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City Council Highlights



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NEXT MEETING

July 17, 2023 at 5pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 19, 2023

COUNCIL PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Planning & Building Services Department presented a report to Council regarding the request for grant and loan support to Fresh Start Support Services.

Fresh Start Support Services applied for support grants and loans from the City to assist with the costs of their new building development project called House of Homes. The new development is expected to bring 12 new affordable living units to the City with some units specifically designated to support women-led families experiencing acute homelessness.

Staff noted that the project was eligible for numerous grant and loan support programs run by the City including the Residential Loan and Grant Program, Tax Increment Grant Program, Planning and Building Fees Grant Program and the Environmental Site Assessment Grant Program. They explained that the Community Improvement Program Evaluation Committee had reviewed and approved the project and recommended that Council support the initiative.

Council voted to receive the report as information, approve the grant applications, and directed staff to prepare a bylaw to enter into a Residential Loan Agreement with Fresh Start. Council also voted to support Fresh Start with \$100,000 in capital funding contingent on federal funding approval.

PETTING ZOO APPROVED FOR CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Council received a report from Environmental Services requesting a temporary exemption of Animal Control By-Law 71-2011 to allow for a petting zoo at the 2023 Canada Day Celebration.

Council voted to receive the report as information and grant the temporary exemption to allow the petting zoo. The event will occur at 1Password Park July 1 at 4pm.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Council received a letter from The Nameless Harm Reduction Outreach Services Inc. requesting that August 31, 2023 be proclaimed as International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of St. Thomas.

The letter also requested that a flag raising ceremony be held at City Hall to commemorate the event and that the lights at the Jumbo monument be changed to purple for the occasion.

Council voted to approve the request and proclaim August 31, 2023 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

FINAL CALL FOR COMMUNITY CLEANUP



In recognition of Earth Day and Earth Month, the City of St. Thomas has been holding a community cleanup event all Spring long! Get a group together and join in on the fun before the event ends tomorrow, June 21, 2023.

Visit: www.stthomas.ca/community_cleanup

NOTICES

- Administration intends to add a walk-in rate for artificial turf field rentals to By-Law 188-20022, being a by-law to impose fees or charges with respect to Recreation Services matters at the June 19th, 2023 Council meeting.

BY-LAWS

First, Second, and Third Reading

- Confirm proceedings of the June 19 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:
 - Canadian Commercial (T2) Inc.
 - The Joint Board of Management of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System.
- Amend By-Law 188-2002 being a by-law to impose fees or charges with respect to Recreation Services matters.

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