



**Elgin County Council
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**June 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas ON**

Members Present:	Warden Grant Jones Deputy Warden Ed Ketchabaw Councillor Dominique Giguère Councillor Mark Widner Councillor Jack Couckuyt Councillor Andrew Sloan Councillor Todd Noble Councillor Mike Hentz Councillor Taraesa Tellier
Members Absent:	Councillor Richard Leatham (with notice)
Staff Present:	Blaine Parkin, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Nicholas Loeb, Director of Legal Services Michele Harris, Director of Homes and Seniors Services Brian Masschaele, Director of Community & Cultural Services Jennifer Ford, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer (virtual) Peter Dutchak, Director of Engineering Services Mat Vaughan, Director of Planning and Development Carolyn Krahn, Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Initiatives Emily Waldick, Manager of Human Resources 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 9:01 a.m. with Warden Jones in the chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Hentz

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the June 24, 2025 County Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

3. Introductions, Recognitions, Memorials

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Couckuyt
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2025 be adopted.

Motion Carried.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

6. Presenting Petitions, Presentations and Delegations

6.1 Nathan MacIntyre - Rip Current Information Project

Nathan MacIntyre provided a presentation on the Rip Current Information Project.

Moved by: Councillor Widner
Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT the presentation titled "The Rip Current Information Project" from Nathan MacIntyre be received and filed; and

THAT staff bring back a report to Council on how the County of Elgin can continue to work with the Rip Current Information Project to amplify their message.

Motion Carried.

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

7.1 Recommendations of Committee of the Whole - June 10, 2025 Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Sloan
Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT items CW25-29 - CW25-33 from the Committee of the Whole meeting dated June 10, 2025 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Motion Carried.

8. Committee Recommendations

8.1 Draft Committee Meeting Minutes

8.1.1 Homes Committee of Management Meeting - June 10, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes

9. Reports for Information and Immediate Consideration

9.1 Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Initiatives - Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update

The Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Initiatives presented the report seeking Council's endorsement of the update to the Aylmer-Elgin-St. Thomas Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and that the update be submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the July 1, 2025 deadline.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Ketchabaw
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the report titled "Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update" from the Manager of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Initiatives dated June 24, 2025 be received and filed; and

THAT the Council of the County of Elgin hereby endorses the Aylmer-Elgin-St. Thomas Community Safety and Well-Being Plan update; and

THAT a copy of the Aylmer-Elgin-St. Thomas Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and the 2025 update be posted on the County website; and

THAT staff be directed to submit the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update to the Ministry of the Solicitor General; and

THAT staff be directed to work with partners to further refine the Plan.

Motion Carried.

9.2 Director of Engineering Services - Village of Fingal Reconstruction – Funding Agreement

Council recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

The Director of Engineering Services presented the report seeking Council's approval to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure for the reconstruction of Union Road and Fingal Line within the Village of Fingal. The agreement is required to be executed and received by the Ministry of Infrastructure by June 27, 2025.

Moved by: Councillor Noble

Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be directed and authorized to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure for the reconstruction of County roads within the Village of Fingal.

Motion Carried.

10. Council Correspondence

Moved by: Councillor Hentz

Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT Correspondence Items 10.1 and 10.5 be received and filed.

Motion Carried.

10.1 Email from Daniel Soos, Natterjack Brewing Company Ltd., regarding the Tourism-Oriented Directional Signing Program in Elgin County

10.2 Resolution from the Township of Malahide Council requesting consideration of road safety enhancements at the Highway 73/45 intersection and at Highway 73 near Clovermead.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT the resolution from the Township of Malahide Council requesting consideration of road safety enhancements at the Highway 73/45 intersection and at Highway 73 near Clovermead be referred to the Director of Engineering Services for further investigation.

Motion Carried.

10.3 Resolution from the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for disability without poverty.

Moved by: Councillor Widner
Seconded by: Councillor Tellier

RESOLVED THAT the County of Elgin support the resolution from the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for disability without poverty.

Motion Carried.

10.4 Resolution from the Township of Southwold regarding the proposed design for the reconstruction of Fingal Line and Union Road in Fingal

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the County of Elgin support the resolution from the Township of Southwold regarding the proposed design for the reconstruction of Fingal Line and Union Road in Fingal.

Motion Carried.

10.5 St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre 2024 Annual Report

11. Statements/Inquiries by Members

11.1 Councillor Sloan - Support for Requesting a Delegation from City of St. Thomas and PowerCo.

Councillor Sloan requested Council's support to invite City of St. Thomas Mayor Joe Preston and representatives from PowerCo to attend a future County Council meeting to deliver a delegation providing a status update on the PowerCo development. Council supported the request.

11.2 Councillor Noble - Elm and Centennial Intersection

Councillor Noble requested that staff be directed to provide a report detailing options for visual improvements to the roundabout at the Elm Line and Centennial Road intersection. The Director of Engineering Services provided a verbal history of the decision of Council to establish a naturalized area in the center of the roundabout. Council directed staff to provide a report to Council with options for the center of the roundabout.

Moved by: Councillor Noble
Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT the Director of Engineering Services be directed to prepare a report outlining design options for the center of the roundabout at the intersection of Elm Line and Centennial Road for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

Motion Carried.

11.3 Warden Jones - Warden's Golf Tournament

Warden Jones informed Council that the Warden's Charity Golf Tournament held on June 13, 2025 raised \$15,700 in support of the Hospice of Elgin. Warden Jones thanked staff and the Bluffs Golf Club for their support with organizing the tournament. Warden Jones also thanked City of St. Thomas Mayor Joe Preston for participating in the putting challenge.

12. Closed Meeting Items

Moved by: Councillor Hentz
Seconded by: Deputy Warden 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 - June 10, 2025

Closed Meeting Item #2 - LS25-2 Whites Station

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Motion Carried.

12.1 Closed Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2025

12.2 Director of Legal Services - LS 25-2 Whites Station

13. Motion to Rise and Report

Moved by: Councillor Sloan

Seconded by: Councillor Widner

RESOLVED THAT we do now rise and report.

Motion Carried.

Closed Meeting Item #1 - Closed Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Hentz

Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the June 10, 2025 Closed Meeting Minutes be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Closed Meeting Item #2 - LS25-2 Whites Station

Moved by: Councillor Tellier

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT the report titled LS 25-2 Whites Station from the Director of Legal Services dated June 17, 2025 be received and filed for information; and

THAT the Council of the County of Elgin declares that 42343 Fruit Ridge Line is surplus to the County's needs; and

THAT staff proceed with the sale negotiation process of 42343 Fruit Ridge Line as directed.

Motion Carried.

14. Consideration of By-Laws

14.1 By-Law No. 25-26 Confirmation

BEING a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin at the June 24, 2025 Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Tellier

Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 25-26 be now read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Motion Carried.

15. **Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Widner
Seconded by: Councillor Sloan

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:07 a.m. to meet again on July 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion Carried.

Blaine Parkin,
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.

Grant Jones,
Warden.