



## REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Brian Masschaele, Director of Community and Cultural Services

**DATE:** July 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Installation of Photographs and Plaques in County Council Chambers and Entrance to Elgin County Administration Building

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT County Council approve of the installation of photographs and plaques in Elgin County Council Chambers and in the entrance to the Elgin County Administration Building subject to the plan laid out in the July 28, 2023 report titled "Installation of Photographs and Plaques in County Council Chambers and Entrance to the Elgin County Administration Building."

### INTRODUCTION:

Renovations to Elgin County Council Chambers and the entrance to the Elgin County Administration Building are now complete. This report seeks County Council's input and approval on the re-installation of certain photographs and plaques both in County Council Chambers and in the building entrance.

### DISCUSSION:

Staff are seeking Council's feedback and direction to install photographs and plaques as follows:

#### Elgin County Council Chambers

- Framed portrait of His Majesty King Charles III – This will be installed upon official release and will be procured through MP Karen Vecchio's office and the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- 31 Combat Engineer Regiment ('The Elgins') watercolour presented to Elgin County Council upon Council bestowing "Freedom of the County" to the Regiment, 2008 – See photograph A.
- Elgin County Courthouse watercolour depicting the first meeting location of County Council – See photograph B.

#### Building Entrance and Hallways

- Display unit with current Warden's photograph and official crest – See photograph C.
- Plaques of past Wardens – See photograph D.

- Annual County Council Photographs and lists of County Councillors since 1852 – Entrance hallways – See Photograph E.
- Plaques commemorating acquisition of Elgin County Administration Building, 1986 – See photograph F.
- Original painting of Pearce Family Landing at Tyrconnell, 1809 by Peter Rindlisbacher (purchased by County Council in 2003 as part of celebrations to mark the BiCentennial of the establishment of the Talbot Settlement) – Reception Area - See Photograph G.

For Council's information, the antique desk in Council Chambers was originally part of furnishings in the former Elgin County Land Registry Office located on the Courthouse grounds and was transferred to the County prior to the reconstruction of the Courthouse in 2011. This unique desk serves as a link to the County's former administrative offices on the Courthouse grounds.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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Installation will be completed in-house. No further funds are required to proceed.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

| <b>Serving Elgin</b>  | <b>Growing Elgin</b>   | <b>Investing in Elgin</b>   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring alignment of current programs and services with community need.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Exploring different ways of addressing community need.<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaging with our community and other stakeholders. | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for and facilitating commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural growth.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Fostering a healthy environment.<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhancing quality of place. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring we have the necessary tools, resources, and infrastructure to deliver programs and services now and in the future.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Delivering mandated programs and services efficiently and effectively. |

#### **LOCAL MUNICIPAL PARTNER IMPACT:**

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Not applicable.

## COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

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Not applicable.

## CONCLUSION:

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The proposed plans outlined in this report are in keeping with County tradition and decorum but do leave flexibility and space should future items be added at Council's direction.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Approved for Submission

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Services

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Photograph A



Photograph B



Photograph C



Photograph D



Photograph E





Photograph F



Photograph G