




FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 25, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING



Strengthening Public Health: Key Updates from SWPH



Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) presented to County Council to lay the groundwork for ongoing collaboration. Dedicated to fostering healthier communities, SWPH pledged to provide updates to the County Council three times a year regarding key public health priorities, achievements, and challenges.

A significant portion of SWPH's work occurs behind the scenes, focusing on outbreak prevention, chronic disease reduction, and enhancing community well-being. Their initiatives help prevent health crises, improve quality of life, and lessen disparities.

During the presentation, SWPH provided community health statistics related to immunizations, infectious diseases, mental health, substance use, maternal and reproductive health, and oral health. These insights are crucial for making informed decisions and creating proactive health strategies. The complete data set is available in the agenda package.

By maintaining ongoing engagement with the County Council, SWPH seeks to strengthen public health initiatives and enhance outcomes for all residents.



\$46K Approved for Sponsorship Funding to Strengthen Community Initiatives & Events

In support of community programs, services, and events, County Council approved \$46,000 in sponsorship funding for 2025. This funding aligns with the County's mission and strategic objectives.

The \$46K allocated via the Elgin County Sponsorship Program for 2025 encompasses the following categories:

a) Community Programs/Services

Funding for programs or services that promote cultural, heritage, education, health, and welfare in the Elgin County community.

b) Fairs, Festivals, or Events

Funding for fairs, festivals, or events that provide significant community benefit.

Twenty-five applications were received and reviewed, with all but one application deemed eligible. A full list of applicants can be found in the agenda package.

This funding initiative helps promote community-driven projects that reflect the County's values and goals.



Draft agreement approved for administrative support for the Elgin OPP Board

County Council has approved a draft Administrative Services Agreement for the County to provide administrative support to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board. The Warden and Chief Administrative Officer were authorized to sign the agreement, which will run from April 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026.

The Detachment Board plays a key role in overseeing the operation of the Elgin OPP detachment, including setting objectives and priorities for the detachment in alignment with the Minister's strategic plan, advising the commander on policing matters, and ensuring policing services meet the needs of local residents.

Under the agreement, the County will provide a range of administrative services, including financial, IT, and general administrative support, on a cost-recovery basis. The draft agreement includes hourly rates for services, insurance requirements, and procedures for handling information requests. Once signed, the agreement will be forwarded to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board Chair for final execution.



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9:00 AM

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