

THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN

Council Highlights

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Press Release

Bill 63, St. Thomas - Central Elgin Boundary Adjustment Act, 2023

Mayor Sloan read to the record a press release regarding **Bill 63, the St. Thomas – Central Elgin Boundary Adjustment Act, 2023**.

This bill, introduced on February 22 by the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, would annex 1,500 acres from the Municipality into the City of St. Thomas in order to create an investment-ready mega site. These lands are significantly greater than the lands previously discussed in a **joint press release** from the City of St. Thomas and City of St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation issued on June 8, 2022.

Central Elgin has been working with the province to establish **employment lands**. This loss of land, combined with elevated costs of living, including increases in taxes and utility rates, could have a significant impact on the community.

The Municipality is disappointed that the provisions of the **Municipal Act, 2001** that provide for mutually agreeable boundary adjustments have not been utilized. Mayor Sloan expressed concern over why the investment-ready mega site was not placed wholly within the Municipality of Central Elgin, where the majority of the land exists.

Mayor Sloan emphasized the importance of the employment lands, stating that they were the best hope to reduce water and taxation levels for residents. The Municipality has worked with MPP Flack and the Province to address these challenges and is looking for a firm commitment to support the community.

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Port Stanley Flood Control Harbour Dredging

To reduce the risk of flooding in Port Stanley, the Council has approved an inner harbour dredging project. Council instructed staff to issue a tender to excavate sediment from the bottom of the harbour, from King George VI Lift Bridge south to the harbour's mouth. This will create capacity for water to flow during floods.

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Consultant for Updating Zoning By-law & Design Standards

Council accepted the proposal from **Dillon Consulting Limited** for a Comprehensive Zoning By-law and Urban Design Standards. This project is aimed at consolidating and updating the existing zoning by-laws to provide guidance for Central Elgin's land use development over the next 25 years. In addition, urban design standards will be created to address future vision and design objectives for public, institutional, industrial, and commercial properties. Dillon Consulting Limited was selected for this contract based on the highest combined score on their technical proposal and price proposal, making them the ideal choice for this important work. We look forward to seeing the results of this project and the positive impact it will have on our community.

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