

Elgin County Council Highlights



SCOR EDC Requests Support for Cayuga Rail Line Revitalization Project

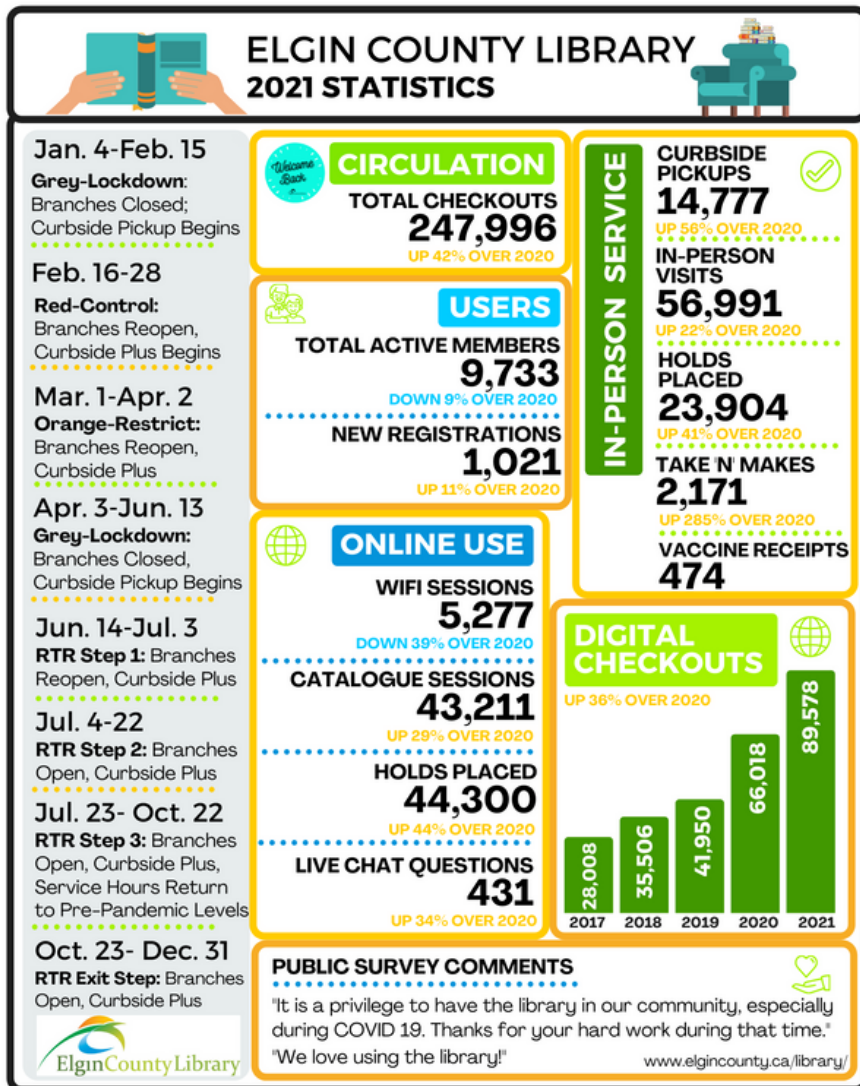
County Council received a presentation from Kim Earls, Executive Director – South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation and Cephas Panschow, Chair – SCOR Resource Advisory Committee on the Future of Shortline Rail in the South Central Ontario Region. The presentation provided an overview of the Cayuga Rail Line Revitalization Project. The project seeks to rehabilitate approximately 23 miles of shortline rail within the South Central Ontario region between the Municipality of Central Elgin ending in Norfolk County. To view the presentation in its entirety, please visit the County's YouTube channel.

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Library Performance Measurements for 2021

County Council received the 2021 Annual Library Performance Measurements report. The report includes a statistical breakdown of usage at Elgin County's 10 Library branches, and across the system as a whole.



The report included circulation information, statistics related to in-person service, digital checkouts, online usage, public survey comments, and comparisons to other area library systems. The report also included next steps and service goals for 2022. The graphic below provides a brief overview, and the detailed report can be found as part of the May 10, 2022 County Council Agenda Package.

Homes Policy Updates

Elgin County Council approved multiple County of Elgin Homes and Seniors Services Administrative Policy Manual Updates including policies related to Resident Rights, Resident Abuse, Mandatory and Critical Incident Reporting, Requests and Concerns, Staff Reporting, and Whistle Blower Protection. Departmental policy and procedure manuals ensure consistency and quality in the services provided by Elgin County Homes and Seniors Services and are reviewed annually to ensure inclusion of best practice and alignment with current legislation. The staff report and corresponding policies can be found as part of the May 10, 2022 County Council Agenda Package.

Council Awards Tender for Council Chambers and Reception Area Renovations and Upgrades

County Council awarded K&L Construction (Ontario Ltd) the contract for the Council Chambers and Reception Upgrades Project at the County Administration Building at a price of \$1,113,600 (exclusive of HST). A modernization of the Council Chambers, the establishment of a new front lobby reception kiosk as well as new office spaces to accommodate Economic Development and Tourism and Community Paramedicine will provide an enhanced barrier free customer service level experience. Work on this project is expected to commence in June 2022 with completion expected in the first quarter of 2023.

Warden's Charity Gala Raises \$27,500

On April 29, 2022, Warden Mary French hosted a Charity Gala at the Old Town Hall in Aylmer in support of the Terrace Lodge Fundraising Campaign. The event featured an Art Show and Silent Auction with photography featured from the "These Hands – Touching Memoirs of Seniors Living in Our Communities" book. The book featured stories and photographs of Elgin County Seniors and was created with funding support from the Government of Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program. Gala attendees were invited to browse 56 canvas prints of images from the book, with select prints featured in the silent auction. Through sponsorships, donations, and the silent auction, the event successfully raised \$27,500 towards the Terrace Lodge Fundraising Campaign, with donations still being received.



For the complete May 10, 2022 County Council Agenda Package please visit the Elgin County [website](#).