



Municipality of West Elgin

Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: April 9, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
160 Main Street
West Lorne

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1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Regular Council Agenda for April 9, 2026, as presented.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Adoption of Minutes

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Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby adopt the Minutes of March 26, 2026, as presented.

5. Staff Reports

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Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuic, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants; And

That Council hereby approves all in-kind and in-cash requests, for events until and including May 31. 2026.

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Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuic, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: 2026 Municipal Election, Council Composition, for information purposes only.

6. Council Inquires/Announcements

Council opportunity for informal inquiries and/or announcements.

7. Correspondence

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receive and file all correspondence, not otherwise dealt with.

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8. Items Requiring Council Consideration

None presented prior to meeting.

9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- April 15 & May 20, Recreation Committee
- April 23, Committee of Adjustment & Regular Council
- May 13, Arena Board
- May 14 Committee of the Whole
- May 28, Regular Council

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-law 2026-20, Delegation of Authority (Lame Duck) 59

Recommendation:

That By-law 2026-20, Being a By-Law to Delegate Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for Certain Acts during a “Lame Duck” Restricted Acts Period, After Nomination Day until the Commencement of the Council Term, be read a first, second, third and final time.

11. Closed Session

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby move into Closed Session at _____pm, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Planning Matters).

12. Report from Closed Session

Clerk to provide Report from Closed Session.

13. Confirming By-Law 61

Recommendation:

That By-law 2026-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2026, be read a first, second and third and final time.

14. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at _____
to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

March 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

160 Main Street

West Lorne

Present: Mayor Leatham
Deputy Mayor Tellier
Councillor Denning
Councillor Statham
Councillor Sousa

Staff Present: Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk
Robin Greenall, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure & Development
Evan McKinstry, Junior Planner, County of Elgin
Joe Daly, OCWA
Maegan Garber, OCWA

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Leatham called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025- 62

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That Council hereby amend the agenda, to receive item 12.1 (*Ontario Clean Water Agency, 2025 Annual Report, West Elgin Distribution System*), immediately after item 7.2.2.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025- 63

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Regular Council Agenda for March 26, 2026, as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3.1 Councillor Sousa - Amy Sousa, Roots & Revival Festival, Request Updates

Member of Committee and Spouse of Delegate.

4. Delegations and Presentation

4.1 Amy Sousa, Roots & Revival Festival, Request Updates

Councillor Sousa declared a conflict on this item. (Member of Committee and Spouse of Delegate.)

Amy Sousa, Roots & Revival Festival Committee President, attended Council to provide an update to the plans for the 2026 Roots & Revival Festival. Previous plans were to have the festival at the Port Glasgow Trailer Park; however the new plans incorporate both the park and the Port Glasgow Yacht Club. Ms. Sousa advised the committee was seeking support from Council and the municipality in the form of use of the municipal parking lot, access to municipal land for family-friendly activities, increased cleaning and maintenance of the public washrooms, waste receptacles and a waste "dumpster" as well additional picnic tables. No formal recommendation was made to staff.

Council thanked Ms. Sousa for her dedication to the Roots and Revival festival and are looking forward to the events that will take place this year.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2025- 64

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby adopt the Minutes of March 12, 2026, as presented.

Carried

5.1 Committee and Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2025- 65

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby acknowledge receipt of the various committee and board minutes, as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning

7.1.1 E 25-26, Comment to Elgin County, 8589 Furnival Road

Resolution No. 2025- 66

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Evan McKinstry, Junior Planner regarding severance application E 25-26-Comments to Elgin County (Planning Report 2026-09).

And that West Elgin Council hereby recommend APPROVAL to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for Consent Application E 25-26.

And further that West Elgin Council directs administration to provide this report as Municipal Comments to the County of Elgin.

Carried

7.2 Wastewater

7.2.1 Rodney Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2025 Annual Report

Resolution No. 2025- 67

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receive the Rodney Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2025 Annual Report, presented by Joe Daly, Sr. Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency, for information purposes.

Carried

7.2.2 West Lorne Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2025 Annual Report

Resolution No. 2025- 68

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receive the West Lorne Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2025 Annual Report, presented by Joe Daly, Sr. Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency, for information purposes.

Carried

7.3 Water

7.3.1 Ontario Clean Water Agency, 2025 Annual Report, West Elgin Distribution System

Resolution No. 2025- 69

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Annual Water Report for the West Elgin Distribution System, in accordance with Section 11 and Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03, under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.

Carried

7.4 Infrastructure & Development

7.4.1 Enactment of a Consolidated Stop Sign By-law

Resolution No. 2025- 70

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development for Enactment of a Consolidated Stop Sign By-law report, And

That Council adopts By-law 2026-16 as the By-law providing for the erection of stop signs in The Municipality of West Elgin, thereby repealing By-law 95-56 of the former Township of Aldborough, and By-law 87-05 of the former Village of West Lorne.

Carried

7.4.2 Port Glasgow Trailer Park Washroom Construction

Resolution No. 2025- 71

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development, and

That the West Elgin Council accept the tender submitted by Complete Building System in the amount of \$642,000.00 (excluding HST), being the lowest compliant bid for the Port Glasgow Trailer Park Washroom; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary agreements and contract documents related to the project.

Carried

7.5 Community Services & Clerks

7.5.1 Delegation of Authority (Lame Duck)

Resolution No. 2025- 72

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuic, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Restricted Acts after Nomination Day (Lame Duck); And

That West Elgin Council direct the Clerk to prepare the necessary By-law prior to Nomination Day, being August 21, 2026, delegating authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to Section 275 of the *Municipal Act*, being Restricted Acts after Nomination Day (“Lame Duck”).

Carried

7.5.2 Website Transition

Resolution No. 2025- 73

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Website Migration; And

That Council hereby authorizes the transition from GHD Digital to Loop for website hosting solutions.

Carried

7.5.3 Pre-Budget Approval Request, Rodney Park Masterplan

Resolution No. 2025- 74

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Rodney Park Masterplan, Pre Budget Approval Request; And

That Council hereby approves pre-budget funding for the Rodney Park Masterplan in an upset limit of \$15,000 plus HST and directs staff to include the approved funding within the 2026 Municipal Budget.

Carried

7.6 Corporate Services & Finance

7.6.1 2025 Council Remuneration

Resolution No. 2025- 75

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the 2025 Council Remuneration Report from R. Greenall, CAO for information purposes.

Carried

7.6.2 2025 Public Sector Salary Disclosure

Resolution No. 2025- 76

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the 2025 Public Sector Salary Disclosure report from R. Greenall, CAO, for information purposes.

Carried

7.6.3 2026 Remuneration Schedules for Council, Fire and Public Works & Parks and Recreation Staff

Resolution No. 2025- 77

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Sousa

That West Elgin Council receives the 2026 Remuneration Schedules for Council, Fire and Public Works & Parks and Recreation Staff report from R. Greenall, CAO, and

That Council approve the Schedule D, the 2026 remuneration for Council positions, and

That Council approve the Schedule E 2026 remuneration for the West Elgin Fire Department, and

That Council approve the 2026 amendments to Schedule B, remuneration for the West Elgin Public Works and Parks & Recreation staff (previously unionized positions), and

That Council directs staff to complete a review of council stipends and benefits of neighbouring municipalities and return a comparison report before the end of term.

Carried

8. Board or Committee of Council Reports or Updates

Councillor Sousa advised council that the Economic Development Committee held their first Small Town, Big Connections small business networking event. Councillor Sousa thanked all committee members and representatives from the County of Elgin for their time and commitment to this event.

Councillor Statham also thanked and congratulated Councillor Sousa for his tireless efforts for making the Small Town, Big Connections event a success.

Councillor Denning provided an update regarding the Bo Horvat Arena renovations, as the 2025-26 season winds down. The dasher board replacement will take place early spring, with an estimated timeframe of six (6) weeks for installation. The funds for this project are from municipal contributions as budgeted, and the money awarded from Kraft Hockeyville remain in a reserve at the municipality. Councillor Denning also advised that the arena board is working to establish a scaled down version of the renovations, using the funds that are available. CAO Greenall summarized the discretionary reserve which is within the municipality, that currently accounts for the awarded Kraft Hockeyville funding, as well contributions from West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich.

9. Notice of Motion

None presented prior to meeting.

10. Council Inquires/Announcements

Mayor Leatham congratulated Public Works Supervisor Chad Yokom on his successful completion of the Association of Ontario roads Superintendents' certification program.

Councillor Sousa congratulated the West Lorne Comets U13 on their recent championship win.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Elgin County Council Minutes, February 24, 2026
- 11.2 Elgin County Committee of the Whole Minutes, February 24, 2026
- 11.3 Elgin County Council Highlights, March 10, 2026
- 11.4 Regional Municipality of York Council Decision Re: Circular Materials Ontario
- 11.5 AMO Watchfiles
 - 11.5.1 February 26
 - 11.5.2 March 5
 - 11.5.3 March 12
 - 11.5.4 March 19

Resolution No. 2025- 78

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receive and file all correspondence, not otherwise dealt with.

Carried

12. Items Requiring Council Consideration

None.

13. By-Laws

13.1 Stop Sign Consolidation

Resolution No. 2025- 79

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That By-law 2026-16, being a by-law Providing for the Erection of a Stop Sign at Intersections, be read a first, second third and final time.

Carried

Recess from 5:03 to 6:06pm

14. Closed Session

Returned from recess at 6:06pm, to move into closed session.

Resolution No. 2025- 80

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin Council hereby proceeds into Closed Session at 6:06 pm, to discuss matters pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations (Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer Recruitment).

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

Report from Closed Session at 7:41 pm.

West Elgin Council received two (2) items pursuant to Section 239 (2)(d) of the *Municipal Act*, for information purposes, and provided staff with administrative direction.

16. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2025- 81

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That By-law 2026-17 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 26, 2026, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025- 82

Moved: Councillor Sousa

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 7:41pm, to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday, April 9, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk
Date: 2026-04-09
Subject: Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants; And

That Council hereby approves all in-kind and in-cash requests, for events until and including May 31, 2026.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to formally seek Council's pre-budget approval to proceed with the Community Grant requests, up until May 31, in advance of the 2026 budget deliberations. The remainder of the requests will be discussed during 2026 budget deliberations.

Background:

On March 12, the following items were presented to the Committee of the Whole, with recommendation to proceed to Council for approval. The list represents requests that have dates that are upcoming prior to May 31, or in some cases, have already passed.

1. Optimist Club of West Lorne (All in-kind, \$365)
2. Optimist Club, Mother's Day Road Race (in-cash, \$2,500)
3. Rodney Hort. Society (in-kind, "Greening you Grounds," \$150)
4. Rodney Hort. Society (in-kind, annual plant sale, \$450)
5. Tiny Tots (All, in-kind, \$5,069)
6. WECHC (Stroller Walk, \$200)
7. WECHC (Miller Park Functional Fitness and Drum Fit/Chair Yoga, \$4,340)

Financial Implications:

2026 pre-budget approval \$2,500 in-cash and \$10,574 in-kind.

Legislation:

By-law 2019-58, Community Grant Policy

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuć, Dipl. M.A.
 Manager of Community Services/Clerk

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Pre Budget Approval, Community Grant Requests - 2026-12-Community ServicesClerks.docx
Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Robin Greenall



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk
Date: 2026-04-09
Subject: 2026 Municipal Election, Council Composition

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: 2026 Municipal Election, Council Composition, for information purposes only.

Purpose:

The purpose is to provide Council with an update on the Council composition ahead of the 2026 Municipal Election.

Background:

On January 23, 2025, Council received a delegation and petition to remove the three-ward system in the municipality, ahead of the next Municipal Election. Council was receptive to the idea of dissolving the Ward System, requested staff provide a report at a future Council meeting detailing the procedure and costs to move forward, and passed the following motion:

Resolution No. 2025-18

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receive the delegation from Dug Aldred, West Elgin Resident Re: Review of Council Ward System; And

That West Elgin Council request staff to prepare a report for Council, detailing procedures to eliminate the three-ward system within the municipality.

Carried

On February 13, 2025, Council received a report from the Clerk, providing details to moved for ward with the removal of the Electoral Ward System, passing the following motion:

Electoral Ward System

Resolution No. 2025- 40

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuic, Clerk Re: Electoral Ward System; And

That Council approve the proposal to proceed with dissolving the electoral three-ward system, directing staff to begin necessary steps in accordance with legislation.

Carried

On May 8, 2025, Council passed by-law 2025-22, "At-Large System of Electoral Representation' and to Repeal By-law 99-53". This by-law removed the three-ward system; however, the composition of West Elgin Council is still in line with the 1997 Amalgamation Order (Section 16 (1), effective January 1, 1998). For the 2026 Municipal Election, West Elgin Council Composition consists of the following:

- One (1) Mayor, elected at large;
- One (1) Deputy Mayor, elected at large;
- Three (3) Councillors, elected at large

During the January 23 delegation, it was suggested that the Council remove the election of Deputy Mayor, however, the position would be filled by the Councillor who has received the highest number of votes. In consultation with the legal department, the suggested route is prohibited, for the following reasons:

1. The office of Deputy Mayor is separate from the office of Councillor (and Mayor), as defined by the *Municipal Elections Act*. The Act only allows a person to be nominated for a single office (S. 29(2));
2. The *Municipal Elections Act* states that, where an office exists, an elector is "entitled to vote for as many candidates for an office as there are members to be elected to that office" (s. 51(2)(3)). This means that, so long as the office of Deputy Mayor remains a distinct position (elected or "appointed") to which a person is elected by voters, those voters are entitled to vote for a candidate for that office. In other words, electing a Deputy Mayor by counting ballots for the office of Councillor violates the right of voters to cast a ballot for the office of Deputy Mayor.

If Council wishes to receive further details and options to proceed with a Council composition review, including pros & cons of a Deputy Mayor positions, elected at large, and options to fulfill their duties, if there is no such position on Council, Council can direct staff to do so. However, it is important to note that due to the timing, such changes would not be in effect until the 2030-2034 term of Council.

Financial Implications:

None.

Policies/Legislation:

[The Municipal Act](#)

[The Municipal Elections Act](#)

By-Law 2025-22 (which repealed By-law 99-53)

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk

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Proclamation

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HILARY M. WESTON

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS ACT, 1996

We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Ontario, name Tuesday, May 20, 1997 as the day on which Parts III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, subsections 64(1) to (8) and (10) to (12) and sections 65 to 67 of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* come into force.

WITNESS:

THE HONOURABLE HILARY M. WESTON LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GIVEN at Toronto, Ontario, on May 14, 1997.

BY COMMAND

DAVID JOHNSON
Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet

PROVINCE DE L'ONTARIO

ELIZABETH DEUX, par la grâce de Dieu, Reine du Royaume-Uni, du Canada et de ses autres royaumes et territoires, Chef du Commonwealth, Défenseur de la Foi.

PROCLAMATION

LOI DE 1996 SUR L'ORDRE DES ENSEIGNANTES ET DES ENSEIGNANTS DE L'ONTARIO

Sur l'avis du Conseil exécutif de l'Ontario, nous fixons le mardi 20 mai 1997 comme étant le jour où entrent en vigueur les parties III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, les paragraphes 64(1) à (8) et (10) à (12) et les articles 65 à 67 de la *Loi de 1996 sur l'Ordre des enseignantes et des enseignants de l'Ontario*.

TÉMOIN :

L'HONORABLE HILARY M. WESTON LIEUTENANT-
GOUVERNEUR DE NOTRE PROVINCE DE L'ONTARIO

FAIT à Toronto, en Ontario, le 14 mai 1997.

PAR ORDRE

DAVID JOHNSON
Président du Conseil de gestion du gouvernement

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Motor Vehicle Transport Act/Truck Transportation Act Loi sur les transports routiers/Loi sur le camionnage

The following are applications for operating licences under the *Truck Transportation Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter T.22, and/or the *Motor Vehicle Transport Act*, 1987, Chapter 35. The applicants have met the fitness requirements pursuant to Section 6 of the *Truck Transportation Act* and/or Section 8(2) of the *Motor Vehicle Transport Act*, 1987 and the provincial transport board and/or the Registrar of Motor Vehicles proposes to issue the licences if no written objection is served on the applicant and filed with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, within thirty days of this publication.

The following applicants have applied for Authority to offer a transportation service for the carriage of Goods:

On trouvera ci-après la liste des demandes de permis d'exploitation présentées en vertu de la *Loi sur le camionnage*, L.R.O. 1990, chapitre T.22, et/ou la *Loi de 1987 sur les transports routiers*, L.C. 1987, chapitre 35. On a jugé que les personnes ayant présenté ces demandes se conformaient aux critères d'aptitude prévus au paragraphe 8(2) de la *Loi de 1987 sur les transports routiers* et l'office des transports de l'Ontario et/ou le registraire des véhicules automobiles dans les trente jours suivant la publication des présentes.

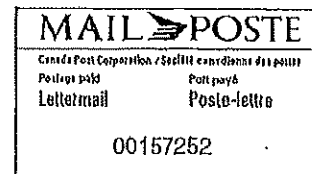
Les personnes suivantes ont demandé l'autorisation d'offrir des services de transport de marchandises à destination.

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(11) Specified Powers of the Transition Boards for the New Townships of North Grenville and of Rideau Lakes; The Transition Boards for the new Townships of North Grenville and Rideau Lakes, in addition to those specified powers noted above, may:

- (a) establish a budget for the operation of the Board during 1997, subject to the approval of the councils of the municipalities participating in the restructuring;
- (b) establish and implement communications plans for employees and the public;
- (c) conduct studies, research and consultations regarding municipal functions, organizations, staffing, standards and performance;
- (d) require the production of financial and other data, information and other statistics from each of the former municipalities and their local boards;
- (e) establish organizational structures, administrative and management systems, positions, preliminary job definitions, job descriptions, policies, by-laws, budgets and other documents for the new municipality;
- (f) establish electronic or manual information systems, records and books of accounts for the new municipality; and
- (g) determine and establish the location of the public works and administrative work sites for the new municipality.

17. Dispute Resolution:

17.1 Dispute Resolution: Mediation - A dispute arising out of the interpretation of this Order among the former municipalities which will comprise the new Township of North Grenville may be resolved through mediation:

- (a) any one of the three former municipalities may retain a mediator, the costs of which shall be shared equally between the former municipalities.
- (b) If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, any one of the former municipalities may:
 - (i) refer the matter in dispute to the council of the new municipality for resolution; or
 - (ii) refer the matter in dispute to arbitration as set out in section 17.4.

17.2 Dispute Resolution: Mediation - A dispute arising out of the interpretation of this Order among the former municipalities which will comprise the new Township of Rideau Lakes may be resolved through mediation:

- (a) any two of the five former municipalities may retain a mediator, the costs of which shall be shared equally between the former municipalities.
- (b) If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, any one of the former municipalities may:
 - (i) refer the matter in dispute to the council of the new municipality for resolution; or
 - (ii) refer the matter in dispute to arbitration as set out in section 17.4.

17.3 Dispute Resolution: Mediation - A dispute arising out of the interpretation of this Order among the former municipalities which will comprise the new Village of Merrickville-Wolford may be resolved through mediation:

- (a) any four persons of the Board may retain a mediator, the costs of which shall be shared equally between the former municipalities.

- (b) If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, any four persons of the Board may refer the matter in dispute to arbitration as set out in section 17.4.

17.4 Dispute Resolution: Arbitration - An issue arising out of the interpretation of this Order may be referred to arbitration to resolve the dispute in accordance with the *Arbitration Act, 1991*, with the responsibility for costs related to arbitration to be determined in accordance with the *Act*.

- (a) The former municipalities agree that the decision of the arbitrator appointed to conduct the arbitration under the *Act* shall be final.

18. Boundary Description:

(1) The boundary of the new Village of Merrickville-Wolford is the external boundaries of the former Corporation of the Village of Merrickville and the former Corporation of the Township of Wolford.

(2) The boundary of the new Township of North Grenville is the external boundaries of the former Corporation of the Township of Oxford-on-Rideau and of the former Corporation of the Township of South Gower.

(3) The boundary of the new Township of Rideau Lakes is the external boundaries of the former Corporation of the Township of Bastard and South Burgess, the former Corporation of the Township of North Crosby, the former Corporation of the Township of South Elmsley, and the former Corporation of the Township of South Crosby.

(4) The entire geographic area of The Corporation of the Village of Westport is excluded from the territory of the new Township of Rideau Lakes.

AL LEACH,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dated at Toronto on May 15, 1997.

ORDER MADE UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ACT R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45

ORDER

COUNTY OF ELGIN
TOWN OF AYLMER, VILLAGE OF BELMONT
VILLAGE OF DUTTON, VILLAGE OF PORT BURWELL
VILLAGE OF PORT STANLEY, VILLAGE OF SPRINGFIELD
VILLAGE OF VIENNA, VILLAGE OF WEST LORNE
TOWNSHIP OF ALDBOROUGH, TOWNSHIP OF BAYHAM
TOWNSHIP OF DUNWICH, TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DORCHESTER
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD, TOWNSHIP OF YARMOUTH

1. In this Order:

"County" means The Corporation of the County of Elgin;

"former municipality" means The Corporation of the Village of Belmont, The Corporation of the Village of Dutton, The Corporation of the Village of Port Burwell, The Corporation of the Village of Port Stanley, The Corporation of the Village of Springfield, The Corporation of the Village of Vienna, The Corporation of the Village of West Lorne, The Corporation of the Township of Aldborough, The Corporation of the Township of Bayham, The Corporation of the Township of Dunwich, The Corporation of the Township of Malahide, The Corporation of the Township of South Dorchester, and The Corporation of the Township of Yarmouth, as they existed before January 1, 1998;

"new municipality" means The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin, The Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich, The Corporation of the Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont, The Corporation of the Municipality of Malahide/South

Dorchester/Springfield, The Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna as established on January 1, 1998, under this Order;

"Town of Aylmer" means The Corporation of the Town of Aylmer; and

"Township of Southwold" means The Corporation of the Township of Southwold.

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

2. (1) On January 1, 1998, The Corporation of the Township of Aldborough and the Corporation of the Village of West Lorne are amalgamated as a township under the name of "The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin".

(2) On January 1, 1998, The Corporation of the Township of Dunwich save and except that portion described in Schedule A and The Corporation of the Village of Dutton are amalgamated as a township under the name of "The Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich".

(3) On January 1, 1998, the portion of The Corporation of the Township of Dunwich described in Schedule A is annexed to The Corporation of the Township of Southwold.

(4) On January 1, 1998, The Corporation of the Township of Yarmouth, The Corporation of the Village of Belmont and The Corporation of the Village of Port Stanley are amalgamated as a township under the name of "The Corporation of the Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont".

(5) On January 1, 1998, the portion of The Corporation of the Township of Southwold described in Schedule B is annexed to The Corporation of the Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

(6) On January 1, 1998, The Corporation of the Township of Malahide save and except that portion described in Schedule C, The Corporation of the Township of South Dorchester and The Corporation of the Village of Springfield are amalgamated as a township under the name of "The Corporation of the Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield".

(7) On January 1, 1998, the portion of The Corporation of the Township of Malahide described in Schedule C is annexed to The Corporation of the Town of Aylmer.

(8) On January 1, 1998, The Corporation of the Township of Bayham, The Corporation of the Village of Port Burwell and the Corporation of the Village of Vienna are amalgamated as a township under the name of "The Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna".

WARDS

3. Effective January 1, 1998, all wards in the former municipalities are dissolved.

4. Effective January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of West Elgin shall be divided into five wards as set out in Schedule D.

5. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich shall be divided into two wards as set out in this section.

(2) Ward one shall be composed of the former Village of Dutton as it existed on December 31, 1997.

(3) Ward two shall be composed of the former Township of Dunwich as it existed on December 31, 1997.

6. Effective January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont shall be divided into five wards as set out in Schedule E.

7. Effective January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield shall be divided into five wards as set out in Schedule F.

8. Effective January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna shall be divided into three wards as set out in Schedule G.

COUNTY COUNCIL

9. The terms of office of the members of the County council are extended until December 31, 1997.

10. The council of the County of Elgin shall, effective January 1, 1998, be composed of nine members of council consisting of,

- (a) the mayors of the Town of Aylmer, the Township of Southwold and each new municipality; and
- (b) the deputy mayors of council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont and the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield.

11. The head of council of the County of Elgin, who shall be known as the warden, shall be elected by and from County council on an annual basis.

12. Each member of council shall have one vote.

13. If a member of the council of the County is absent from the meetings of County council for more than three consecutive months, or for some other period of time as may be determined by County council, a member of the council of the local municipality where the member who is absent from County council holds office, appointed by the council of that local municipality, may sit as an alternate in place of that member on County council.

LOCAL COUNCILS

14. (1) The terms of office of the members of the councils of the former municipalities are extended until December 31, 1997.

(2) The terms of office of the members of the councils of the Town of Aylmer and the Township of Southwold are extended until December 31, 1997.

15. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of West Elgin shall be composed of seven members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote; and
- (c) one member from each of the five wards.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

16. (1) For the 2000 general municipal election, the council of the new Municipality of West Elgin shall be composed of five members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote; and
- (c) three members to be determined by by-law passed pursuant to section 29 of the *Municipal Act* by the new Municipality of West Elgin on or before January 1, 2000 whether the election of those persons is by general vote, by wards or a combination of the two.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

17. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich shall be composed of five members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (c) one member from Ward one; and
- (d) two members from Ward two.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

18. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the Township of Southwold shall be composed of a head of council, a deputy head of council and three members elected at large.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

19. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont shall be composed of seven members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote; and
- (c) one member from each of the five wards.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

20. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield shall be composed of seven members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote; and
- (c) one member from each of the five wards.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

21. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the Town of Aylmer shall be composed of a head of council, a deputy head of council and five members elected at large.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

22. (1) Effective January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna shall be composed of five members consisting of,

- (a) a head of council, to be known as the mayor, who shall be elected by general vote;
- (b) a deputy head of council, to be known as the deputy mayor, who shall be elected by general vote; and
- (c) one member from each of the three wards.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

23. The 1997 regular municipal elections shall be conducted as if the amalgamations and annexations under section 2 were already in effect

and the public utilities commissions under subsections 32(1), 33(1), 34(1) and 35(1) were already established.

24. (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the clerk of the Township of Aldborough shall be responsible for conducting the 1997 municipal election for the new Municipality of West Elgin.

(2) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the council of the Township of Aldborough shall be deemed to be the council of the new Municipality of West Elgin for the purpose of the 1997 municipal election.

25. (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the clerk of the Township of Dunwich shall be responsible for conducting the 1997 municipal election for the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

(2) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the council of the Township of Dunwich shall be deemed to be the council of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich for the purpose of the 1997 municipal election.

26. (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the clerk of the Township of Yarmouth shall be responsible for conducting the 1997 municipal election for the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

(2) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the council of the Township of Yarmouth shall be deemed to be the council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont for the purpose of the 1997 municipal election.

27. (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the clerk of the Township of Malahide shall be responsible for conducting the 1997 municipal election for the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield.

(2) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the council of the Township of Malahide shall be deemed to be the council of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield for the purpose of the 1997 municipal election.

28. (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the clerk of the Township of Bayham shall be responsible for conducting the 1997 municipal election for the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna.

(2) Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the council of the Township of Bayham shall be deemed to be the council of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna for the purpose of the 1997 municipal election.

POLICE VILLAGE

29. (1) The Police Village of Shedden is dissolved on January 1, 1998.

(2) The terms of office of the trustees of the Police Village of Shedden are extended until December 31, 1997.

(3) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws or resolutions of the former Police Village of Shedden become by-laws or resolutions of the Township of Southwold and its local boards.

(4) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the former Police Village of Shedden become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the Township of Southwold and its local boards.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONS

30. The Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commissions of the former municipalities of the Village of Belmont, the Village of Dutton, the Village of Port Stanley, the Village of Springfield and the Village of West Lorne are dissolved.

31. The terms of office of the members of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commissions of the former municipalities of the Village of Belmont, the Village of Dutton, the Village of Port Stanley, the Village of Springfield and the Village of West Lorne are extended until December 31, 1997.

32. (1) On January 1, 1998, a hydro-electric power commission is established for the new Municipality of West Elgin.

(2) The commission established under subsection (1) shall distribute and supply electrical power to the former Village of West Lorne and to the hydro service area of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission.

(3) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commission of the Village of West Lorne that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission established under subsection (1).

(4) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commission of the Village of West Lorne that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the new Municipality of West Elgin.

(5) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commission of the Village of West Lorne that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the commission established under subsection (1).

(6) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the Rodney Public Utilities Commission and the public utilities commission of the Village of West Lorne that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the new Municipality of West Elgin.

(7) The commission established under subsection (1) shall consist of seven members, of whom the head of council shall be one by virtue of office and the six other members shall be the members of the council of the new Municipality of West Elgin.

(8) On December 1, 2000, the commission established under subsection (1) shall consist of five members, of whom the head of council shall be one by virtue of office and the four other members shall be the members of the council of the new Municipality of West Elgin.

33. (1) On January 1, 1998, a hydro-electric power commission is established for the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

(2) The commission established under subsection (1) shall distribute and supply electrical power to the areas located in the former Village of Dutton.

(3) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission of the Village of Dutton that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission established under subsection (1).

(4) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission of the Village of Dutton that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

(5) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission of the Village of Dutton that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the commission established under subsection (1).

(6) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission of the Village of Dutton that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

(7) The commission established under subsection (1) shall consist of five members, of whom the head of council shall be one by virtue of office and the four other members shall be the members of council of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

34. (1) On January 1, 1998, a hydro-electric power commission is established for the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

(2) The commission established under subsection (1) shall distribute and supply electrical power to the areas located in the former Village of Belmont and the former Village of Port Stanley.

(3) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commissions of the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission established under subsection (1).

(4) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commissions of the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

(5) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission of the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the commission established under subsection (1).

(6) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission of the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley that relate to the production, treatment, distribution and supply of water shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

(7) The commission established under subsection (1) shall consist of seven members, of whom the head of council shall be one by virtue of office and the six other members shall be the members of council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

35. (1) On January 1, 1998, a hydro-electric power commission is established for the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield.

(2) The commission established under subsection (1) shall distribute and supply electrical power to the areas located in the former Village of Springfield.

(3) On January 1, 1998, all assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the public utilities commission of the Village of Springfield that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power become assets and liabilities, rights and obligations including employees, of the public utilities commission established under subsection (1).

(4) On January 1, 1998, all by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission of the Village of Springfield that relate to the distribution and supply of electrical power shall be continued and deemed to be by-laws and resolutions of the public utilities commission established under subsection (1).

(5) The commission established under subsection (1) shall consist of seven members, of whom the head of council shall be one by virtue of office and the six other members shall be the members of council of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield.

36. The public utilities commissions established under sections 32, 33, 34 and 35 shall be subject to the provisions of the *Public Utilities Act* and the *Power Corporation Act*.

LOCAL BOARDS

37. The terms of office of the members of any local boards of the former municipalities are extended until December 31, 1997.

38. Each of the councils for the new municipalities shall be deemed to be a board of park management under the *Public Parks Act* and a recreation committee under the *Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Act* and a committee of management of a community recreation centre under the *Community Recreation Centres Act* and all such committees and boards of the former municipalities are dissolved on January 1, 1998.

COUNTY ROADS

39. (1) The County shall maintain ownership and control of the road system which is vested in the County and over which the County has jurisdiction under the *Municipal Act* or any other Act.

(2) The responsibility to construct and maintain the road system referred to in subsection (1) is transferred to the new municipalities, the Town of Aylmer or the Township of Southwold, respectively, in which the road is located.

40. (1) The new municipalities, the Town of Aylmer and the Township of Southwold shall construct and maintain the roads in accordance with the standards specified in the County of Elgin by-law 96-15 "Being a By-law to Establish Minimum and Desirable Roadway Service Standards for the Corporation of the County of Elgin Road System" and the attached Schedules A, B and C to the by-law, as may be amended by the County from time to time.

(2) Every five years, the council of the County, in consultation with the new municipalities, the Town of Aylmer and the Township of Southwold shall evaluate and review the existing road classifications.

41. (1) The County shall approve a road and bridge construction program annually and, once the County has determined the budget for the program, shall transfer the funds to the new municipalities, the Town of Aylmer and the Township of Southwold for completion of the projects outlined in the annual program.

(2) Funds for the maintenance of County roads and bridges shall be apportioned among the new municipalities, the Town of Aylmer and the Township of Southwold, based upon a fixed rate per kilometre per road, such rate to be determined by the County annually as part of the budget for the road and bridge construction program.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

42. All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the former Township of Aldborough and the former Village of West Lorne and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the new Municipality of West Elgin and its local boards.

43. All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations including employees, of the former Township of Dunwich and the former Village of Dutton and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations including employees of the new Municipality of Dunwich/Dutton and its local boards.

44. All real property including any highway, street fixture, waterline, easement and restrictive covenant running with the land of the former Township of Dunwich located in the annexed area in Schedule A vests in the Township of Southwold.

45. (1) All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the former Township of Yarmouth, the former Village of Port Stanley, the former Village of Belmont and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont and its local boards.

(2) All real property including any highway, street fixture, waterline, easement and restrictive covenant running with the land of the Township of Southwold located in the annexed area in Schedule B vests in the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

46. All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the former Township of Malahide and the former Township of South Dorchester and the former Village of Springfield and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield and its local boards.

47. All real property including any highway, street fixture, waterline, easement and restrictive covenant running with the land of the former Township of Malahide located in the annexed area in Schedule C vests in the Town of Aylmer.

48. All assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the former Township of Bayham, the former Village of Port Burwell and the former Village of Vienna and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna and its local boards.

EMPLOYEES

49. (1) Employees of the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne or their local boards as of December 31, 1997, shall become employees of the new Municipality of West Elgin or its local boards.

(2) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Aldborough or the Village of West Lorne or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of West Elgin or its local boards, in a non-bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service.

50. (1) Employees of the former municipalities of the Township of Dunwich and the Village of Dutton or their local boards as of December 31, 1997, shall become employees of the new Municipality of Dunwich/Dunwich or its local boards.

(2) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Dunwich or the Village of Dutton or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of Dunwich/Dunwich or its local boards, in a non-bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service.

51. (1) Employees of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley or their local boards as of December 31, 1997, shall become employees of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont or its local boards.

(2) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont or its local boards, in a non-bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service.

(3) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont or its local boards, in a bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service as if the position held with the former municipality or its local boards was a bargaining unit position with the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont.

52. (1) Employees of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield or their local boards as of December 31, 1997, shall become employees of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield or its local boards.

(2) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield or its local boards, in a non-bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service.

53. (1) Employees of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna or their local boards as of December 31, 1997, shall become employees of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna or its local boards.

(2) Employees that held non-bargaining unit positions with the former municipality of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna or their local boards and will be employed by the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna or its local boards, in a non-bargaining unit position, will be credited with seniority at a rate of one hundred percent of the employee's length of service.

TAXES, CHARGES

54. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne or their local boards which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new Municipality of West Elgin and may be collected by the new Municipality or its local boards.

(2) If a former municipality listed under subsection (1) has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of West Elgin may continue the procedures.

55. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the former Township of Dunwich and the former Village of Dutton or their local boards which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich and may be collected by the new Municipality or its local boards.

(2) If a former municipality listed under subsection (1) has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich may continue the procedures.

56. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the annexed area in Schedule A which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the Township of Southwold and may be collected by the Township or its local boards.

(2) If the Township of Dunwich has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* for the annexed area in Schedule A and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the Township of Southwold may continue the procedures.

57. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley, the Village of Belmont or their local boards and in the annexed area in Schedule B which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont and may be collected by the new Municipality or its local boards.

(2) If a former municipality listed under subsection (1) has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont may continue the procedures.

(3) If the Township of Southwold has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* for the annexed area in Schedule B and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new

Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont may continue the procedures.

58. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield or their local boards which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield and may be collected by the new Municipality or its local boards.

(2) If a former municipality listed under subsection (1) has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield may continue the procedures.

59. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the annexed area in Schedule C which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the Town of Aylmer and may be collected by the Town or its local boards.

(2) If the Township of Malahide has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* for the annexed area in Schedule C and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the Town of Aylmer may continue the procedures.

60. (1) All taxes, charges and rates levied under any general or special Act and uncollected in the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna or their local boards which are due and unpaid on December 31, 1997, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna and may be collected by the new Municipality or its local boards.

(2) If a former municipality listed under subsection (1) has commenced procedures under the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the procedures are not completed by January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna may continue the procedures.

RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS

61. The new Municipality of West Elgin shall not change the purpose for which any reserves and reserve funds, excluding the working fund reserves, designated for specific purposes by the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne on or before December 31, 1997, were established.

62. The new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich shall not change the purpose for which any reserves and reserve funds, excluding the working fund reserves, designated for specific purposes by the former municipalities of the Village of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich on or before December 31, 1997, were established.

63. The new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont shall not change the purpose for which any reserves and reserve funds, excluding the working fund reserves, designated for specific purposes by the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley on or before December 31, 1997, were established.

64. The new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield shall not change the purpose for which any reserves and reserve funds, excluding the working fund reserves, designated for specific purposes by the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield on or before December 31, 1997, were established.

65. The new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna shall not change the purpose for which any reserves and reserve funds, excluding the working fund reserves, designated for specific purposes by the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna on or before December 31, 1997, were established.

BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

66. (1) On January 1, 1998, every by-law or resolution of the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne and their local boards shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new Municipality of West Elgin and its local boards and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipalities until it is amended or repealed.

(2) Any official plan of a former municipality of the Township of Aldborough or the Village of West Lorne approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new Municipality of West Elgin and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

(3) If the former municipality of the Township of Aldborough or the Village of West Lorne has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act*, and the by-law, official plan or amendment to it is not in force on January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of West Elgin may continue the procedures.

(4) Nothing in this section repeals or authorizes the amendment or repeal of,

- (a) by-laws or resolutions of the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough or the Village of West Lorne passed under section 45, 58 and 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections;
- (b) by-laws that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways; or
- (c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the councils of the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough or the Village of West Lorne.

67. (1) On January 1, 1998, every by-law or resolution of the former municipalities of the Township of Dunwich and the Village of Dutton and their local boards shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich and its local boards and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipalities until it is amended or repealed.

(2) Any official plan of the former municipalities of the Township of Dunwich or the Village of Dutton approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

(3) If the former municipality of the Township of Dunwich and the Village of Dutton has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act*, and the by-law, official plan or amendment to it is not in force on January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich may continue the procedures.

(4) Nothing in this section repeals or authorizes the amendment or repeal of,

- (a) by-laws or resolutions of the former municipalities of the Township of Dunwich or the Village of Dutton passed under section 45, 58 and 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections;
- (b) by-laws that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways; or

(c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the councils of the former municipalities of the Township of Dunwich or the Village of Dutton.

68. (1) On January 1, 1998, the by-laws and resolutions of the former Township of Southwold extend to the annexed area in Schedule A and the by-laws and resolutions of the former Township of Dunwich cease to apply to such area except,

(a) by-laws of the Township of Dunwich,

(i) that were passed under section 34 or 41 of the *Planning Act* or a predecessor of those sections,

(ii) that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways,

which shall remain in force until repealed by the council of the Township of Southwold;

(b) by-laws of the Township of Dunwich passed under section 45, 58 or 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections; and

(c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the council of the Township of Dunwich.

(2) If the Township of Dunwich has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or to adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act* and that by-law, official plan or amendment applies to the annexed area in Schedule A and is not in force on January 1, 1998, the council of the Township of Southwold may continue the procedures to enact the by-law or adopt the official plan or amendment to the extent that it applies to the annexed area in Schedule A.

69. (1) On January 1, 1998, every by-law or resolution of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley and the Village of Belmont and their local boards shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont and its local boards and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipalities until it is amended or repealed.

(2) On January 1, 1998, the by-laws and resolutions of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont extend to the annexed area in Schedule B and the by-laws and resolutions of the former Township of Southwold cease to apply to such area except,

(a) by-laws of the Township of Southwold,

(i) that were passed under section 34 or 41 of the *Planning Act* or a predecessor of those sections,

(ii) that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways,

which shall remain in force until repealed by the council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont;

(b) by-laws of the Township of Southwold passed under section 45, 58 or 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections; and

(c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the council of the Township of Southwold.

(3) Any official plan of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley and the Village of Belmont approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

(4) If the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley and the Village of Belmont have commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act*, and the by-law, official plan or amendment to it is not in force on January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont may continue the procedures.

(5) If the Township of Southwold has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or to adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act* and that by-law, official plan or amendment applies to the annexed area in Schedule B and is not in force on January 1, 1998, the council of the new Municipality of Yarmouth/Port Stanley/Belmont may continue the procedures to enact the by-law or adopt the official plan or amendment to the extent that it applies to the annexed area in Schedule B.

(6) Nothing in this section repeals or authorizes the amendment or repeal of,

- (a) by-laws or resolutions of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley and the Village of Belmont passed under section 45, 58 and 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections;
- (b) by-laws that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways; or
- (c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the councils of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Port Stanley and the Village of Belmont.

70. (1) On January 1, 1998, every by-law or resolution of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield and their local boards shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield and its local boards and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield until it is amended or repealed.

(2) Any official plan of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

(3) If the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield have commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act*, and the by-law, official plan or amendment to it is not in force on January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Malahide/South Dorchester/Springfield may continue the procedures.

(4) Nothing in this section repeals or authorizes the amendment or repeal of,

- (a) by-laws or resolutions of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield passed under section 45, 58 and 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections;

(b) by-laws that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways; or

(c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the councils of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield.

71. (1) On January 1, 1998, the by-laws and resolutions of the Town of Aylmer extend to the annexed area in Schedule C and the by-laws and resolutions of the former Township of Malahide cease to apply to such area except,

- (a) by-laws of the Township of Malahide,
 - (i) that were passed under section 34 or 41 of the *Planning Act* or a predecessor of those sections,
 - (ii) that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways,
 which shall remain in force until repealed by the council of the Town of Aylmer;
- (b) by-laws of the Township of Malahide passed under section 45, 58 or 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections; and
- (c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the council of the Township of Malahide;

(2) If the Township of Malahide has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or to adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act* and that by-law, official plan or amendment applies to the annexed area in Schedule C and is not in force on January 1, 1998, the council of the Town of Aylmer may continue the procedures to enact the by-law or adopt the official plan or amendment to the extent that it applies to the annexed area in Schedule C.

72. (1) On January 1, 1998, every by-law or resolution of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna and their local boards shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna and its local boards and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna until it is amended or repealed.

(2) Any official plan of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

(3) If the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna have commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act*, and the by-law, official plan or amendment to it is not in force on January 1, 1998, the new Municipality of Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna may continue the procedures.

(4) Nothing in this section repeals or authorizes the amendment or repeal of,

- (a) by-laws or resolutions of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna passed under section 45, 58 and 61 of the *Drainage Act* or a predecessor of those sections;

- (b) by-laws that were passed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or the *Municipal Act* that regulate the use of highways by vehicles and pedestrians and that regulate the encroachment or projection of buildings or any portion thereof upon or over highways; or
- (c) by-laws conferring rights, privileges, franchises, immunities or exemptions that could not have been lawfully repealed by the councils of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna.

TAX PHASE-IN

73. Any increase in the rates of taxation for municipal purposes for each new municipality that would occur solely as a result of this Order shall be implemented in full for the 1998 taxation year.

TRANSITION BOARDS

74. (1) On or before June 15, 1997, a transition board shall be established for the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne.

(2) The board established under subsection (1) is constituted as body corporate and ceases to exist on January 1, 1998.

(3) The transition board shall be composed of the following four members,

- (a) the heads of council from the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne; and
- (b) one other member of council from each of the former municipalities of the Township of Aldborough and the Village of West Lorne appointed by those councils.

75. (1) On or before June 15, 1997, a transition board shall be established for the former municipalities of the Village of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich.

(2) The board established under subsection (1) is constituted as body corporate and ceases to exist on January 1, 1998.

(3) The transition board shall be composed of the following four members,

- (a) the heads of council from the former municipalities of the Village of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich; and
- (b) one other member of council from each of the former municipalities of the Village of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich appointed by those councils.

76. (1) On or before June 15, 1997, a transition board shall be established for the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley.

(2) The board established under subsection (1) is constituted as body corporate and ceases to exist on January 1, 1998.

(3) The transition board shall be composed of the following six members,

- (a) the heads of council from the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley; and
- (b) one other member of council from each of the former municipalities of the Township of Yarmouth, the Village of Belmont and the Village of Port Stanley appointed by those councils.

77. (1) On or before June 15, 1997, a transition board shall be established for the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield.

(2) The board established under subsection (1) is constituted as body corporate and ceases to exist on January 1, 1998.

(3) The transition board shall be composed of the following six members,

- (a) the heads of council from the former municipalities of Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield; and
- (b) one other member of council from each of the former municipalities of the Township of Malahide, the Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield appointed by those councils.

78. (1) On or before June 15, 1997, a transition board shall be established for the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna.

(2) The board established under subsection (1) is constituted as body corporate and ceases to exist on January 1, 1998.

(3) The transition board shall be composed of the following six members,

- (a) the heads of council from the former municipalities of Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna; and
- (b) one other member of council from each of the former municipalities of the Township of Bayham, the Village of Port Burwell and the Village of Vienna appointed by those councils.

79. (1) The boards established under subsections 74(1), 75(1), 76(1), 77(1) and 78(1) may exercise the powers specified in subsection (3).

(2) The councils of the former municipalities shall not exercise the powers specified in clause (3)(c) without the approval of the transition board.

(3) The boards established under subsections 74(1), 75(1), 76(1), 77(1) and 78(1) have the following powers,

- (a) establish a budget for 1997 transitional purposes and apportion such costs to the former municipalities on the basis of weighted equalized assessment;
- (b) review and prepare a report for the consideration of the council of the new municipality regarding which services, if any, shall be financed by user fees or special mill rate adjustments;
- (c) review and approve all expenditures that are not included in the approved municipal operating or capital budgets for 1997, including the disposition or transfer of assets;
- (d) review and prepare a report for the consideration of the council of the new municipality with respect to transitional issues concerning services, policies, staff resources and equipment;
- (e) exercise the powers of the councils of the former municipalities in employment and labour matters arising as a result of this Order, including negotiations with trade unions and applications to the Ontario Labour Relations Board;
- (f) in consultation with affected employee bargaining groups, establish a transition protocol that provides for,
 - (i) an appropriate selection process for available positions, including inducements for early exit or early retirement and termination packages for displaced employees, and
 - (ii) the procedures for the placement of employees of the former municipalities in available positions in the new

municipality, subject to no external hiring until all the employees of the former municipalities have had an opportunity for placement; and

- (g) set the terms and conditions of employment for any internal appointments or promotions and any external recruitment for the new municipality.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

80. Where a dispute arises with respect to any issue arising out of the interpretation of this proposal, any one of the parties may,

- (a) refer the matter in dispute to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the *Arbitration Act, 1991*; or
- (b) defer the matter to the council of the municipality in the area to which the dispute pertains, subsequent to January 1, 1998, for resolution.

AL LEACH
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dated at Toronto on May 15, 1997.

SCHEDULE A

Lands Annexed to the Township of Southwold
from the Township of Dunwich

All that part of Lot C, Concession 8, Township of Dunwich lying North East of County Road #14 (Road used in Lieu of the Townline)

SCHEDULE B

Lands Annexed to the Village of Port Stanley
from the Township of Southwold

All of Lots 15 to 25 inclusive lying west of Main Street and/or Plank Road and North of Durham Street all as shown on Plan 20 for Middlesex.

SCHEDULE C

Lands Annexed to the Town of Aylmer
from the Township of Malahide

395 John Street South, being part of the North part of Town Lot number Thirty-eight East on John Street and South of Bradley Street, in the Town of Aylmer as laid out on Registered Plan 164 and the South part of Township lot number Eighty-four South on Talbot Road East, in the Township of Malahide, described in instrument no. 35457 (Malahide) and instrument no. 17670 (Aylmer) registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Elgin (No. 11).

415 John Street South in the Town of Aylmer and in the Township of Malahide, County of Elgin, and being part of the south half of Lot 84, South Talbot Road and part of Lot 38, East on John Street, Town of Aylmer, Plan 164, described in instrument no. 339901 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Elgin (No. 11).

431 John Street South, being parts of Lots 38 and 39, East on John Street, according to Plan 164, in the Town of Aylmer, and Part of Lot 84, Concession South Talbot Road East, Township of Malahide, County of Elgin, described in instrument no. 357157 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Elgin (No. 11).

449 John Street South, being the South Half Lot 84, South Talbot Road, East in the Township of Malahide, in the County of Elgin and Parts of Lots 40 and 41 East Side of John Street, on Registered Plan 164 in the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, described in instrument no. 344563 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Elgin (No. 11).

SCHEDULE D

Ward Boundaries for the New Municipality of West Elgin

WARD ONE

Comprising all the lots numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in the Broken Front and 1st and 2nd Concessions,

Comprising all the lots numbered A, B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 in the 3rd Concession and the lots numbered A, B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in the 4th Concession.

Comprising all the lots numbered A, B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 in the 5th, 6th and Gore Concessions

Comprising all the lots numbered A, B, C, D, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Concession excepting the portions of the said lots included in the former Village of Rodney

WARD TWO

Comprising all that part of the former Village of Rodney which lies west of the centre line of Furnival Road, comprising all that part of the former Village of Rodney which lies east of the centre line of Furnival Road.

WARD THREE

Comprising all the lots numbered 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Gore, 24, Y and Z in Concessions B and A Aldborough East

Comprising all the lots numbered 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Gore, 24, Y and Z in Concessions 1, 2, 3 and 4 Aldborough East, also includes Lot 15 Concession 4 Aldborough West, Lot 15 Concession 5 Aldborough West, Lot 15 Concession 6 Aldborough West and Lot 13 Concession Gore Aldborough West.

Comprising all the lots numbered 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Concessions 7, 8, 9 and 10 Aldborough East excepting the portions of the said lots included in the Village of West Lorne

WARD FOUR

Comprising all that part of the Village of West Lorne which lies west of the centre line of Graham Street,

Comprising all that part of the Village of West Lorne which lies east of the centre line of Graham Street

WARD FIVE

Comprising all the lots numbered A, B, C, D, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Concessions from the West Townline to the Kerr Road

SCHEDULE E

Ward Boundaries for the New Municipality of
Yarmouth/Belmont/Port Stanley

WARD ONE

Comprising all the lands in the Village of Port Stanley.

WARD TWO

Comprising Lots 1 to 28 inclusive in the First Concession excepting the Village of Port Stanley, and Lots 1 to 28 inclusive in the Second, Third and Fourth Concessions in the Township of Yarmouth.

WARD THREE

Comprising Lots 1 to 28 inclusive in the Fifth and Sixth Concessions, Lots 3 and 4, the south half of Lots 9 to 15 inclusive, and Lots 16 to 28 inclusive in the Seventh Concession, Lots 16 to 28 inclusive in the Eighth Concession, and Lots 16 to 28 inclusive south of the railway in the Ninth Concession in the Township of Yarmouth.

WARD FOUR

Comprising the north half of Lots 10 to 15 inclusive in the Seventh Concession, Lots 10 to 15 inclusive in the Eighth Concession, Lots 1 to 3 and 10 to 15 inclusive in the Ninth Concession, Lots 1 to 3 and 9 to 13 inclusive in Range 1 South of Edgeware Road, Lots 1 to 5 and 9 to 13 inclusive in Range 1 North of Edgeware Road, Lots 1 to 5 and 9 to 13 inclusive in Range 2 North of Edgeware Road, and Lots 1 to 13 inclusive in the Tenth Concession in the Township of Yarmouth.

WARD FIVE

Comprising Lots 16 to 21 inclusive north of the railway in the Ninth Concession, Lots 14 to 21 inclusive north of the railway in Range 1 South of Edgeware Road, Lots 14 to 24 inclusive north of the railway in Range 1 North of Edgeware Road, Lots 9 to 24 inclusive in Range 2 North of Edgeware Road, Lots 14 to 24 inclusive in the Tenth Concession, Lots 1 to 18 inclusive in the Eleventh and Twelfth Concessions, Lots 2 to 18 inclusive in the Thirteenth Concession, Lots 9 to 17 inclusive in the Fourteenth Concession, and Lots 15, 16 and 17 in the Fifteenth Concession in the Township of Yarmouth and all lands in the Village of Belmont.

SCHEDULE F

Ward Boundaries for the New Municipality of Malahide/
South Dorchester/Springfield

WARD ONE

Comprising all lands north of the railway in the 7th Concession and North Gore of Malahide Township from Lots 1 to 15 inclusive and comprising the 8th and 9th Concessions from Lots 1 to 15 inclusive and in South Dorchester Township comprising all the lands in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Concessions from Lots 10 to 24 inclusive.

WARD TWO

Comprising all lands in the 9th and 10th Concessions of Malahide Township from Lots 16 to 35 inclusive and all the Village of Springfield and in South Dorchester Township comprising all the lands in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Concessions from Lots 1 to 9 and Lots A and B inclusive.

WARD THREE

Comprising all lands in the 4th, 5th and 6th Concessions of Malahide Township from Lots 21 to 35 inclusive and the north half of Lots 21 to 35 inclusive in the 3rd Concession and comprising all lands south of the railway in the 7th Concession and North Gore from Lots 13 to 15 inclusive and comprising all lands in the 7th, North Gore, and 8th Concessions of Malahide Township from Lots 16 to 35 inclusive.

WARD FOUR

Comprising all lands in the 1st and 2nd Concessions from Lots 1 to 35 inclusive and the south half of Lots 1 to 35 inclusive in the 3rd Concession in Malahide Township.

WARD FIVE

Comprising all lands south of the railway in the 7th Concession of Malahide Township from Lots 1 to 7 inclusive and comprising the 4th, 5th, South Gore, and 6th Concessions from Lots 1 to 20 inclusive and the north half of Lots 1 to 20 inclusive in the 3rd Concession of Malahide Township.

SCHEDULE G

Ward Boundaries for the New Municipality of
Bayham/Port Burwell/Vienna

WARD ONE

Comprising the Villages of Port Burwell and Vienna and the following:

First Concession: Lots 1 - 28 inclusive

Second Concession: Lots 1 - 13 inclusive, the south half of Lots 14 and 15 inclusive, south of Vienna, and the south part of Lots 16 - 28 inclusive

Third Concession: South half of Lots 1 - 11 inclusive

WARD TWO

Second Concession: North half of Lots 15 - 28 inclusive

Third Concession: North half of Lots 1 - 11 inclusive, and the northerly portions of Lots 12 - 16 inclusive, north of the Village of Vienna, and those portions of Lots 15 and 16 lying east of the Village of Vienna and all of Lots 17 - 28 inclusive

Fourth Concession: South half of Lots 1 - 4 inclusive and all of Lots 5 - 28 inclusive

Fifth Concession: Those portions of Lot 5 lying north, south and east of the Big Otter Creek and the portion of Lot 5 lying north and west of the Little Otter Creek and all of Lots 6 - 28 inclusive

South Gore: The south part of Lots 115 - 130 inclusive and all of Lots 131 - 136 inclusive

Sixth Concession: South half of 113 - 117 inclusive and all of Lots 118 - 136 inclusive

Seventh Concession: South half of Lots 118 and 119 on the south side of Maple Grove Line and all of Lots 120 - 136 inclusive

North Gore: The south part of Lots 18 - 28 inclusive, lying south of the Little Otter Creek

Eighth Concession: The south part of Lots 24 - 28 inclusive, lying south of the Little Otter Creek

WARD THREE

Fourth Concession: The north half of Lots 1 - 4 inclusive, west of the Big Otter Creek

Fifth Concession: All of Lots 1 - 4 inclusive, and that portion of Lot 5 lying south and west of the Big Otter Creek

Sixth Concession: All of Lots 109 - 112 inclusive, and the north half of Lots 114 - 117 inclusive

Seventh Concession: All of Lots 109 - 117 inclusive, and the north half of Lot 118

North Gore: All of Lots 1-23 inclusive which lie within the limits of the North Gore.

Eighth Concession: All of Lots 1 - 23 inclusive, and those portions of Lots 24 - 28 inclusive, lying north of the Little Otter Creek

Ninth Concession: All of Lots 1 - 25 inclusive, the south part of Lots 26 and 27 and that portion of Lot 28 lying north of Eden Line and east of Coyle Road

Tenth Concession: All of Lots 1 - 24 inclusive, and the south part of Lot 25 lying north of Carson Line

Eleventh Concession: All of Lots 10-21 inclusive which are within the limits of Bayham Township, inclusive



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2025-22

Being a By-law to dissolve the 'Ward System of Electoral Representation' for the Corporation of The Municipality of West Elgin, and Institute an 'At-Large System of Electoral Representation' and to Repeal By-law 99-53

WHEREAS Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended provides that a municipality may pass a by-law to dissolve existing wards.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin passed a resolution on February 13, 2025 that the existing Wards be dissolved and institute an 'At-Large System' of Electoral Representation;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3 hereby be dissolved in their entirety;
2. **THAT** the Ward System in the Municipality of West Elgin shall be replaced by an 'At-large' Electoral System for the Municipality;
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this By-law, including giving the required notice.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into effect subject to and in accordance with Section 222 (8) of the *Municipal Act* for the 2026 Election;
5. **THAT** By-law 99-53 being a by-law to provide for dividing or redividing of the municipality into wards or dissolving the existing wards and the election of members of council, other than the head of council and the deputy head of council by ward, is hereby repealed.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 8th day of May, 2025.

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuć, Clerk

Notice of Study Commencement and Public Consultation

Mobility Master Plan

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is developing a **Mobility Master Plan (MMP)** that will consolidate and update previous transportation plans to establish a coordinated, vision-driven framework to guide transportation planning decisions. The MMP will establish the priorities, network improvements and policies and programs to support mobility for residents throughout Chatham-Kent. This includes recommendations for walking, cycling, public transit, driving and goods movement.



The MMP will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the 2023 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) document, which is an approved process under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

We Want to Hear from You!

Public input is essential to creating a plan that reflects the needs and desires of the community. There will be several opportunities for the public and stakeholders to provide input and shape the project outcomes.

Public Information Centre #1

The first opportunity to share your perspectives will be at an in-person Public Information Centre (PIC). This information session will be open-house style and will offer an opportunity for community members to comment on existing opportunities and challenges with the transportation network as well as review the draft vision for the project.

- Tuesday, April 14, 2026
- 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- Links Of Kent Golf Club & Event Centre, 120 Indian Creek Rd W, Chatham

Content will also be available online for review and comments will be invited between April 14 and April 28, 2026, for those who are unable to attend in person. For more information or to view project materials, please visit the project webpage at: <https://www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/mmp>.

If you have any questions, comments or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact the project team at mmp@chatham-kent.ca.

Marissa Mascaro
Director, Engineering
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Shawn Doyle
Project Manager
Doyle Mobility Strategies

John McGill,
Project Manager
CIMA+

Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued March 24, 2026.

Generic Review of the Model Franchise Agreement for Natural Gas

On October 15, 2025, the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a **letter** indicating the OEB's intention to commence a generic proceeding to conduct a limited review of the **Model Franchise Agreement**. The OEB is now initiating this proceeding on its own motion pursuant to section 19 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

What is a Model Franchise Agreement?

Before a natural gas utility can provide gas service within a municipality, it must enter into a franchise agreement with that municipality. A franchise agreement is an operational contract between a municipality and a gas utility that sets out the rights and obligations of both parties. All franchise agreements must be approved by the OEB.

The OEB adopted the Model Franchise Agreement to ensure fairness, transparency and consistency among individual franchise agreements across Ontario. The OEB expects that gas utilities and municipalities will use the terms of the Model Franchise Agreement without amendment, unless there is a compelling reason for deviation.

Why is the OEB Initiating this Proceeding?

In recent years, several municipalities and local community-based interest groups in Ontario have challenged certain terms of the Model Franchise Agreement during individual gas franchise proceedings. Many of these challenges raised issues of a generic nature, focusing on certain sections of the Model Franchise Agreement itself, rather than unique municipality-specific circumstances.

In response, the OEB is initiating this proceeding to examine certain sections and components of the Model Franchise Agreement that have emerged as issues of concern. This proceeding will review the templated form of the Model Franchise Agreement; it will not entail a review of individual franchise agreements that have been signed by specific municipalities and gas utilities.

This proceeding takes place within the context of Ontario's current energy landscape and the objectives outlined in Ontario's Natural Gas Policy Statement, which establishes that natural gas remains a vital component of Ontario's energy mix.

Draft Issues List

Each issue in the draft issues list relates to provisions within the current Model Franchise Agreement that have been recently contested. The OEB will provide information on how parties can comment on the draft issues list at a later date.

- **Section 11 Alternative Easement:** Are changes required to the provisions in section 11 of the Model Franchise Agreement pertaining to notice, the availability of easements and cost sharing in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence?
- **Section 12 Pipeline Relocation:** Are changes required to the cost-sharing provisions as between municipalities and utilities in section 12 of the Model Franchise Agreement relating to the costs associated with pipeline relocations? Are changes required in relation to the time requirements for the completion of relocation under section 12 (e.g., should a time be specified)? If so, what would be an appropriate amount of time?
- **Section 15 Disposition of the Gas System & Section 16 Use of Decommissioned Gas System:** Are changes required in section 15 and section 16 of the Model Franchise Agreement relating to the removal of decommissioned pipelines?
- **Non-substantive administrative updates to the Model Franchise Agreement:** What terminologies (e.g., job titles) in the Model Franchise Agreement require an update to reflect current operations?
- **Implementation of possible updates to the Model Franchise Agreement:** If changes to the Model Franchise Agreement are made, how should the updated terms affect existing gas franchise agreements and applications currently before the OEB (e.g., how and when should such changes be integrated into existing agreements)?

The scope of this proceeding does not include potential legislative or regulatory amendments, such as the payment of fees by utilities to municipalities for the use of right of way. Such fees are currently prohibited by *O. Reg. 584/06: Fees and Charges*. The relationship between the *Drainage Act* and municipal gas franchise agreements is also outside the scope of this proceeding.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. If you have a preference for the type of hearing, you can write to us to explain why. The OEB will decide on the format of the hearing at a later date.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.

Information Session

OEB staff will hold a virtual information session about this proceeding on the morning of **April 15, 2026, beginning at 9:30 AM**. This information session will not be transcribed, nor will it form part of the public record. Its purpose is to provide general information about the Model Franchise Agreement and the regulatory framework for municipal gas franchises and the typical steps in an OEB proceeding. OEB staff will not be addressing specific feedback on the draft issues list during the session as there will be an opportunity to provide comments at a later date. To sign up for the virtual information session scheduled for the morning of April 15, 2026 please complete the form at **Information Session Registration** by **April 10, 2026**. Details on how to login to the information session will be provided at a later date.

Intervention Requests

Municipalities, gas utilities, and other interested parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must apply for intervenor status and, where applicable, cost eligibility using the OEB's online **Intervention Form** by **April 20, 2026**. Municipalities and gas utilities will be granted intervenor status. Other interested parties may be granted intervenor status and, in their intervenor requests, are required to clearly identify and explain their substantial interest in the issues to be addressed within the scope of this proceeding.

Collaborating as a group, rather than participating individually, can support a more efficient and coordinated regulatory process. Municipalities in particular are encouraged to work together and consider a group approach where common interests exist. For the purposes of this proceeding, the term Municipal Group refers to a group of municipalities organized together with a common interest. The OEB will consider requests for intervenor status from more than one Municipal Group.

Cost Awards

Under section 3.05 of the OEB's **Practice Direction on Cost Awards**, a municipality (whether participating individually or as part of a group) is not eligible for a cost award. However, given the unique nature of this proceeding, the OEB is making an exception to this rule and will allow municipalities or Municipal Groups to receive cost awards for their participation. The OEB is making this exception pursuant to section 3.07 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Other interested parties that seek intervenor status in this proceeding may also seek cost award eligibility in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Interested parties should note that being eligible for a cost award does not guarantee that all costs claimed will be recovered. Cost awards are determined by the OEB at the conclusion of the proceeding. All parties are encouraged to review the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* for guidance on eligible costs and disbursements and on the OEB's considerations in awarding costs.

Parties that are approved as intervenors, including those approved for cost eligibility, will be advised by the OEB at a later date in Procedural Order No. 1.

LEARN MORE

You have the right to information about this proceeding and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/participate and use file number **EB-2026-0009** to:

- Review proceeding documents
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments
- Register to follow the proceeding

IMPORTANT DATES: You must engage with the OEB on or before **April 20, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to become an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY: If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

To learn more about this proceeding, you can also visit the **Model Franchise Agreement Review Engage With Us** webpage.

Ontario Energy Board

1-877-632-2727

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

oeb.ca



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0060-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on April 1, 2026

0060-2026 Moved by: Councillor B. Butt

Seconded by: Councillor S. McFadden

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation and ensure accountability within Ontario's education system;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga relies on dedicated trustee representation to reflect local priorities and advocate for the success of students across our diverse communities;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial supervision of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, alongside proposed governance changes, raises concerns regarding the future of local democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS maintaining direct, elected representation is critical to ensuring that Mississauga's unique geographic and growth needs are reflected in education decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mississauga Council affirms its strong support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees for both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
2. Council formally recognizes the vital role of locally elected trustee representation for Mississauga and supports the continuation of meaningful, locally accountable representation;
3. The Province of Ontario be requested to pause any legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent, province-wide consultation with municipalities, school boards, trustees, parents, students, educators and other education stakeholders is completed;
4. The City Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, all MPPs representing Mississauga, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, all MPPs representing Peel Region, and all Ontario municipalities to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)

DECISION

In the matter of an application for a consent pursuant to Section 53 (1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, as it affects the following property:

**PART LOT 24, CONCESSION A
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ELGIN
26212 CARROLL LINE**

The applicant proposes to sever a parcel with a frontage of 190 m, a depth of 240 m, and an area of 40468.6 m² (4.05 ha) to sever a dwelling surplus to a farming operation. The applicant is retaining a lot with an area of 161874m² proposed to remain in Agriculture use.

DECISION: The Elgin County Land Division Committee considered all written and oral submissions received on this application, the effect of which helped the committee to make an informed decision.

Severance applications E 17-26 be **approved** subject to the following conditions:

This decision will expire unless a deed is presented for stamping by: **March 25, 2028.**

That the following requirements of the County of Elgin are met, including the following:

1. The County of Elgin should receive a digital copy of the draft and final deposited reference plan.
2. Solicitor Undertaking to provide a copy of the registered deed for the severed parcel once completed be provided to the County of Elgin.
3. That municipal addressing be provided to the County of Elgin by the local Municipality, to the satisfaction of the County.

That the following requirements of the Municipality of West Elgin are met, including the following:

1. That the Applicant meet all the requirements, financial and otherwise of the Municipality, to the satisfaction and clearance of the Municipality.
2. That the Applicant provides a description of the lands to be severed which can be registered in the Land Registry Office, to the satisfaction and clearance of the Municipality.
3. That the Applicant's Solicitor provides an undertaking to the Municipality, to provide a copy of the registered deed for the severed parcel once the transaction has occurred to the Municipality.
4. That the Applicant successfully apply to the Municipality for a Zoning By-law Amendment for the severed and retained parcels and such amendment of the Zoning By-law shall come into full force and effect pursuant to the Planning Act, to the satisfaction and clearance of the Municipality.
5. That prior the final approval of the County, the County is advised in writing by the Municipality how the above-noted conditions have been satisfied.

DECISION

Application #E 17-26

March 25, 2026

Members concurring in the above ruling by recorded vote:

<u>Member:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
John "Ian" Fleck	X	
Tom Marks (Chair)	X	
Bill Ungar	X	
John Seldon	X	
Dave Jenkins	X	
John Andrews	X	
Dugald Aldred	X	

Where conditions have been imposed and the applicant has not, within a period of two years from the giving of the notice of decision pursuant to subsection (17) of Section 53 of the Act, fulfilled the conditions, the application for consent shall thereupon be deemed to be refused, but where there is an appeal under subsections (19) or (27), the application for consent shall not be deemed to be refused for failure to fulfill the conditions until the expiry of a period of two years from the date of the order of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal issued in respect of the appeal or from the date of a notice issued by the Tribunal under subsection (29) or (33).

CERTIFICATION

I, Alicia Csoff, Secretary-Treasurer of the Land Division Committee of Elgin, certify that the above is a true copy of the decision of the Land Division Committee with respect to the application recorded herein.

Dated this 25th day of March 2026.



Alicia Csoff
Secretary-Treasurer
Land Division Committee

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ELGIN

NOTICE OF DECISION

APPLICATION NO. E 17-26

PART LOT 24, CONCESSION A MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ELGIN 26212 CARROLL LINE

ATTACHED is a certified copy of the decision of the Land Division Committee of the County of Elgin in the matter of an Application **E 17-26** for a consent pursuant to Section 53 (17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of the provisional consent if you have either made a written request to be notified of the decision to give or refuse provisional consent or make a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of the provisional consent.

The Minister, the Applicant, the approval authority and specified persons or public bodies may appeal the decision and/or any condition(s) imposed by the Committee to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by filing with the OLT no later than the **April 14, 2026 at 4:30PM**. The Notice of Appeal must be filed with the approval authority, must set out the reasons for the appeal, and, must be accompanied by the fees required by the Tribunal and the County.

HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL: Appeals are submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer via the Ontario Land Tribunal's (OLT) online e-file service.

1. Navigate to the OLT's e-file service at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/>.
2. On the e-file service, sign into your *My Ontario Account* (first time users will need to register for a *My Ontario Account*).
3. Submit the appeal via the e-file service and ensure that you select the correct approval authority, which in this case is listed as "*Elgin (County) – Director of Planning*".
4. Pay the fee required by the OLT. The fee schedule and methods of payment can be found on the OLT website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/fee-chart/>.
5. Pay the fee of required by the County, as outlined in the County's User Fees and Charges By-Law, as amended.
 - OLT payment options and instructions are available online. NB: Cheques must be made out to the 'Minister of Finance'.
 - County payments can be made via electronic (in person only) or standard (cheque, money order) means. NB: Cheques and Money Order must be made out to: "Treasurer, County of Elgin":
6. Anyone filing an appeal that does not use the OLT's e-file portal may submit the required material directly to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address listed above. Please note that an additional administrative fee will apply. Forms can be downloaded from the OLT website above or are available for pick-up at the County Municipal Offices, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, and can be submitted to landdivision@elgin.ca

WHO CAN FILE AN APPEAL: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of applications for consent to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application for consent is available for inspection daily, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., at the County Municipal Offices, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas.

Dated at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 25th day of March , 2026.



Alicia Csoff
Secretary-Treasurer
Land Division Committee

c.c.
Municipality of West Elgin: CAO, Clerk/Deputy Clerk, Planning Department

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**Elgin County Council
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**March 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas ON**

Members Present: Warden Dominique Giguère
Deputy Warden Grant Jones
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw
Councillor Mark Widner
Councillor Andrew Sloan
Councillor Todd Noble
Councillor Mike Hentz
Councillor Richard Leatham

Members Absent: Councillor Jack Couckuyt (with notice)

Staff Present: Blaine Parkin, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Nicholas Loeb, Director of Legal Services
Brian Masschaele, Director of Community & Cultural Services
Jennifer Ford, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Peter Dutchak, Director of Engineering Services
Mat Vaughan, Director of Planning and Development
Holly Hurley, Director of People & Culture
Joe Anne Holloway, Director of Homes and Seniors Services
Katherine Thompson, Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
Mike Hoogstra, Manager of Purchasing and Risk
Jenna Fentie, Legislative Services Coordinator
Stefanie Heide, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. with Warden Giguère in the chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Hentz
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Jones

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the March 10, 2026 County Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

3. Introductions, Recognitions, Memorials

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Leatham
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2026 be adopted.

Motion Carried.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

6. Presenting Petitions, Presentations and Delegations

None.

7. Motion to Adopt Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole

7.1 Warden Giguère - ADM 26-08 - Recommendations from Committee of the Whole – February 24, 2026

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT items CW26-20-CW26-21 from the Committee of the Whole meeting dated February 24, 2026, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Motion Carried.

8. Committee Recommendations

8.1 Recommendation from the February 24, 2026 Elgin/Central Elgin Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Noble

Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT item JAAC 26-03 from the February 24, 2026 Elgin/Central Elgin Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Motion Carried.

9. Reports for Information and Immediate Consideration

9.1 Director of Engineering Services - ENG 26-04 Transportation Master Plan – Final Report

The Director of Engineering Services presented the final Elgin County Transportation Master Plan reports for Council's information.

Moved by: Councillor Hentz

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Jones

RESOLVED THAT the report titled "ENG 26-04 Transportation Master Plan – Final Reports" from the Director of Engineering Services, dated March 10, 2026 be received and filed.

Motion Carried.

9.2 Director of Engineering Services - ENG 26-07 Tender Awards for Cold In-Place Asphalt Recycling (Tender No. 2026-T05), Hot Mix Asphalt Paving (Tender No. 2026-T06), and Culvert Rehabilitations (Tender No. 2026-T07)

The Director of Engineering Services presented the report that seeks approval to award tenders for county road capital projects including Cold In-Place Asphalt Recycling, Hot Mix Asphalt Paving, and Culvert Rehabilitations.

Moved by: Councillor Widner
Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT Roto-Mill Inc. be selected to complete Cold In-Place Asphalt Recycling on various roads, Tender No. 2026-T05 at a total price of \$1,978,191.24 inclusive of a \$50,000 contingency allowance and exclusive of HST; and

THAT Brantco Construction be selected to complete Hot Mix Asphalt Paving on various roads, Tender No. 2026-T06 at a total price of \$5,415,177.50 inclusive of a \$250,000 contingency allowance and exclusive of HST; and

THAT Laemers Excavating be selected to complete Culvert Rehabilitations on various roads, Tender No. 2026-T07 at a total price of \$380,382.66, inclusive of a \$50,000 contingency allowance and exclusive of HST; and

THAT the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be directed and authorized to sign the contracts.

Motion Carried.

9.3 Director of Homes and Seniors Services - HSS 26-02 Incontinence Products for Elgin County Homes (RFP) No. 2025-P47) - Contract Award

The Director of Homes and Seniors Services presented the report that provides details on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Incontinence Products for the County's three long-term care homes and seeks Council's approval to award the contract to Cardinal Health Canada Inc.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT the contract for Incontinence Products for Elgin County Homes be awarded to Cardinal Health Canada Inc. for a two-year term; and

THAT staff be authorized to extend the contract for an additional three (3) one-year terms, in accordance with section 7.6 of the Procurement Policy, subject to satisfactory performance during the initial two-year contract term; and

THAT the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract.

Motion Carried.

10. Council Correspondence

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT Correspondence Item 10.1 be received and filed.

Motion Carried.

10.1 Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus February 2026 Newsletter

10.2 Flag Raising and Proclamation Request from the Elgin County Drowning Prevention Coalition

Moved by: Councillor Leatham
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the flag raising and proclamation request from the Elgin County Drowning Prevention Coalition be approved.

Motion Carried.

11. Statements/Inquiries by Members

None.

12. Closed Meeting Items

Moved by: Councillor Widner

Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT we do now proceed into closed meeting session in accordance with the Municipal Act to discuss the following matters under Municipal Act Section 239 (2):

Closed Meeting Item #1 - Closed Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2026

Closed Meeting Item #2 - PAC26-01 ONA Bargaining Mandate

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

Closed Meeting Item #3 - Human Resources Matter (verbal)

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Motion Carried.

12.1 Closed Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2026

12.2 Director of People and Culture - PAC26-01 ONA Bargaining Mandate

12.3 Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Human Resources Matter (verbal)

13. Motion to Rise and Report

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT we do now rise and report.

Motion Carried.

Closed Meeting Item #1 - Closed Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2026

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT the February 24, 2026 closed meeting minutes be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Closed Meeting Item #2 - PAC26-01 ONA Bargaining Mandate

Moved by: Councillor Hentz

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT staff proceed as directed.

Motion Carried.

Closed Meeting Item #3 - Human Resources Matter (verbal)

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the confidential report from the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be received and filed.

Motion Carried.

14. Consideration of By-Laws

14.1 By-Law No. 26-12 Confirmation

BEING a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin at the March 10, 2026 Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 26-12 be now read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Motion Carried.

15. Adjournment

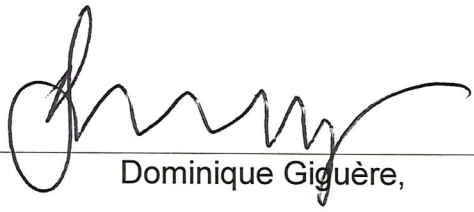
Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 10:21 a.m. to meet again on March 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion Carried.



Blaine Parkin,
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.



Dominique Giguère,
Warden.



Elgin County Council
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes

March 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas ON

Members Present: Warden Dominique Giguère
Deputy Warden Grant Jones
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw
Councillor Mark Widner
Councillor Andrew Sloan
Councillor Todd Noble
Councillor Mike Hentz
Councillor Richard Leatham

Members Absent: Councillor Jack Couckuyt (with notice)

Staff Present: Blaine Parkin, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Nicholas Loeb, Director of Legal Services
Jennifer Ford, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Peter Dutchak, Director of Engineering Services
Mat Vaughan, Director of Planning and Development
Holly Hurley, Director of People & Culture
Joe Anne Holloway, Director of Homes and Seniors Services
Katherine Thompson, Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
Jenna Fentie, Legislative Services Coordinator
Stefanie Heide, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. with Warden Giguère in the chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution Number: CW26-23

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution Number: CW26-24

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Leatham

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2026 be adopted.

Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Members' Motions

None.

6. Reports of Council, Staff or Outside Boards

6.1 Legislative Services Coordinator - ADM 26-09 2026 Sponsorship Application Submissions

The Legislative Services Coordinator presented the 2026 sponsorship application submissions to the Elgin County Grants & Sponsorships Program for the Committee's review.

Resolution Number: CW26-25

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT Option B be selected as the preferred funding allocation method for the sponsorships stream of the Elgin County Grants and Sponsorships Program for 2026.

Motion Carried.

6.2 Legislative Services Coordinator - ADM 26-10 2026 Grant Application Submission – Menno Lodge of Aylmer

The Legislative Services Coordinator presented the report that details the grant request received from Menno Lodge of Aylmer.

Resolution Number: CW26-26

Moved by: Councillor Widner

Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT the grant funding request in the amount of \$200,000 submitted by Menno Lodge be approved.

Motion Defeated.

6.3 Director of Engineering Services - ENG 26-05 County Road By-Law Updates

The Director of Engineering Services presented the report that recommends updates to the Consolidating Road By-Law and the Reduced Load Limits (Half Load Roads) By-Law.

Resolution Number: CW26-27

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT an updated by-law establishing the County roads system be adopted, and

THAT an updated by-law establishing reduced load limits on various County Roads between March 1 and April 30 annually, be adopted.

Motion Carried.

6.4 Director of Engineering Services - ENG 26-06 County Asset Transfer Protocol

The Director of Engineering Services presented the report that seeks direction and approval to develop a funding schedule to facilitate County road asset transfers.

Resolution Number: CW26-28

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Jones

RESOLVED THAT staff engage Local Municipal Partners in a dialogue regarding the transfer protocol associated with the transfer of 21.12km of County Roads to their respective local jurisdiction; and

THAT staff report back to Committee of the Whole on the results of this dialogue.

Motion Carried.

7. Adjournment

Resolution Number: CW26-29

Moved by: Councillor Widner
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Jones

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:34 a.m. to meet again on March 24, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion Carried.



Blaine Parkin,

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.



Dominique Giguère,

Warden.

ELGIN COUNTY

From the Council Chambers

March 24, 2026

Council Meeting

Update on Central Elgin Hospital Lands Redevelopment

Elgin County Council received a presentation from Mary Lou Tanner, Senior Partner at NPG Planning Solutions, providing an update on the ongoing planning work for the Central Elgin Hospital Lands redevelopment. The presentation outlined the progression of the project, including the development of a Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA), which builds on previously approved visioning, land use plans, and policy directions.

The update highlighted key elements of the proposed framework, including a mix of housing types and densities, integrated parks and community spaces, and a walkable, connected community design. It also emphasized the importance of public engagement, noting that feedback from residents and stakeholders has helped shape priorities such as housing affordability, green space, transportation, and community amenities.

Council's role at this stage was to receive the update, with further steps anticipated as the Municipality of Central Elgin advances the Official Plan Amendment through continued consultation before returning for future approvals.

For more information on the Central Elgin Hospital Lands redevelopment project, please click [here](#).

Draft St. Thomas–Elgin 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Presented to Council

Elgin County Council received a presentation from Danielle Nielsen, Acting Director, and Brandon Sloan, Housing Accelerator Fund Coordinator, both with St. Thomas–Elgin Social Services, regarding the draft St. Thomas–Elgin 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (2026–2036).

The presentation outlined the need for a new plan to replace the previous 2014 strategy, noting significant changes in the region over the past decade, including population growth, increased housing demand, and rising costs.

Draft St. Thomas–Elgin 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Presented to Council (continued)

Current data highlights ongoing affordability challenges, including a gap between average housing prices and what households can afford. There is also a growing number of residents experiencing housing need and waitlist pressures for affordable housing.

Looking ahead, the plan identifies projected growth across St. Thomas and Elgin County and estimates that a significant portion of new housing will need to be affordable or supportive in nature. Targets include the creation of new subsidized and market-based affordable housing units, as well as additional supportive housing to meet community needs.

The draft plan is guided by a vision of “Housing for Everyone” and focuses on key strategic areas such as increasing housing supply, preserving existing housing, strengthening partnerships, and working toward ending homelessness through prevention and support initiatives.

Council received the presentation, with further public engagement planned before the draft plan is brought forward for future consideration and approval.

For the full Council Agenda, [click here](#).

Committee of the Whole

Policy Approved for the Unscheduled Closing of County Facilities

The Committee of the Whole received a report from the Director of Community and Cultural Services regarding a new Unscheduled Closing of County Facilities Policy.

The policy establishes a clear framework to guide decision-making when County facilities must be temporarily closed due to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances. These may include inclement weather, facility issues, public health emergencies, cyberattacks, or other safety concerns.

The policy applies to a range of County facilities, including the Administration Building, Heritage Centre, Provincial Offences Act Court, and library branches. It also outlines how decisions to close and reopen facilities are made, how staff may be redeployed or compensated during closures, and how the County will communicate service disruptions to the public.

The report noted that, while temporary closures occur from time to time, the County did not previously have a single, formalized policy to guide these decisions. The new policy is intended to ensure consistent, timely, and transparent responses when closures are required.

For the full Committee of the Whole Agenda, [click here](#).

AMO Watchfile - March 26, 2026

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March 26, 2026

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- AMO Conference 2026: Registration is open!
- On the Road Again: LAS staff visit Ontario.
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Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Transportation is seeking feedback on a proposed regulation that would set mandatory road construction standards for municipalities. [Provide feedback by March 30](#). The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism is proposing changes to Ontario's Heritage.

Framework to streamline archaeological assessments and set criteria for evaluating Licensed Consultant Archaeologists' compliance records. [Provide feedback by April 5](#).

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Transport Canada needs feedback from the public on their discussion paper on the proposed expansion of the Minor Works Order under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. [Submit your comments by April 3rd](#).

Education Opportunities

AMO is offering programs designed to support aspiring candidates and returning elected officials. Whether you are considering your first run for office, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or a youth, we have a program tailored for you. Resources range from helping you make the decision to run or run again, to building your team, crafting your message, and getting out the vote, and includes the Lead Where You Live guide for key steps in the process. [Register for workshops and access resources here](#).

AMO has expanded their Healthy Democracy Leadership Series. AMO is offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples thinking about running for municipal office in the October 2026 elections. These sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and run a campaign. [Register here](#).

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Municipalities carry significant responsibilities. The AMO Conference is your opportunity to gain a clear understanding of key issues and develop a support network for shared solutions to help you effectively lead in your community. [Don't miss it, register today](#).

LAS

LAS staff are on their spring roadtrips, learning how we can better help municipal staff and talking about our programs. Want to meet? [Contact us](#) to set up an in-person or virtual meeting.

The All Risk Municipal Grant recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within municipalities. [Learn more and submit your proposal by May 1](#) for a chance to receive \$10,000 towards your project.

Municipal Wire*

Don't miss your chance to apply for the next intake of the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program. This program offers municipalities a cost-effective way to identify, advance, and address innovation or research challenges by partnering with a post-secondary student interested in a career in local government. To learn more or to submit an application, [Click Here](#).

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada is hosting a professional development event focused on service delivery excellence on April 21. [Register for virtual or in-person attendance](#).

Careers

[Program Advisor, Infrastructure Asset Management - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#).

Closing Tomorrow: March 27, 2026.

[Manager, Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: April 9, 2026.

[Director, External Relations - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: April 14, 2026.

[Intergovernmental Advisor - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: April 12, 2026.

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Together, we can equip candidates and voters with the motivation and tools in preparation for the 2026 municipal election. By sparking participation now, we can build healthier local democracies for the future. Visit [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project public affairs campaign page](#) and download the toolkit to help amplify the reach and impact of this important campaign.

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Streamline your document signing process with secure and authentic online digital signatures through the Electronic Signature service offered by program partner, Notarius by Portage Cybertech. [Learn more.](#)

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Help your building officials approve high-performance housing faster. Passivehouse Canada is coordinating a [12-hour online course](#) to provide the technical tools to review complex projects in-house, reducing delays and permit backlogs.

Careers

[Senior Advisor - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\).](#) Closing Date: April 14, 2026.

[Team Lead - Ministry of Finance.](#) Closing Date: April 16, 2026.

[Senior Data and Quality Analyst - Ministry of Finance.](#) Closing Date: April 16, 2026.

[Data and Quality Analyst - Ministry of Finance.](#) Closing Date: April 16, 2026.

[Manager of Capital Engineering - Town of Innisfil.](#) Closing Date: April 19, 2026.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2026-20

Being a By-Law to Delegate Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for Certain Acts during a “Lame Duck” Restricted Acts Period, After Nomination Day until the Commencement of the Council Term

Whereas Section 23.1 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25* states that Council is authorized to delegate certain powers and duties; and

Whereas Section 5 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25* provides that a municipalities power shall be exercised by by-law; and

Whereas Section 275 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, restricts the actions described in subsection (3) after the first day during the election period for a new Council; and

Whereas Section 275 (3) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, restricts Council from taking the following action:

- a) The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
- b) The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
- c) The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000.00 at the time of disposal; and
- d) Making any expenditure or incurring any other liability which exceeds \$50,000.00; and

Whereas Section 275 (6) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25* states that nothing in this section prevents any person or body exercising authority of a municipality that is delegated to the person or body prior to nomination day for the election of a new Council; and

Whereas Council deems it expedient to delegate authority Chief Administrative Officer to act, where necessary, on certain acts during the “Lame Duck” period;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby delegated to act, where necessary, on certain restrictions listed in Section 275 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* between Nomination Day and the commencement of the Council Term.

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer will report to Council on any actions taken under the restrictions listed in Section 275 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 between Nomination Day and the commencement of the Council Term.
3. This By-Law shall come into force and effect upon the final passage thereof.
4. That this By-Law is in effect for the 2026 Municipal Elections.
5. This By-law shall be cited as the “Lame Duck Delegation of Authority By-law”

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 9th day of April 2026

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

The Corporation of The Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2026-21

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2026.

Whereas Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, the powers of Council shall be exercised by by-law; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin as herein set forth be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Regular meeting of Council held on April 9, 2026, in respect of each recommendation, motion and resolution and other action taken by the Council at this meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council referred to in the preceding section hereof.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix the Seal of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 9th day of April, 2026.

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuć, Clerk