

Elgin County Council Highlights



Council Approves Telecommunications Agreement with FU Fiber

County Council approved a telecommunications equipment consent and road user agreement with FU Fiber, a telecommunication service provider proposing to construct fiber-optic installations, in part located within County Road Allowances, to establish and/or improve telecommunication services within unserved or poorly serviced areas in Elgin County. The proposed agreement will apply to all future FU Fiber Inc. infrastructure installed within the County Road allowances for the duration of the term of the Agreement and any renewals. Please view the September 27, 2022, County Council agenda package for a copy of the agreement.

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Elgin County Library Programming Update

County Council received a presentation from Digital Services Librarian Séanin Steele highlighting programming at Elgin County Libraries in 2022. March Break marked the return of in-person programming and saw 1,394 children attend 32 programs across the ten (10) branches. In addition, virtual programming included the Elgin Quilt Show, Blue Spruce Forest of Reading Programs, Elgin Reads Digital Book Club and a Virtual Escape Room.

The presentation highlighted the County's recent partnership with M.I. Understanding – a communication tool designed to educate families and connect them with available resources to assist children with mental health issues. The TD Summer Reading Club returned to in-person programming with 1,088 children registered and 599 children registered as first-time participants. New programs such as the Fairytale Rescue Scavenger Hunt Challenge and the Library Loot Boxes for Teens were also launched this summer. Library branches also served as a collection site for the Best First Day Campaign school supply drive. Please see the presentation in this week's County Council agenda for more information on Library Programming.



Council Adopts Electronic Monitoring of Employees at Work Policy

County Council adopted a new Human Resources Policy 2.18 Electronic Monitoring to respond to the Provincial government's passing of Bill 88, amending the "Working for Workers Act, 2021" and "An Act to enact the Digital Platform Workers' Rights Act." This Bill requires employers with more than 25 employees to implement an Electronic Monitoring policy that includes a description of how employers may electronically monitor their employees, circumstances in which the employer may electronically monitor, and the purposes for which information obtained may be used by the employer. This policy can be found in the September 27, 2022, County Council agenda package.

Council Approves Municipality of Dutton Dunwich Official Plan Amendment No. 5

County Council approved Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich Official Plan. In 2021, the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich initiated an amendment to their Official Plan that proposed swapping lands designated as 'settlement area' with lands designated 'agricultural' to facilitate new residential development within the Municipality.

In analyzing their existing residentially – designated land base, the Municipality had concluded that some of their existing inventory of residential lands in Wallacetown and Dutton could not be feasibly developed and are more appropriately designated 'agricultural' and removed from the Municipality's inventory. To replace this inventory, the Municipality subsequently identified an equal amount of land, currently designated 'agricultural,' that could be feasibly developed. Council approved the Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the Official Plan of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich as the adopted amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, does not conflict with the County of Elgin Official Plan, constitutes good planning, and is in the public's interest.



Council Requests Traffic and Speed Study in Vienna

County Council directed staff to complete a traffic study and speed study on Fulton Street in Vienna in response to a resolution received from the Municipality of Bayham. The Municipality of Bayham had received a resident concern regarding safety issues in that area. As directed by County Council, staff will proceed with conducting a traffic study and speed study on Fulton Street and will report their findings at a future meeting of County Council.

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