



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

April 9, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

160 Main Street

West Lorne

Present: Mayor Leatham
Deputy Mayor Tellier
Councillor Denning
Councillor Statham (*arrived at 5:08pm*)
Councillor Sousa

Staff Present: Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk
Robin Greenall, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure & Development
Evan McKinstry, Jr. Planner, County of Elgin

Council Meetings are held in-person at 160 Main Street, West Lorne, and the post-meeting recording available at www.westelgin.net, when available (pending no technical difficulties).

1. Call to Order

Mayor Leatham called the meeting to order at 4:24 pm.

2. Motion to Suspend the Rules

Pursuant to Section 3.5 of By-law 2024-05 (Procedural By-law) "Any part or parts of this by-law may be suspended by a vote with the consent of Council Members present unless the part(s) is prescribed by statute or law."

Resolution No. 2026- 83

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby suspend the rules of By-law 2024-05, Section 4.2.6.3, allowing an amendment to the agenda after the deadline, for the purpose of a secondary Closed Session item.

Carried

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2026- 84

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Regular Council Agenda for April 9, 2026, as amended.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

No disclosures

5. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026- 85

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby adopt the Minutes of March 26, 2026, as presented.

Carried

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Community Services & Clerks

6.1.1 Pre-Budget Approval, Community Grant Requests

Resolution No. 2026- 86

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants; And

That Council hereby approves all in-kind and in-cash requests, for events until and including May 31, 2026.

Carried

6.1.2 2026 Municipal Election, Council Composition

Resolution No. 2026- 87

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuć, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: 2026 Municipal Election, Council Composition, for information purposes only.

Carried

7. Council Inquires/Announcements

Deputy Mayor Tellier advised Council that Heritage Homes is ready to proceed with additional units, and looking for access to senior government funding and grants. Heritage Homes are rental units for seniors, with 16 units available.

8. Correspondence

Resolution No. 2026- 88

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receive and file all correspondence, not otherwise dealt with.

Carried

8.1 Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Notice of Study Commencement and Public Consultation Mobility Master Plan

8.2 Ontario Energy Board, Notice of Hearing

8.3 Resolution, City of Mississauga Re: School Board Trustees

8.4 Elgin County Correspondence

8.4.1 E 17-26 Notice of Decision

8.4.2 March 10, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

8.4.3 March 10, 2026, Committee of the Whole Minutes

8.4.4 March 24, 2026, Council Highlights

8.5 AMO Watchfiles

8.5.1 March 26, 2026

8.5.2 April 2, 2026

9. Items Requiring Council Consideration

None presented prior to meeting.

10. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- April 15 & May 20, Recreation Committee
- April 23, Committee of Adjustment & Regular Council
- May 13, Arena Board
- May 14 Committee of the Whole
- May 28, Regular Council

11. By-Laws

11.1 Motion to Defer Item 11.1

Resolution No. 2026- 89

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby defer agenda item 11.1, By-law 2026-20, Delegation of Authority (Lame Duck).

For (1): Councillor Sousa

Against (2): Deputy Mayor Tellier, and Councillor Denning

Abstain (1): Mayor Leatham (Involuntary due to procedural irregularity)

Defeated (1 to 2)

11.2 By-law 2026-20, Delegation of Authority (Lame Duck)

Resolution No. 2026- 90

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That By-law 2026-20, Being a By-Law to Delegate Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for Certain Acts during a “Lame Duck” Restricted Acts Period, After Nomination Day until the Commencement of the Council Term, be read a first, second, third and final time.

Carried

12. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026- 91

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby move into Closed Session at 4:44 pm, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Planning Matters) and Section 239 (2)(b) identifiable individuals (HR Matters).

Carried

13. Report from Closed Session

Report from Closed Session at 5:40pm.

Councillor Statham arrived at 5:08pm, during Closed Session, prior to the second item only. Councillor Statham was not present for the Planning Matters discussion, which resulted in motion 2026-92, therefor abstained from voting.

West Elgin Council received two (2) items pursuant to the Municipal Act, Section 239(2), for information purposes. Administrative direction was provided and Council was presented with the following motion:

Resolution No. 2026- 92

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That Option A is the preferred Option, and that the Municipality of West Elgin proceeds with appealing the County of Elgin Land Division Committee’s decision to approve consent application E 17-26 26212 Carroll Line. The appeal will be filed with the OLT on or before April 14th, 2026.

Carried

14. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2026- 93

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That By-law 2026-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2026, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2026- 94

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 5:43pm, to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuć, Clerk