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Today, May 1, we recognize National First Responders Day. To Central Elgin Fire Rescue, Elgin OPP, Elgin EMS, and all emergency personnel, thank you for your continued commitment to serving our community.

Spring maintenance is underway across the municipality, with crews focused on road and sidewalk repairs, street sweeping, and preparing beaches and public spaces. Tennis and pickleball nets are installed, with sports field preparation, washroom openings, and road maintenance continuing in the coming weeks.

I was pleased to join Minister **Rob Flack**, Deputy Mayor Todd Noble, and Councillor Michelle Graham to celebrate provincial and federal investments supporting flood mitigation in Port Stanley, helping protect homes, businesses, and community infrastructure. We appreciate the ongoing support of our federal and provincial partners as we continue building a more resilient community.

In April, Council approved the Hospital Lands Official Plan Amendment, a significant milestone in planning for the future of this site. The Request for Proposals to identify development partners remains open until May 4, with submissions to be considered by Council in June.

Council also awarded the tender for the Seventh Avenue Road Reconstruction in Belmont. This work is necessary to support the opening of the new Belmont Meadows Public School and enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians, and students in the surrounding area.

Through the 2026 Community Grant and Sponsorship Program, Council approved funding for 11 local projects that support community groups and strengthen quality of life across Central Elgin. This week I attended the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference to connect with municipal leaders and discuss shared challenges and opportunities for smaller communities like ours.

Locally I was pleased to attend the St. Thomas & District Chamber of Commerce Impact Awards and participate in the Ontario Association of Police Boards meeting which was held in Central Elgin.

Tomorrow, May 2, I will be participating in a community meet and greet with Deputy Mayor Noble and Councillor Graham, hosted by the **Port Stanley Village Association Inc.** I look forward to connecting with residents and hearing your thoughts.

Looking ahead, the Victoria Day long weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, and we look forward to a busy and exciting season across Central Elgin.

-Andrew Sloan



