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### Council Observes Moment of Silence for Bud Marr

Elgin County Council observed a moment of silence to mark the passing of former Warden Bud Marr. He served on County Council for 8 years from 1981 to 1988 as both Deputy Reeve and Reeve of the Township of Southwold and was Elgin County Warden in 1983 and 1984.



This photograph was published in the Rodney Mercury on December 22, 1983, with the caption: "Southwold Deputy-Reeve Bud Marr received Elgin's wardenship for a second time unchallenged last Wednesday. Former Warden Larry Shaw had the honour of placing the "chain" of office around the warden's neck in the ceremony which followed the "election." Mr. Shaw was the former Reeve of Yarmouth." Photograph is from the Harley Lashbrook Collection.



Photograph showing Elgin County Library summer project students Anne Williams and Susan Storms, with Elgin County Warden Bud Marr, 1984. Photograph is from the Elgin County Library Collection.



The Programme Committee for the Olympic Torch Relay held for the 1988 Calgary Winter Games in December 1987. From left to right: Bud Marr, Hugh Orchard, Jean Palmer, Melba Marr, and Len Lynch. Photograph is from the Shedden Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History, Volume 2, Book 2.

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## Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School Update

Elgin County has to-date executed a Fire Training Officer Cost Sharing Agreement with six (6) of Elgin's Local Municipal Partners (LMPs) for the delivery of Fire Training Services including, but not limited to, development, coordination, and delivery of all mandatory National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) / Provincial training.

In May, after the closure of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, The County of Elgin was designated as a Regional Fire Training Centre by the provincial government. The main focus is the training of Elgin firefighters but courses are open to neighbouring municipalities including Middlesex County.

Year-to-date, the Elgin-Middlesex Regional Fire School has offered five (5) NFPA compliant courses and certification exams with an additional five (5) scheduled for the balance of 2021. A full slate of courses are planned for 2021. The School operates on a cost recovery basis for fire departments within Elgin County and significant savings have been realized since its inception.

More details about courses offered and costs associated can be found in the October 12, 2021 Elgin County Council Agenda Package.

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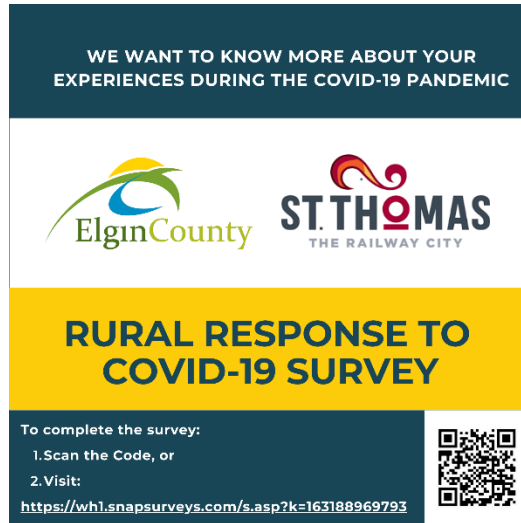
## Elgin-St. Thomas Response to COVID-19 Survey

The County of Elgin is working with the City of St. Thomas, Southwestern Public Health and the University of Guelph to study how the pandemic has changed life for residents, including their health, well-being, social life, finances and day-to-day living.

This information will be collected through a 20-minute Elgin St. Thomas Response to COVID-19 Survey, which is available online now until October 29, 2021 at <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163188969793>. Paper copies with prepaid return postage have also been mailed to Elgin County and St. Thomas households.

The study is part of a University of Guelph research project on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted rural and small urban communities across Ontario. Elgin County and St. Thomas municipal and community partners will receive study results and data for use in program planning and COVID-19 recovery initiatives, particularly those that relate to housing,

mental health and addictions support, and income and food security.



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## Have Your Say on Elgin's Engagement Site

Visit Elgin County's engagement site [www.engageelgin.ca](http://www.engageelgin.ca) to provide valuable feedback on a number of ongoing projects including the Transportation Master Plan and the Official Plan Review.

Elgin is currently [seeking feedback](#) regarding driver, pedestrian and cyclist experiences with roundabout intersections through the Transportation Master Plan.

The County is also seeking feedback regarding the draft Elgin Natural Heritage Systems Study and Source Water Protection. A discussion paper on this topic, related attachments and an interactive map are available [here](#).

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The complete October 12, 2021 County Council Agenda package can be found [here](#).