



# Keeping Track

## City Council Highlights

### HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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#### YWCA ST. THOMAS-ELGIN TINY HOPE PROJECT UPDATE

The Project Tiny Hope was not selected for the RHI opportunity which has resulted in a pivot back to "Plan A" outlined below:  
(1) an application to CMHC for Co Investment Grant and Mortgage,  
(2) a broad community build with gift in kind and volunteers for a portion of the property, (3) continue to fundraise to close the funding gap.  
The ground-breaking ceremony was held on May 15th which kicked off the underground site servicing.

#### Upcoming Proclamation and Flag Raising

- Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2023
- Foster Family Week - October 16, 2023
- Toastmasters Month - October 2, 2023

#### The members presented Civic Awards to the following Recipients:

- Brody Mann
- Eve Buczkowski
- Anna Muscat

**Downtown Oktoberfest - October 14, 2023**  
has been declared as a municipally significant event.

#### Edgeware Line Closure

Council authorized the closing of a portion of Edgeware Line for future development.

**Next Council Meeting:** October 2, 2023

## Strategic Plan Refresh - Community Town Halls:

*\*All sessions are drop in\**

St. Thomas City Council is refreshing the City's Strategic Plan. Drop in and let us know your thoughts and feedback to plan for the future of our community.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



6:00-7:30PM

**OCTOBER 12**

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# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

City staff had informed Council that the project is on time and on budget. Here are some recent photo updates that were provided by staff.

Grading in Progress 1 of 2 above Edgeware Line Looking West  
July 18th, 2023



Grading in Progress 2 of 2 above Edgeware Line Looking West  
August 28th, 2023



Visit from Dignitaries - August 22nd, 2023



Contractors Equipment - Now Fully Mobilized - July 5, 2023



## City of St. Thomas Strategic Plan Update - September 2023



Compassionate  
Community

- Inn of the Cold Shelter became fully operational in January 2022 and has been providing valuable services in the community, in partnership with the City and other key community stakeholders.
- STPS continues to support and partner with St. Thomas Social Services and the CMHA to ensure the Street Outreach Program is meeting Corporate, Departmental and Community goals. Ongoing collaboration is occurring to ensure the SOT Program is meeting objectives.



Vibrant  
Community

- Servicing of the Windon Farm has been completed, creating opportunities for continued industrial development and growth for the community
- Ongoing discussions between the City and educational institutions including local school boards have enhanced information sharing and identified opportunities for partnerships.



Thriving  
Community

- The city trail system has been expanded by 3.10km, exceeding the original goal.
- Funding was previously approved as part of the City's budget to initiate the new animal centre, and significant donations have been received to support the project. However, when tendered, the proposed project came in \$1.2 m over the proposed capital budget. Staff are presently making design revisions to reduce construction costs and will include this project in the 2024 annual budget process