

Ward 4 Town Hall



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Councillor David Conners



WHO DOES WHAT?



Province of Ontario

- Highway 3

County of Elgin

- Wellington Road
- St. George Street
- Ron McNeil Line
- Ferguson Line

Municipality of Central Elgin

- Remaining public streets
- Drinking water system
- Wastewater collection system
- Bridges
- Parks
- Street lighting
- Sidewalks



HISTORICAL MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT: ROADS

Time Period	Amount of Municipal Investment (2022 \$)
1998 - 2002	\$2,753,804
2003 - 2007	\$3,278,570
2008 - 2012	\$8,259,600
2013 - 2017	\$0
2018 - 2022	\$5,960,920

Total Investment approximately \$20.25 million.

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HISTORICAL MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT: STORM SEWERS

Time Period	Amount of Municipal Investment (2022 \$)
1998 - 2002	\$0
2003 - 2007	\$0
2008 - 2012	\$0
2013 - 2017	\$18,900
2018 - 2022	\$212,925

Total Investment approximately \$231,000

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HISTORICAL MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT: WATERMAIN

Time Period	Amount of Municipal Investment (2022 \$)
1998 - 2002	\$150,950
2003 - 2007	\$1,193,670
2008 - 2012	\$116,460
2013 - 2017	\$0
2018 - 2022	\$134,725

Total Investment approximately \$1.6 million.

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Community Priorities 2023 & 2024

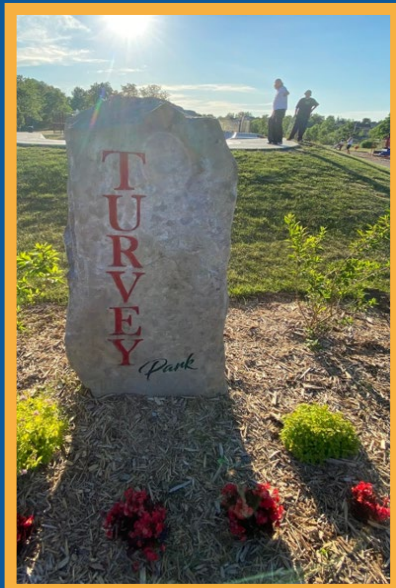
Town Hall Priorities

- Water Rates
- Safety and security in Turvey Park
- Speeding and safety concerns in residential areas
- Secondary exit from McBain subdivision
- Taxes
- Transparency and Accountability
- Speed limits - Wellington Road and Yarmouth Centre Road



Turvey Park

- Turvey Park Lighting and Multi-Use Path now complete.
- Extended Wellington Road sidewalk to Turvey Park entrance.
- Turvey Park remains a popular and well-loved destination for the community.

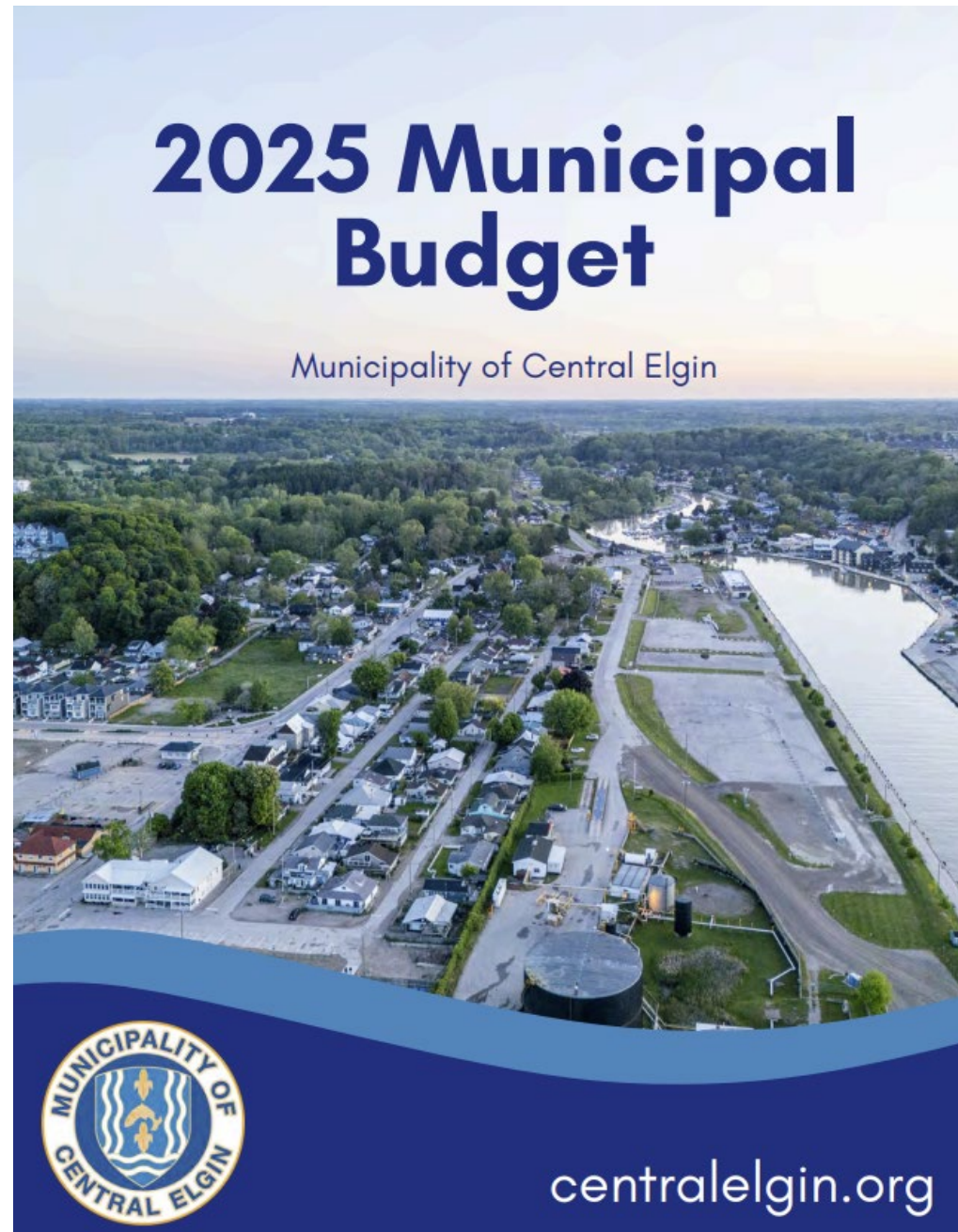


Road Safety

- Three speed radars in rotation throughout Central Elgin. Speed radar was installed in 2024 and will be back into rotation in Lynhurst in 2025.
- Children at play, speed signs installed for traffic calming. Builder has also placed their own speed reminder signage.
- Resident concerns about speed limits and speeding concerns have been heard and raised.



2025 Municipal Budget



- Zero % tax rate increase
- \$15.3 Million in Capital investments across Central Elgin
- A zero percent increase was made possible in part by the Municipality's assessment growth and interest earned on investments and bank balances, most notably, the \$15 million settlement Central Elgin received in 2024 from the boundary compensation agreement with St. Thomas.
- This approach was recommended as it benefits all Central Elgin rate payers to minimize potential municipal tax increases.

Emergency and Community Services

- **Central Elgin Fire Department** – Four stations in Central Elgin with over 100 volunteer firefighters. We have mutual aid agreements with other municipalities for additional support if needed.
- **Police** – Central Elgin works with the Ontario Provincial Police to protect the community.
- **Medavie EMS Elgin Ontario** – Provides emergency ground ambulance pre-hospital care to Elgin County.
- **Library** – two library branches in Port Stanley and Belmont part of the Elgin County Library system.
- **Water** - Residents have access to clean, dependable water, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The drinking water system is supplied through seven different sources including the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System, the St. Thomas Suburban System, the St. Thomas Secondary System, the Port Burwell Secondary System, the Aylmer Area Secondary System, the City of London, and Central Elgin's own well supply in Belmont.
- **Wastewater** - The wastewater management system collects and conveys wastewater from private property where it can be treated before returning it to the natural watercourse. Wastewater is treated at the St. Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant, Port Stanley Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Belmont Lagoons.

Projects completed in Lynhurst in recent years

Watermain

- 2003-2007 – Wellington Road, St. George, Independent, Davis, Parkins, Crescent, Woodland, Battram, Lynhurst and Hillcrest
- 2008-2012 – Wellington Road Watermain Extension
- 2018-2022 – Watertower Line

Storm Sewers

- 2018-2022 – Crescent, Woodland, Battram, Lynhurst & Hillcrest. (Also included Road reconstruction & new sidewalks)

Sanitary Sewers

- 2021 Woodland Road Pump Station Refurbishments
- 2025 Pump Station – Electrical Panel Replacements – Crescent Ave & Turvey Park pump stations

Other projects

- Turvey Park – New amenities at Turvey including pathways, Skate Park, playground equipment, emergency access, multi-use court, trail lighting.
- Sidewalks – Wellington Road – Crescent to St. George & St. George to McBain, St. George.
- Carr Road Bridge Rehab (2012)
- Surface Treatment of various road through Ward 4.

2025

Water and Wastewater Rates

Water and Wastewater Rates		
Wastewater	2025	2024
Consumption Rate (\$/m3)	\$2.85	\$2.85
Base Charge	\$44.17	\$40.84
Water	2025	2024
Consumption Rate (\$/m3)	\$3.24	\$3.19
Base Charge 5/8" & 3/4"	\$32.31	\$36.19

Residential Average Monthly Bill		
	2025	2024
Wastewater	\$75.52	\$72.19
Water	\$67.95	\$71.28
Total	\$143.47	\$143.47
Estimated monthly residential bill based on 11.8 m3/month consumption (average consumption for a family of four).		

- Reduced Water Base Charge
- Maintained Wastewater Consumption Rate
- Most residential customers will pay the same each month in 2025 as they did in 2024.
- Council participated in Water & Wastewater workshop to better understand rates and rate scenarios



Former Psychiatric Hospital Lands

Over the next several years, Central Elgin is poised for significant new residential and employment growth following a historic investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to establish Volkswagen's first overseas electric vehicle battery manufacturing facility. The facility, set to open in 2027, will create up to 3,000 direct jobs and as many as 30,000 indirect jobs across the region.

To support this economic opportunity, anticipated population growth and the accompanying demand for a full range of housing options, Central Elgin is proactively planning for a complete, mixed-use community that will meet the needs of current and future residents.

As part of the 2024 Settlement for Boundary Adjustment Compensation with St. Thomas, in addition to the \$15 million payment, Central Elgin also received 1,700 cubic metres per day of wastewater treatment capacity to support the redevelopment of this property, along with 6,000 cubic metres per day of wastewater treatment capacity.

In January, Council held a visioning session to begin thinking of the possibilities for the site.

In May, Council approved the Vision and Guiding Principles for the redevelopment. This decision marks the initial step in creating a comprehensive planning framework for a significant mixed-use community.

STAY TUNED: Public engagement will begin in fall 2025. Stay up-to-date at: letstalkcentralelgin.ca



Ward 4 Wins

- Zero percent municipal tax rate increase
- Maintaining water and wastewater rates
- Addressing safety and security in Turvey Park
- Turvey Park Multi-Use Path
- Paving of Hillcrest Avenue
- Freeman Lane sidewalk extension
- Multiple sidewalk panel replacements throughout Ward 4
- New Wellington Road/McBain Line Sidewalk
- Crescent Ave Electrical Panel Pump Station Upgrade
- Control panel replacement at Lynhurst sewage pumping station
- Ongoing advocacy for secondary entrance to McBain subdivision



Thank you for joining us!

Please feel free to reach out anytime

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