

Elgin County Council Highlights



Council Receives Year-End Update for Terrace Lodge Redevelopment

Councillor Bob Purcell, Chair of the Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Committee, provided County Council with a progress report on the redevelopment of Terrace Lodge. Despite setbacks including carpenters' union strike action, painters and allied trades strike action, and a COVID-19 outbreak in the Home, the Committee is pleased to report that phase one of the addition is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022. A detailed summary of the construction progress achieved in 2022 can be found in the report included in the October 11, 2022, Council Agenda package.

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Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Photos

New Addition - August 2022



New Resident Rooms - August 2022



Council Approves Amendment No. 2 to the Township of Southwold Official Plan

Township of Southwold administration, on behalf of the owners of the subject lands, initiated an amendment to the Township's Official Plan (OP) to re-designate the subject lands from Agricultural to Residential, and to concurrently bring the parcel into the North 2 Port Stanley Settlement Area, described on Schedule 4D of the OP, to correct a mapping error introduced upon adoption of the new Township OP.

In the former Township OP, the subject lands were located within the North Port Stanley Settlement Area, designated Residential, and contained Woodlands and Hazard Lands overlays. The new OP introduced an unintended error wherein the lands were removed from the North Port Stanley Settlement Area and designated Agricultural Area on Schedule '4' Southwold Land Use. The subject lands are currently zoned Settlement Reserve (SR) and are subject to the Natural Area and Adjacent Lands constraint and Conservation Authority Development Regulations.

The lands currently contain an existing single-detached dwelling constructed in the last two years, and the owners intended to further develop the lands for low-density residential purposes in the future; however, the mapping error would restrict the owners' ability to do so unless rectified. The Township of Southwold has therefore undertaken the proposed amendment to revert the lands back to their original designations and address the error.

County Council approved the amendment as it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 202 and conforms to the County of Elgin Official Plan.



Council Receives Elgin Middlesex Regional Fire School Update Report

The Elgin Middlesex Regional Fire School (EMRFS) provides local firefighters with the opportunity to receive National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training. As of August 2022, the EMRFS has offered 21 NFPA – compliant courses and certification exams, including a comprehensive 16-week blended recruit training program with 86 recruit firefighters. The EMRFS operates on a cost recovery basis for Elgin County Local Municipal Partners, with additional fees charged to participants outside of Elgin and Middlesex Counties. The ability to offer this training in Elgin County reduces the burden on local firefighters and supports a standardized level of training across departments. More details about programming and course delivery can be found in the report included in the October 11, 2022, County Council Agenda Package.



Council Approves Amendments to Long-Term Care Homes' COVID-19 Policies

Following an extensive review by County staff of pandemic trends, scientific/medical evidence, updated Ministry and public health guidance, residence and family council feedback, labour relations outcomes, and policy and procedure revisions and recommendations, County Council approved the following amendments to the following policies:

- Homes – Infection Control Policy 2.10 – Immunization – Staff COVID-19
- Administration Policy 1.35 Visitors and Resident Absences During a Pandemic

Homes – Infection Control Policy 2.10 – Immunization – Staff COVID-19

- Two (2) dose COVID-19 vaccination requirement for all existing staff, students, support workers, volunteers, and visitors (essential caregivers and general visitors) to enter the Home
- Strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccination booster doses for all residents, staff, students, support workers, volunteers, and visitors
- No vaccination requirement for visitors for outdoor visits or absences from the Home
- All new staff, support workers, and volunteers required to remain “up to date” with vaccination
- Changes have been made to the consequences of non-compliance including that employees may be subjected to discipline up to and including termination for continued or repeated non-compliance, following the usual process of progressive discipline

Administration Policy 1.35 Visitors and Resident Absences During a Pandemic

- In exceptional circumstances, where outdoor visits and/or outings are not feasible (i.e. inclement weather), management of the Home will utilize a risk assessment/condition checklist criterion to determine the ability to support unvaccinated visitor visits within a designated area of the Home
- The risk assessment/condition checklist will incorporate resident and roommate (if applicable) considerations, additional IPAC measures to be taken by the visitor and resident, ability to schedule visit appointments in designated locations, etc.

Copies of the policies can be found in the October 11, 2022, County Council Agenda Package.

For the complete October 11, 2022, County Council Agenda Package
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