



March 2026

Throughout March, Central Elgin continued to advance several key initiatives while maintaining a strong focus on community engagement and long-term planning.

In the last month Council held three meetings including a public meeting for the Hospital Lands Official Plan Amendment, and a Special Meeting that included a workshop on the Community Services Master Plan. At the March 9 Council meeting, Council adopted the Asset Management Plan and received the Fire Rescue Services 2025 Annual Report, among other important agenda items. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13. As always, agendas, minutes, and meeting recordings are available on the Municipality's website.

I was pleased to attend the **Long Point Biosphere Region** North Shore Resilience Project Open House in Port Stanley. This session provided valuable insight into how extreme weather and rising water levels are impacting the Lake Erie shoreline, and how the group is exploring practical, community-informed solutions to address coastal challenges.

I also had the opportunity to tour the **Steelway Building Systems** facility, the largest industry in Central Elgin and a leading Canadian manufacturer of steel building systems. Founded in 1976, Steelway continues to operate as a family-owned business delivering customized steel building solutions and contributing significantly to our local economy.

Community engagement remained a strong focus this month as well. We hosted two open houses, in Belmont and Lynhurst, as part of the Community Services Master Plan process. Later this week, on Thursday, April 2, 6-8 p.m. we will be hosting a third open house in Port Stanley. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far, your input is essential in helping guide future planning and investment in recreation and community services across Central Elgin.

Significant work also continues on the former Psychiatric Hospital lands. The Municipality has issued a Request for Proposals seeking a development partner to help deliver a complete community on this 370-acre site. The vision includes a mix of housing, park space, a vibrant main street, and a connected transportation network. This project represents a major opportunity to support housing supply, economic growth, and long-term community building. Interested developers can review the RFP through the Municipality's Bids & Tenders portal: <https://centralelgin.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>. The bidding period closes on May 4, 2026 at 2 p.m.

This week, I am attending the Good Roads Conference, which provides an important opportunity to connect with municipal leaders from across the province, share ideas, and explore practical approaches to addressing infrastructure and transportation challenges. Looking ahead to April, the Municipality will be hosting a Candidate Information Session on Monday, April 20 for anyone considering running in the 2026 Municipal Election. This session will provide an overview of the nomination process, the role of Council, and an opportunity to have your questions answered.

Finally, as we head into the Easter weekend, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. I hope you enjoy the long weekend with family and friends.

— Andrew



At Steelway Building Systems



With Minister Flack at Good Roads Conference



Community Services Master Plan Open House