



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Terri Towstiuc, Clerk  
**Date:** 2024-07-18  
**Subject:** Memorial Bench Program

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: Memorial Bench Program; And

That West Elgin Council direct staff to bring back a Memorial and Sponsored Bench Policy for proposal, at a future meeting of Council.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with options to implement a “Memorial/Sponsored Bench” Program. If Council wishes to proceed with a policy similar to that of Southwold, it will be created and brought back for adoption at a future meeting of Council. Council can choose different parameters for a West Elgin program, which can be modified to suit the intentions of West Elgin Council.

### **Background:**

At the Regular Meeting of Council, June 27, 2024, Deputy Mayor Tellier requested staff investigate the possibility of a sponsorship program and benches for the municipality, like what Southwold offers.

Attached to this report is the policy for the Township of Southwold, which is specific to commemorative/memorial park benches. West Elgin Council has the option to move forward with a policy that mimics that of Southwold or create a policy that opens to general sponsorship, along with memorial sponsorships.

The cost for the benches that are currently installed in West Elgin are as follows:

4-ft \$1000  
6-ft \$1100  
8-ft \$1200

Prices that will be included in the policy will include the cost of the bench and installation.

### **Financial Implications:**

To be paid by local sponsor.

**Policies/Legislation:**

Bench policy to be created.

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiu  
Clerk