



June 2025

June has been a memorable month in Central Elgin, filled with community spirit and local achievements.

One standout moment was joining Minister Flack, Deputy Mayor Noble, Councillor Graham, and members of the Port Stanley Village Association Inc. at Little Beach for the unveiling of the new Mobility Mats. This project exemplifies what we can accomplish when community groups, residents, and local government work together to improve accessibility and inclusion.

I also had the opportunity to join Councillor Conners and Deputy Mayor Noble at the Ward 4 Town Hall. It was encouraging to hear directly from residents and engage in meaningful conversations about local issues and priorities. As a result of those discussions, staff are now investigating potential traffic calming measures and increased parking enforcement in the McBain Subdivision, and will report back to Council for consideration. Thank you to everyone who attended - your input plays a vital role in shaping the future of Central Elgin.

Council agendas were full this month, with several important decisions and approvals. Council approved a new Community Grants and Sponsorship Pilot Program, allocating \$50,000 to support local volunteer and community-based organizations - stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. Other approvals included a cost-sharing agreement with Doug Tarry Homes for a new park in the Eagle Ridge Subdivision, the re-establishment of a Lifejacket Loaner Program at Port Stanley Main Beach, updated planning application fees, the adoption of the Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law, and the tender for the 2025 Hotmix Paving Program.

In the community, I was pleased to attend the annual Rosy Rhubarb Festival, as well as an open house at Mistyglan Creamery also attended by Malahide Mayor Giguère and St. Thomas Councillor Earl Taylor. The event featured an impressive demonstration by the Central Elgin Fire Rescue team Belmont Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, showcasing their auto extrication tools and sharing important public safety information.

We were proud to raise the Blue Flag once again at Port Stanley's Main Beach after receiving the prestigious international Blue Flag designation for the 15th consecutive year. This honour reflects our community's and staff's ongoing commitment to safety and environmental stewardship along our beautiful shoreline.

As we look ahead to the Canada Day long weekend, on behalf of Council and staff, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Canada Day. It's a time to celebrate the diversity, beauty, and shared spirit of our nation - whether you're enjoying fireworks, a backyard BBQ, or time by the lake.

Have a great summer!

Andrew

Join us for local celebrations

- Monday, June 30: Port Stanley will light up the night with fireworks at dusk, thanks to the generosity of a local community supporter.
- Tuesday, July 1: The Belmont Canada Day Committee is hosting a day of family fun, beginning with a bicycle safety course, activities at the Don Yeck Park Pavilion, and ending with a spectacular fireworks show.