



FROM THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING



APRIL 8, 2025



COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

are held to handle urgent matters, final approvals from past meetings, and reports for information.

The following items were discussed at the April 8th Council Meeting:



Reading on the Road: Mobile Library Service
Set to Grow After Successful Pilot



Reading on the Road: Mobile Library Service Set to Grow After Successful Pilot

In 2024, Elgin County Library introduced a pilot Mobile Library Service, delivering books and library support to residents at Terrace Lodge and Elgin Manor (two of Elgin County's Long-Term Care Homes) with monthly visits. Staff provided residents at these homes with book lending, library cards, reading recommendations, and audiobooks.

The service was well-received, enhancing access to reading and building connections. The Elgin County Library plans to expand this program in 2025 to include weekly visits at these Homes, as well as the addition of more locations, like community retirement homes.

Impact on Elgin County Taxpayers:

This initiative uses current resources efficiently, promoting equitable access to services. While a few extra staffing hours may be needed, the cost is minimal. The benefits include improved quality of life for seniors and better community engagement, without significant new funding.



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING



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are held directly following Council and focus on detailed discussions and reviewing reports.

Decisions on the following reports won't be final until the next Council Meeting on April 22, 2025.

The following items were discussed at the April 8th Committee of the Whole Meeting:



Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Nears Finish
Line with Final Funding Process



Smoother Roads Ahead: Major Road Repairs
Proposed for 2025



Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Nears Finish Line with Final Funding Process

Elgin County has officially reached substantial completion of the Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Project. To finalize funding for the project, County staff are suggesting moving ahead with borrowing \$6 million through Infrastructure Ontario, as approved by Council during the 2025 budget process.

This borrowing must follow a strict process and timeline, with several key steps taking place between April 3 and May 1, 2025. These include document reviews, legal sign-offs, and Council's approval of a new by-law to finalize the loan. Staff have confirmed the timeline can be met and are working closely with legal counsel and Infrastructure Ontario to ensure timelines are met.

Impact on Elgin County Taxpayers:

The \$6 million loan would allow the County to spread out the cost of the Terrace Lodge project over the next 10 years, rather than paying it all upfront. This approach ensures responsible and sustainable financial management while continuing to invest in modern, high-quality care facilities for Long-Term Care Residents. **A final decision on this matter will be made at the April 22nd Council Meeting.**



Smoother Roads Ahead: Major Road Repairs Proposed for 2025

Eleven roads across Elgin County have been proposed by staff for major improvements, as part of the 2025 Capital Budget process. If approved, they will be resurfaced or rebuilt using Cold In-Place Asphalt Recycling and Hot Mix Asphalt Paving, with construction scheduled from May through to October.

Five roads — including Fingal Line, Clinton Line, Heritage Line, Lyons Line, and Fruitridge Line — would undergo Cold In-Place Asphalt Recycling, a cost-effective and eco-friendly method that reuses existing road materials before applying fresh asphalt. If approved by Council, nine additional roads would be fully repaved, with paved shoulders for future cycling lanes being suggested for two of these roadways.

Impact on Elgin County Taxpayers:

These improvements are part of Elgin County's regular infrastructure investment plan, covered under the 2025 budget. By using competitive bidding and recycling techniques, the County aims to keep costs down while enhancing safety and road lifespan. **A final decision on this matter will be made at the April 22nd Council Meeting.**



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING



APRIL 22, 2025



9:00 AM



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