

Municipality of West Elgin Agenda Special Council Meeting

June 5, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
160 Main Street
West Lorne

Council Meetings are held in-person at 160 Main Street, West Lorne, and the post-meeting recording available at www.westelgin.net, when available (pending no technical difficulties).

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1. Call to Order

Meeting held for the purpose of Ward 3 Councillor Applications and Interviews.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Special Meeting Agenda of June 5, 2025, as presented.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Public Meeting - Filling the Seat of Councillor, Ward 3

Each applicant will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak, followed by a maximum of two (2) questions per member of Council, per applicant.

A selection and appointment will be done at the next regular meeting of Council, June 12, 2025, at 4:00pm. All applicants are invited back for this appointment.

4.1 Applications Received

4.1.1 Trevor Lee

4.1.2 Filipe Sousa

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6. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn the Special Meeting of Council at _____ to meet again at 4:00pm, on Monday, June 9, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.



Please complete this application form, Declaration of Qualifications, and one (1) page (8.5x11) detailing your qualifications and objectives, and submit in person (no fax or email) with identification *no later than Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.*

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Municipality of West Elgin 22413 Hoskins Line Rodney ON NOL 2C0

Council Vacancy Application Form
Name: TREVOR LEE
Qualifying Address:
269 FURNIVAL RD, RODNEY, ON NOL 200
Email Address: mrtrevormlee @ outlook.com
Telephone Number: 905-379-2214

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No
Canadian Citizen	/	
Minimum of 18 years of Age	~	
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)	/	
Not prohibited from voting (as per <i>Municipal Elections Act</i>) or otherwise by law	V	

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Date	Signature
April 29, 2025	



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Trevor M. Lee

Apr 29, 2025

269 Furnival Road

Rodney, ON

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To the West Elgin Council,

My name is Trevor Lee. My family and I moved to West Elgin in June of 2022 and reside in Rodney. We love the community and that is why I have tried my hand at running for Mayor, Ward 1 and Ward 3 councilor positions in the past. And with the people of Ward 3 once again without a councilor standing for them, I thought it best to try again. With that being said, I feel that the one way to be able to give back and help with the growth and future of this municipality is to get more involved.

With almost 30 years' experience in Management, Operations, and Billing in the transportation field, I feel that I can contribute to the Ward 3 Councilor position with confidence and help lead our team of dedicated councilors to making sure our Municipality continues to grow, not just in size or with new businesses, but to grow more closely as a community. We are stronger together than apart.

I feel it is very important to be able to be a voice for the people of this great municipality. With the world changing fast, it's key to having a pulse in the economic and political landscapes that shape our lives, if we agree with them or not. I have been watching and partaking in politics since the 2019 and 2025 Federal election, where I ran in Hamilton Mountain and Chatham-Kent - Leamington ridings. Although I didn't win, it did give me a better understanding of how the processes work, and how it is so important for the public to get involved in their local governments. Either by taking part in School Board meetings, Municipal meetings, or running for a council or trustee seats. So, I thought what better way to get involved in our community than by applying for the councilor position for Ward 3.

Thank you for accepting my application and letter, and I hope you consider me for councilor of Ward 3 in the West Elgin Municipality. I look forward to hearing back from you, and hopefully working with you all soon.





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Council Vacancy Application Form
Name: Filipe Sousa
Qualifying Address: 169 Elm Street
West Lorne, Ontario
NOL 280
Email Address: info @ dark horsed = signs. con
Telephone Number: 519 - 783 - 1466

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No	
Canadian Citizen	V		
Minimum of 18 years of Age			
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)			
Not prohibited from voting (as per <i>Municipal Elections Act</i>) or otherwise by law			

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Date	Signature
May 15, 2025	



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Filipe Sousa

169 Elm Street West Lorne, ON NOL 2P0 519-783-1466 info@darkhorsedesigns.ca

May 15, 2025

Dear Members of the West Elgin Municipal Council.

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the Committee for West Elgin Ward 3. As a dedicated local business owner and resident of West Elgin, I care deeply about the well-being of our community—its citizens, businesses, and overall growth. I am committed to promoting responsible development while preserving the values and rural heritage that make West Elgin truly unique.

I am devoted to representing the people of West Elgin with integrity, honesty, and transparency. I believe in accountability and in making thoughtful, informed decisions that serve the best interests of our entire municipality.

Supporting our farming community remains a key priority for me, as their contributions are essential to our economy and way of life. I also strongly believe that open and consistent communication with residents is crucial to good governance. I am committed to being accessible, listening to concerns, and working collaboratively to find practical, community-centered solutions.

Through my involvement with organizations such as Roots & Revival, the Rodney Old Town Hall, and as a proud member of the Economic Development Committee, I've been fortunate to contribute my time and efforts to initiatives that support local businesses, individuals, and foster a strong sense of community. These experiences have deepened my connection to West Elgin and provided valuable insight into our shared goals and challenges.

I am particularly passionate about advocating for seniors, who often face increased vulnerability due to inflation and rapid growth. Ensuring they have access to the resources and support they need is a priority I take seriously. I am also committed to maintaining affordability and promoting inclusiveness so that West Elgin remains a place where everyone can thrive.

I bring to this role a strong work ethic, a steadfast determination to never give up, a willingness to learn, and a deep, heartfelt commitment to West Elgin. I believe these qualities—along with my active involvement in the community—make me a strong candidate for the Ward 3 Committee.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to contribute to the continued prosperity and well-being of our community, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can support the committee's important work.

Sincerely,

Filipe Sousa



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Council Vacancy Application Form
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By signing this form, you consent to having your name publicly released.

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Council Vacancy Application Form
Name: TERI-LYNN FLETCHER
Qualifying Address: 175 JANE ST PO BOX 306 RODNEY
Email Address: teriknott@gmail.com
Telephone Number: 5 9-3 8-5350

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No
Canadian Citizen	V	
Minimum of 18 years of Age	V	
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)		
Not prohibited from voting (as per <i>Municipal Elections Act</i>) or otherwise by law	✓	

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Date	Signature
May 22/2025	



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I, TERI-LINN FLETCHER, an applicant mentioned in this application form, declare that I am presently, legally qualified, or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, to be appointed and to hold the office to which I have applied for appointment and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.
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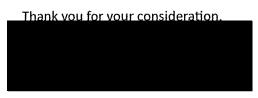
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To The Municipality of West Elgin:

I thought I would begin with a little background about myself...I was 7 years old when my family moved to Rodney, in 1972, from Dorchester. My parents are still living in the same house that I had grown up in. My siblings still live in West Elgin, as well as most of their children. We all love and care about our community. My Dad had built a very successful business here, I worked for him as well as did other family members. He was in business for many years and is now retired. I'm semi retired, but I always like to keep busy, so I'm thinking of starting up a part time small business. One of my goals is to bring more businesses into West Elgin, especially downtown to fill up those empty store fronts. When I was younger all of the stores were full and the towns were busy. I have been working since I was 15 years old. My first job was at one of the grocery stores in Rodney. I worked after school and on weekends. For 6 months of the year tourism had our community extremely busy. West Elgin needs to bring back and utilize the campgrounds with all the campers and tourists. They are still there, but we are not providing them and our community with a variety of businesses to come eat, shop and enjoy our towns. We need to entice the tourists to spend their money in our community. My background in jobs include farm worker, factories, grocery stores, manager, family business, real estate agent and have had my own business as well. I have always given my time through volunteer work:

- Coached Soccer--2 years
- Fair Board--4 years
- o Gymnastics Board--2 years
- Soccer Board--2 years
- West Elgin Skating Board--7 years
- o Parks & Rec Board--4 years
- Arena Board--3 years
- Kent Region Board--4 years

In conclusion, I have lived here most of my life to see the changes that have happened over the years. Some of the changes have been good although looking back at what worked in previous years may bring back some of the charm and appeal to attract more potential income. I believe that it is extremely important to preserve our history. I have some ideas how this could be implemented and would like to hear of different ways to bring our history to our community. I believe with a few tweaks here and there West Elgin can be even better. I would like to help the council members do the best for the majority of people. I just want to help where I can.



Teri Fletcher



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Council Vacancy Application Form
Name: Austin Mickael VanderBurgt
Qualifying Address:
131 Main St, West Lorne NOL 2PO
Email Address: austin v 6 6 8 @ amail. com
Telephone Number: \$19 - 318 - 8579

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No
Canadian Citizen	×	
Minimum of 18 years of Age	×	
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)	X	
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Date	Signature	
May 20, 2025		



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I, Austin Mickael VanderBurg, an applicant mentioned in this application form, declare that I am presently, legally qualified, or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, to be appointed and to hold the office to which I have applied for appointment and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

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the Municipal website.

Austin VanderBurgt

131 Main Street West Lorne, ON NOL 2P0 519-318-8579 austinvb68@gmail.com

May 20, 2025

To the Municipal Clerk and Council Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the next Ward 3 Councillor for the Municipality of West Elgin. Since moving to West Lorne in 2023, my family and I have put down deep roots in this community; it's where we are raising our child, and it has quickly become home. I grew up in the small town of Komoka, Ontario, and understand the importance of community engagement and strong local leadership in rural areas like ours.

My desire to serve is grounded in a long-standing commitment to public service. I had the privilege of working in the constituency office of former West London Member of Parliament Ed Holder, where I gained valuable insight into how elected officials can advocate effectively for their constituents. In that role, I engaged directly with residents, listened to their concerns, and helped facilitate access to services; an experience that shaped my belief in responsive, community-first representation.

For over 15 years, I have also served as a hockey referee, and I currently volunteer as the Senior Official and Referee Liaison with the West Lorne Minor Hockey Association. Supporting youth and families through sport has been an incredibly rewarding way to stay involved and contribute to the vibrancy of the town.

Earlier this spring, I completed my law degree at the University of Windsor. While I chose law to strengthen my understanding of governance and policy, my motivations have always been directed towards public service. I believe that the role of a Ward Councillor aligns closely with the values I live by: advocacy, accountability, and service.

If selected, I will work hard to ensure Ward 3's interests are heard and acted on at Council. I will continue to build relationships with residents, advocate for their needs, and help shape policies that reflect the priorities of our growing and diverse community.

Thank you for considering my application. It would be an honour to represent West Elgin and contribute meaningfully to the community my family now proudly calls home.

Sincerely, Austin VanderBurgt



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Qualifying Address: 162 CRAHAM SC	
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