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COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTS 2022-2026 LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

At their special meeting on January 12, 2023, Elgin County Council appointed seven (7) members representing each of Elgin's constituent municipalities to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for the 2022-2026 term. The new members are as follows:

- John Seldon, Municipality of Bayham
- Dave Jenkins, Township of Malahide
- Bill Ungar, Town of Aylmer
- Tom Marks, Municipality of Central Elgin
- John Andrews, Township of Southwold
- John R. "Ian" Fleck, Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
- Dugald Aldred, Municipality of West Elgin

Please visit <https://www.elgincounty.ca/land-division/> for more information, including upcoming meeting dates.



COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Each year, the Warden recommends, and County Council approves members of County Council to sit on various boards and committees. Committees of Council include, but are not limited to: The Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Steering Committee, which oversees the redevelopment project; the Terrace Lodge Fundraising Committee, which raises funds for value-added enhancements to Terrace Lodge; the Council Budget Committee; the Rural Initiatives and Planning Advisory Committee; and the Elgin County Museum Advisory Committee. Additionally, Council appoints members to sit on various outside boards and committees, including, but not limited to, the Elgin Clean Water Advisory Committee; the SWIFT Network; the South Central Regional Economic Development Committee; the Health Recruitment Partnership; and Southwestern Public Health Board of Health.

HOMES POLICY UPDATES

Council approved updates to the Long-Term Care Homes Administration and Infection, Prevention and Control policy manual, as well as the policy manuals for Maintenance and Program and Therapy, Section 6. All Elgin County Homes and Seniors Services policy and procedure manuals are reviewed regularly to ensure alignment and compliance with current Ministry of Long-Term Care legislation. The Ministry provides direction regarding policy requirements and implementation of legislative changes, and Elgin County Homes and Seniors Services management staff prioritize this work on a regular basis. The Long-Term Care Homes policy manuals can be viewed here: <https://www.elgincounty.ca/homes-seniors-services/employee-portal/>.

COUNCIL APPROVES THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN

At its meeting on January 10, 2023, Elgin County Council approved the modified Official Plan for the Municipality of Central Elgin. On August 25, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin adopted a new official plan for the municipality to replace the existing plan that has been in effect for approximately ten (10) years. The new official plan was developed in accordance with the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the Elgin County Official Plan. It contains goals, objectives and policies that are established primarily to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment of the Municipality, including policies and measures to ensure adequate provision of affordable housing, the protection of agricultural resources, and a description of the measures and procedures for informing and obtaining the views of the public in respect of various Planning Act processes.

The updated and approved Official Plan for the Municipality of Central Elgin can be viewed within the January 10, 2023, [County Council agenda package](#).



COUNCIL AWARDS TENDER FOR CENTENNIAL ROAD/ELM LINE ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION TO L82 CONSTRUCTION LTD.

At its meeting on January 10, 2023, Elgin County Council selected L82 Construction Ltd. for the Centennial Road/Elm Line Roundabout Construction Project at a total price of \$1,784,314.94, exclusive of HST.

The installation of a roundabout at this location will improve the operation, safety and capacity of the existing intersection. Work on this project is expected to begin on April 3, 2023, with completion anticipated by June 30, 2023.



WONDERLAND ROAD, RON MCNEIL LINE, FORD ROAD AND HIGHWAY 3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY DRAFT PROJECT FILE

In April 2020, the County of Elgin engaged GHD Limited to undertake an Environmental Assessment Study and Preliminary Design in order to assess multiple intersection alternatives that would address the long-term transportation needs in the vicinity of Highway 3 and Ron McNeil Line in order to provide an improved connection to Wonderland Road. County Council reviewed four possible design concepts that were detailed in the report prepared by GHD Limited. Of the four alternatives, GHD recommends the installation of a roundabout as the preferred alternative. County Council endorsed the draft Environmental Assessment Project File for finalization. The document will be placed on the public record for a 30-day review period at the County offices and on the County website following the pending advertisement publication of the Notice of Study Completion in various newspaper publications.

COUNCIL GETS FIRST LOOK AT 2023 BUDGET

Council received its first 2023 budget presentation and provided next steps to staff. The entire budget presentation can be viewed within the January 10, 2023, County Council agenda package. Additionally, members of the public can also view Council's budget deliberations and progress on the County's Engage Elgin website. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed 2023 budget in the coming weeks. Please visit <https://engageelgin.ca/investinginelgin> to stay up to date on the 2023 budget process.

For the complete January 10, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).