information and authorized the creation of the new position.

CONSULTANT CHOSEN FOR 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Council received a report from the City Manager's office regarding the process for updating the strategic plan and requesting the allocation of a service contract to Climb Consulting to assist in the plan development.

Staff have been working hard on a strategic plan refresh to bridge the previous plan and align it with Council's priorities for 2023 - 2027. A request for proposal for consulting services was issued in late April of this year. A total of 6 submissions were received and independently examined by the evaluation committee using a pre-established criteria. The proposals were graded by examining the following categories:

- Organization of project team
- Work program
- References
- Fees and expenses

Of the 6 proposals received, Climb Consulting's proposal had the highest score and was the second lowest cost proposal received. After reviewing the report and discussing the details with staff, council voted to accept the proposal and allocate the service contract to Climb Consulting.

WATER SUPPLY BOOSTER STATION

Council received a report from Environmental Services regarding drinking water supply in St. Thomas.

All of the drinking water in the City of St. Thomas is supplied by the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) through one main connection. EAPWSS was approached with the proposition of building a secondary booster station connection that would increase the resilience of the City's water system as a whole and allow the City to provide service to its growing industrial sector.

A License of Occupation for a new South Edgeware Booster Station (SEBS) was received outlining the details of this plan and the roles of all parties involved. Council voted to receive the report as information and direct that a by-law be prepared to authorize the execution of the agreement.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS

- September 30, 2023 has been proclaimed as "Orange Shirt Day" in the City of St. Thomas. The Orange Shirt flag will be flown at City Hall and Jumbo will be illuminated in orange.
- Notice of a study commencement relating to Hwy 4 widening and proposed Talbotville bypass and Hwy 3 twinning.

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the June 12 Council Meeting
- Agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Tessa Kuipers
- Appoint a Chief Building Official, Deputy Chief Building Official, Building Inspector, By-Law Officer and Noise Control Officer
- Grant alteration permits in a Heritage Conservation District
- Establish salaries and benefits for non-union City staff

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