



# ELGIN COUNTY UPDATE 2021

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# Our Agenda

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- Strategic Plan/SDR
- What's New and Exciting?
- Local Priorities

# Message from Warden Tom Marks



Elgin County's programs and initiatives are driven by the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan and recommendations from the Service Delivery Review.

## 2020-2022 Strategic Plan



### **SERVING ELGIN**

To re-design how we respond to community needs in a creative, sustainable way.



### **GROWING ELGIN**

To be the place where people want to live, work and play.



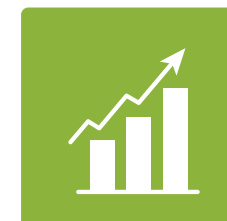
### **INVESTING IN ELGIN**

To make responsible financial decisions.

## Service Delivery Review Focus



Reviewing and improving the County's human and community services with a focus on long-term care.



Examining and improving the County's internal operations.



Reviewing, improving and potentially expanding shared municipal services and resources with the County's seven local municipal partners and the City of St. Thomas.





What's New and Exciting?



# Infrastructure Projects

- Completed a full structural, mechanical and electrical rehabilitation of the historic King George VI Lift Bridge in Port Stanley.
- Removal of the Temporary Bridge in Port Bruce and its successful repurposing to replace the Meeks Bridge in Southwold.
- Completed Village of Rodney Reconstruction in West Elgin.
- Currently in the process of developing a Transportation Master Plan, scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022.
- Hired a Senior Engineering Design and Construction Technologist bringing engineering design in-house.
- Terrace Lodge Redevelopment is on schedule and within budget. Completion scheduled for 2023.






# Planning and Economic Development

- Currently undertaking a 5-Year Review of the County's Official Plan scheduled to be completed in Winter 2022.
- Hired a Planning Technician to take on the role of Secretary/Treasurer of Land Division Committee, to assist in improving LDC processes, and to assist in day to day planning activities.
- Elgin is working with the Township of Southwold to facilitate the redevelopment of the former Ford Assembly Plant in Talbotville by Broccolini Real Estate Group. This work has included the streamlining of planning processes to ensure that Elgin County provides responsive engineering services to support the aggressive development timelines.
- Economic Development, Planning and GIS working with Elgin's Local Municipal Partners to develop a digitally-mapped vacant land inventory.
- Economic Development is participating in a Field to Forks Campaign with CTV. This campaign will run for 6 weeks starting in October 2021 to promote food produced and harvested in Elgin including dairy, beef, produce and maple syrup.





# Culture and Community Engagement



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**SURVEY!**



- Murals celebrating the history of transportation will be going up on select municipal buildings across Elgin County as part of a donation from the Donna Vera Evans Bushell Estate. Work on murals has begun and is expected to be completed in spring of 2022.

- Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Fundraising Committee has raised \$113, 017 to-date. The campaign will run for three (3) years.

- Launched a dedicated engagement site [www.engageelgin.ca](http://www.engageelgin.ca). Utilizing this platform for two-way communication with the public on a variety of issues including the Official Plan Review, Connectivity in Elgin, Transportation Master Plan, Budget Process, and Terrace Lodge Redevelopment.

- Gathered public opinions through multiple surveys related to the official plan, transportation, connectivity, accessibility, budget spending, and seniors recreation.

- Partnered with Local Municipal Partners to organize and promote activities related to acknowledging The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.

- Elgin County Warden's Golf Tournament raised \$20,000 for the Elgin Middlesex United Way.



# Technology and Innovation

- **Hired a Director of Information Technology Services.**
- **In the process of developing a digital transformation strategy for Elgin County.**
- **Connectivity Committee continues to work on solving Elgin's connectivity challenges. The Committee and Council will receive a final consultant report this fall that will offer costed community-based implementation options for consideration.**
- **Digital Services Librarian hired to focus on the increased use of virtual programming and materials in Elgin County Libraries.**
- **Human Capital Management Software to integrate scheduling, payroll and other human resources functions procured and in the implementation phase.**
- **First ever County Employee Intranet launched to facilitate access to corporate updates, wellness information, HR policies, and important forms and documents.**





# Partnerships



- Review of the Road Maintenance Agreement with Local Municipal Partners is currently underway.
- In the process of exploring a shared Human Resources agreement with interested LMPs.
- Elgin is currently providing CEMC services to Southwold, Dutton Dunwich and West Elgin and temporary CEMC services to Malahide.
- Elgin County has been recognized by the provincial government as a Regional Fire Training College. Successfully completed 10 Fire Training Courses in 2021 and a course calendar of 30-40 courses is planned for 2022.
- Elgin County continues to work closely with its Local Municipal Partners to provide a consistent and coordinated approach to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- CSWB Plan developed jointly with the Town of Aylmer and the City of St. Thomas. Five (5) high level priorities identified and represented by action tables. An integration table will oversee coordination of efforts.



# Local Priorities?

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PRIORITIES



# Questions?

