



# FROM THE **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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FEBRUARY 11, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING





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# Advocating for Rural Healthcare: WECHC & Elgin County Unite

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The Board Chair and Vice Chair of the West Elgin Community Health Centre (WECHC) presented an overview of the Health Centre's programs and service areas to County Council, emphasizing the challenges faced by rural communities.

In response to these challenges, WECHC is actively advocating for enhanced support and funding for rural healthcare. Consequently, Elgin County Council plans to seek a delegation with the Ministry of Health during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference this August, aiming to promote greater access to healthcare in rural areas.



# 2

## Evelyn's Sausage Kitchen Expands with Support from Elgincentives Grant

Elgin County Council has given the green light to Evelyn's Sausage Kitchen's application for the Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) under the County's Elgincentives program.

Evelyn's Sausage Kitchen is planning to move to a newly built 2,400 sq. ft. commercial space just east of their current site in the village of Shedden.

The Elgincentives initiative was created to help support business growth. With this grant approval, Evelyn's will have the opportunity to defer a portion of their property tax increase over the next five years as part of their major redevelopment plans.



# 3

## Driving Elgin Forward: Shaping Our Transportation Future

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The County of Elgin is in the process of creating its first comprehensive *Transportation Master Plan* (TMP). The TMP aims to identify challenges and strategies for developing a multi-modal transportation network.

Elgin County Council received the updated TMP Phase 1 Report, which incorporates major changes like the PowerCo. battery plant, updated census data, and new growth forecasts.

This report is available for public review on our [Engage Elgin website](#), while Phases 2 and 3 are in progress, with the final TMP expected by July 2025.



# Next Council Meeting:



FEBRUARY 25, 2025



9:00 AM



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