



June 2026

Happy Canada Day!

I hope everyone gets a chance to spend some time to celebrate our magnificent country. There are great events taking place throughout Central Elgin and across Elgin County. Visit centralelgin.org to see local events and find ways to celebrate close to home. Central Elgin has a strong sense of community that defines our municipality and our success is due to the people who make it such a welcoming place to live in and visit.

June had some highlights I would like to share:

I was pleased to join colleagues in raising the Blue Flag at Port Stanley's Main Beach for 2026, marking 16 years that the beach has earned this prestigious designation for meeting the highest international standards for water quality, environmental stewardship, safety, accessibility, and visitor services.

The month also included the grand opening of Greg Tarry Park in the Eagle Ridge subdivision. It was wonderful to see so many residents come together to celebrate this new community space, which I hope will be enjoyed by families for generations to come. As Doug Tarry from [Doug Tarry Homes](#) stated, "we just want kids to play".

In my role as Chair of the Elgin OPP Detachment Board, I attended the Police Governance Ontario Annual General Meeting and Conference in Niagara Falls where I had the opportunity to connect with police governance leaders from across Ontario, share best practices, and discuss emerging issues that will help strengthen public safety in our community.

I also attended the Ward 4 Town Hall alongside Deputy Mayor Noble and Councillor Connors. This is the fourth town hall Councillor Connors has organized and as always there were some interesting moments! Thank you to residents who attended and shared thoughtful questions, ideas, and feedback.

The 41st Annual Walk for Dog Guides was another highlight. Thank you to the Kettle Creek Swans for organizing a successful event and for the important work you do supporting Canadians who rely on Dog Guides every day.

At the most recent Council meeting, several important items were considered and advanced, including approval of the Belmont Road and Seventh Avenue Contribution Agreement, the award of a Request for Quotations for engineering consulting services for the Pleasant Valley Line Bridge, and the awarding of the tender for the Port Stanley Storm Sewer Upsizing Project Phase 1B. These decisions reflect continued progress on key infrastructure projects across Central Elgin.

Summer is officially underway, and we are pleased to welcome back lifeguards to Port Stanley Main Beach. Whether spending time on the beach, swimming, or enjoying the waterfront, I encourage everyone to make safety a priority so we can all enjoy another wonderful beach season.

To help make parking easier during holidays and long weekends, our parking enforcement team will be available throughout Canada Day to answer questions and assist those using our municipal parking lots. Visitors will also notice new shelters over the parking machines at Main Beach, which reduce screen glare and make the machines easier to use.

Finally, congratulations to Port Stanley resident Wendy MacMillan, recipient of the 2026 Elgin County Senior of the Year Award. Wendy's years of volunteer service and dedication to supporting older adults have made a lasting difference in our community.

On behalf of Council and staff, I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and memorable Canada Day.

All the best,
Andrew

