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FLAGS OF CHANGE: EMPOWERING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ACROSS ELGIN

The County of Elgin frequently receives requests from community groups and organizations for flag raisings and proclamations to promote their programs or initiatives and raise public awareness.

Elgin's Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy states, "Elgin County Council reserves the right to determine which flags will be displayed at the County Administration Building and will strive to accommodate and provide opportunities for community groups to display their flags."

County Council approved two requests for proclamations and flag raisings at their July 11 meeting.

Elgin County Drowning Prevention Coalition

The Coalition requested that July 16-22, 2023, be proclaimed Drowning Prevention Week, and their flag be raised on July 19, 2023. This aligns with the National Drowning Prevention Week of the Lifesaving Society of Canada.

Childcan

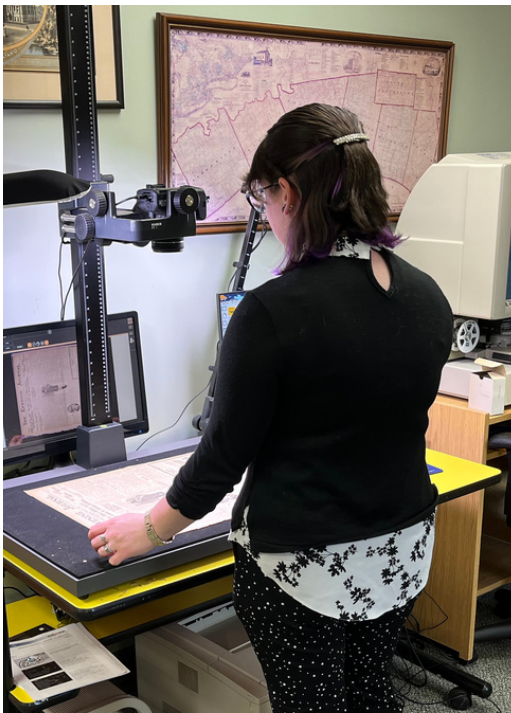
Dave and Maureen Jenkins, representing Childcan, have also requested the County to raise a flag and proclaim September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

PLANNING UPDATES

Elgin's Acting Manager of Planning, Paul Hicks, provided Council with two planning-related reports. Council granted approval to the following planning matters:

- Approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 22 to the Official Plan of the Town of Aylmer. This amendment aims to alter the land use classification at 230 John Street in Aylmer from "Highway Commercial" to "Residential," allowing the former hardware store property to be utilized for multi-residential purposes.
- Approved a revised Draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by MTE Ontario Land Surveyors in the Municipality of Central Elgin. This revision removes Block 183 from the Draft Plan of Subdivision as a result of Thames Valley District School Board expropriating lands to build a new school in the town of Belmont.

PRESERVING ELGIN'S HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Elgin's Archives department is currently digitizing a large volume of its records, which is maximizing storage capacity on County servers. If an alternative solution is not found soon, this issue could potentially compromise or completely disable the functionality of other critical County applications.

Community & Cultural Services staff have suggested moving Archives and Museum software, along with associated digital image and text files, to the Cloud to alleviate this issue. County Council has approved an agreement with Andornot Consulting Inc. for Cloud hosting and software services.

For the complete July 11, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).