

Elgin County Council Highlights



Council Approves Civility and Respect Policy

Elgin County Council approved Human Resources Policy 2.80 and 2.80.1 – Civility and Respect – Policy and Procedures Against Harassment and Discrimination. These new policies are a result of many months of organizational culture work completed by the County’s management team. These policies are meant to act as tools for County leadership and staff to understand the expectations of the organization, and to help staff work through inevitable workplace conflicts as they arise. The Council report and policies can be viewed in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda Package.

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Warden Mary French Raises Pride Flag

On August 9, 2022, Elgin County Warden Mary French proclaimed August 8-14, 2022, as Pride Week within the County of Elgin. To celebrate the occasion, Warden French raised the Pride flag with Martin Withenshaw of the Rainbow Optimist Club of Southwestern Ontario (pictured below). The County of Elgin recognizes that supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, two-spirited, Queer, and all other sexual orientation and gender identities as full and equal members of our community is a vital and integral part of strengthening our Municipality.



Port Stanley Traffic Study

At its meeting on July 26, 2022, County Council directed staff to complete a traffic study along County Roads at nine (9) locations within the Village of Port Stanley. Staff deployed radar traffic data collectors in strategic areas along these County roads and collected information between July 27, 2022, and August 3, 2022. Staff provided a summary of the findings at the August 9, 2022 meeting, and the results can be viewed in the staff report in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda Package. Council directed staff to prepare a follow-up report at its September 14, 2022, Council meeting detailing costs and maintenance considerations associated with a pilot project including traffic calming measures on East Road in Port Stanley.

Council Endorses Corporate Asset Management Plan



County Council endorsed the Elgin County Corporate Asset Management Plan at their August 9, 2022, meeting. Asset Management is the process of collecting a variety of data and information regarding municipal assets and infrastructure, and using the data and information to make the best long-term decisions in regards to building, operating, maintaining, renewing, replacing, and disposing of those assets. The County's latest Corporate Asset Management Plan was prepared exclusively by staff and focuses on the County's stormwater, sanitary, transportation, fleet, long-term care homes, and corporate facilities. The plan can be viewed [here](#).

Council Approves Centennial Avenue and Elm Line Roundabout Landscaping Design

The County of Elgin is preparing to construct its first roundabout at the intersection of Centennial Ave and Elm Line. Council considered many options for the landscaping of the open space in the centre of the roundabout and, with the support of the County's Environmental Committee, approved the installation of a naturalized habitat with a stone buffer for \$55,000 in estimated capital costs and \$1,000 in estimated annual maintenance costs. More information about the design can be found in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda.

For the complete August 9, 2022 County Council Agenda Package please visit the Elgin County [website](#).