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STEPHEN GIBSON APPOINTED AS ACTING CAO

County Council appointed Stephen Gibson, General Counsel (previously County Solicitor), as Elgin County's Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Mr. Gibson will be in the Acting role until Council appoints an Interim CAO that will fulfill the role throughout the duration of the recruitment process to hire and onboard a permanent CAO.



STEGH SHARES 2022 MILESTONES AND FUTURE PLANS

Representatives from the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) presented County Council with an overview of our local hospital's patient services, 2022 achievements, key challenges, risks, and ongoing upgrades.

To view the full STEGH presentation, please access the May 9, 2023, Council Agenda Package.

DRIVING PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING: A LOOK INTO WESTERN ONTARIO WARDEN'S CAUCUS 2023-2024 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director for the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC), provided County Council with an overview of the organization and their 2023-2024 strategic priorities. WOWC is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper- and single-tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario with a goal of enhancing the prosperity and overall well-being of rural and small urban communities across the region.

At the forefront of WOWC's 2023-2024 priorities are housing, a workforce to support economic growth, and lastly, mental health, addictions and homelessness.

WOWC advocates on behalf of the 15 municipalities through meetings with Ministers and senior government officials and through partnering with various regional partners such as Community Futures Western Ontario and the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR).



ENHANCING SAFETY: NEW COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE AND SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION APPROVED NEAR ALDBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

In response to a request received by the Municipality of West Elgin, County Council approved extending the existing reduced speed zone along Furnival Road for an additional 190m and the establishment of a Community Safety Zone within the school zone area.

This decision was made to accommodate normal school day traffic activities surrounding Aldborough Public School in the Village of Rodney while considering the school's new entrance location and existing roadway geometry.

ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL TAKES A STAND AGAINST HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN LOCAL LEADERSHIP WITH BILL 5 ENDORSEMENT

The County of Elgin and its Council have shown their dedication to good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies by endorsing Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. They have submitted a letter of support to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Rob Flack, and the municipalities of Elgin County.

PLANNING UPDATES



Elgin County Council granted draft plan approval to Draft Plan of Subdivision and Draft Plan of Condominium by CJDL Consulting Engineers on behalf of Performance Communities Realty Inc in the Township of Malahide and the Town of Aylmer.

County Council also granted approval to the revised Draft Plan of Subdivision, as prepared by CJDL Limited on behalf of 11:28 Properties Inc in the Municipality of Bayham.

Paul Hicks, the Acting Manager of Planning for Elgin, presented an overview of the updates made to Ontario's Draft Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS outlines the land use policies and regulations of the Province, covering a broad range of planning matters. This document holds significant influence over the development of official plans for both local and county levels, as well as all land use planning approvals. Council directed Mr. Hicks to prepare comments addressing the changes outlined in the PPS with regard to the changes to the agricultural policies and the urban settlement boundary policies to the Province through the Ontario Environmental Registry.

For the complete May 9, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).