

Elgin County Council Highlights



Council Appoints New Member to Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Fundraising Committee

At its meeting held on February 22, 2022, County Council amended the Terms of Reference for the Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Fundraising Committee to allow for representation from all of Elgin County's Local Municipal Partners. In response, the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich appointed Councillor Amarilis Drouillard to sit on the Committee for the remainder of 2022. At its meeting on April 26, 2022, Council approved this appointment at the County level. The Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Fundraising Committee welcomes Councillor Drouillard and is excited to add her to the existing team of passionate fundraisers.

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Library, Museum and Archives Service Update

Council received a service and project update for the Elgin County Library, Museum and Archives for the period of December 2021 to March 2022.

Over the past several months the Elgin County Library, Museum, and Archives have all gradually re-established full services while adhering to ongoing COVID-19 safety protocols. All three services are now operating at full occupancy.

All interior Library services are now available; however, the option of curbside pickup of materials continues upon request. Library programming for all ages is gradually returning at all ten branches including in-person children's programming. All ten branches hosted March break programs that involved a variety of events and activities and the circulation of print materials has seen an increase to over 90 per cent of pre-pandemic levels.



The Elgin County Museum recently hosted the Space to Spoon exhibit and after two years hiatus the 10th Annual Vimy Lecture was well attended on April 9, 2022. Dutton-Dunwich historian, and author of *Southwold Remembers: The Fingal Observer No. 4 B&G School*, Blair Ferguson, discussed his educational visits to local high schools to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in the Canadian armed forces.

Elgincentives Community Improvement Plan Program Review and 2021 Year End Review

Elgin County Council received a review of the Elgincentives Community Improvement Plan (CIP) with recommendations for how the program can be improved going forward. Staff recommended that the program have two (2) intakes per year, that the administrative process be streamlined, that enhanced/targeted marketing be developed, that new applicants be prioritized, that the approval criteria be fine tuned, and that the monitoring and evaluation process be enhanced. Council approved the continued funding of the Elgincentives CIP and directed staff to work with Elgin's Local Municipal Partners to review the program annually to ensure program alignment with community need. Council will identify annually during the budgeting process the extent to which they will participate in the Elgincentives program.

Elgincentives 2021 Year End Review

In 2021 Elgincentives had a total of 30 approved applications from April – October, with a total investment by Elgin of \$179,755 resulting in private investment of \$608,281. A more detailed overview of the program in 2021 is available in the April 26, 2022 County Council Agenda Package.

2021 Road Maintenance Agreement Financial Reporting

County Council received a summary of County Road maintenance expenditures as reported by Elgin's Local Municipal Partners for the 2021 calendar year. This reporting is a requirement of the Road Maintenance Agreement. Since 1997, the County of Elgin has outsourced road maintenance activities to its Local Municipal Partners. The Road Maintenance Agreement compensation model allows each municipality the flexibility to determine how to complete a defined scope of maintenance activities and provides a lump sum annual allocation calculated from the number of kilometres and type of County roads maintained.

A complete summary of allocations and unaudited expenditures is included in the April 26, 2022 Elgin County Council Agenda Package.



Council Shows Support for Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine

Ukraine is facing an unprecedented and unjustified attack on its people, sovereignty and territory. Elgin County Council has demonstrated support for the people of Ukraine by raising the Ukrainian Flag at the Elgin County Heritage Centre. Council will also support this humanitarian crisis by undertaking a communications strategy to raise public and staff awareness about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and how donations can be made to support this cause.

The following list is not exhaustive, but rather a starting point for anyone who is interested in donating to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. The County of Elgin is not affiliated with any individual organizations, nor is it collecting financial or other types of donations on behalf of these organizations. For anyone interested in supporting those impacted by this crisis, it is recommended that they contact their organization of choice directly.

Canada Helps

Collection of charities providing urgent aid in Ukraine. For more than 21 years, Canada Helps has been the trusted charity, informing, inspiring and connecting charities and donors, with the causes they care about. They have facilitated over \$1 billion in giving.

Canadian Red Cross

Donate to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. The Canadian Red Cross Society is a Canadian humanitarian charitable organization, and one of 192 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. The organization receives funding from both private donations and from Canadian government departments.

Canada-Ukraine Foundation

Established at the 18th Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), The Canada-Ukraine Foundation was formed in order to coordinate, develop, organize and deliver assistance projects generated by Canadians and directed to Ukraine.

Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

MSF teams act fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics.

Help Us Help

Works with established networks on the ground to distribute supplies to those who need it most.



GlobalMedic

Supporting those exiting Ukraine into neighbouring countries and are raising funds to facilitate this operation.

Ukrainian World Congress (UWC)

The UWC works with the government of Ukraine, international governments and organizations to support those exiting Ukraine into neighbouring countries.

UNICEF

Emergency response to conflict in eastern Ukraine. UNICEF supports health, nutrition, HIV prevention, education, safe drinking water, sanitation and protection for children and families caught in the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Canada

UNHCR Canada provides shelter, food, water, medical care and other life-saving assistance to refugees around the world. In a statement on February 24, it said it is “working with the authorities, UN and other partners in Ukraine and is ready to provide humanitarian assistance wherever necessary and possible.”

For the complete April 26, 2022 County Council Agenda Package
please visit the Elgin County [website](#).