



# Municipality of West Elgin

## Minutes

### Committee of the Whole

March 12, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

160 Main Street

West Lorne

**Present:** Mayor Leatham  
Deputy Mayor Tellier  
Councillor Statham  
Councillor Denning  
Councillor Sousa

**Staff Present:** Robin Greenall, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure & Development  
Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Leatham called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2026- 11**

**Moved:** Councillor Sousa

**Seconded:** Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby adopts the Committee of the Whole Agenda for March 12, 2026, as presented.

**Carried**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

**3.1 Councillor Sousa - 2026 Community Grants**

Committee Members for Roots & Revival

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No. 2026- 12**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Tellier

**Seconded:** Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby adopt the Minutes of February 12, 2026, as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**6. Staff Reports**

**6.1 Infrastructure & Development**

**6.1.1 Crosswalk Update**

Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development, provided Council with an update on the anticipated County of Elgin roadwork within the town of West Lorne. The work has been pushed back to 2028-29, which West Elgin Council has expressed their concerns with project being pushed further back, numerous times.

Council addressed various concerns with the current intersections including 401 detours, lack of proper accessible parking spots and lack of safe crosswalks.

Mr. Charron advised that a traffic impact study, as presented in his report, will provide Council with determination of where, if any, proper crosswalks would be most impactful and beneficial to the community.

**Resolution No. 2026- 13**

**Moved:** Councillor Sousa

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report Re: Cross Walk Update, from Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development for information and discussion purposes, and

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole directs staff to proceed with drafting a report for consideration at an upcoming Council meeting for approval.

**Carried**

### **6.1.2 Garbage, Recycling and Landfill Operations**

West Elgin Committee of the Whole received a report from Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure & Development, providing details for the current garbage, recycling and landfill status. Commercial businesses have been impacted most from the provincial changes to recycling collection, and the current landfill status in West Elgin does not allow for significant increases in collection. Members requested alternative measures be explored, including HE compaction and/or incineration, and combining efforts with neighbouring municipalities.

**Resolution No. 2026- 14**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Tellier

**Seconded:** Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report Re: Garbage, Recycling and Landfill Operations, from D. Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development, for information purposes, and

That the West Elgin Committee of the Whole directs Administration to proceed with finalizing a report to be received by Council, at a future date for approval.

**Carried**

## **6.2 Community Services & Clerks**

### **6.2.1 2026 Community Grants**

Councillor Sousa declared a conflict on this item. (Committee Members for Roots & Revival)

Councillor Sousa declared pecuniary interest, as he is a member of the Roots and Revival committee, who is a grant applicant for the 2026 year.

**Resolution No. 2026- 15**

**Moved:** Councillor Statham

**Seconded:** Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: 2026 Community Grant Applications; And

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby direct staff to bring back a recommendation at the Regular meeting of Council, March 26, 2026, for approval of the events up until May 31, 2026.

**Carried**

**6.2.2 Rodney Park Masterplan**

Members recognized the efforts of the Rodney Park Revitalization Committee and expressed interest in moving forward with phased-in plans for the future of the Rodney Park.

**Resolution No. 2026- 16**

**Moved:** Councillor Statham

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Rodney Park Masterplan; And

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole direct staff to bring back for pre-budget approval request, at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

**Carried**

**6.2.3 West Lorne Ball Diamond**

**Resolution No. 2026- 17**

**Moved:** Councillor Sousa

**Seconded:** Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk regarding the cost of fencing installation at the West Lorne Ball Diamond; And

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby recommend staff include in the 2026 budget deliberations for Council approval.

**Carried**

**7. Adjourn and Move into Regular Session of Council**

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:16pm, to move into Regular Session of Council.

**Resolution No. 2026- 18**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Tellier

**Seconded:** Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby adjourn and move into Regular Session of Council.

**Carried**

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Richard Leatham, Mayor

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Terri Towstiuc, Clerk