

Central Elgin CONNECT



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Mayor Andrew Sloan

On behalf of Central Elgin Council and Municipal staff, welcome to the summer 2026 issue of Central Elgin Connect.

As we near the end of this four-year Council term, it is important to reflect on what we have accomplished together as a community.

Over the past four years, Council has made thoughtful decisions with a focus on affordability, responsible financial management, and long-term sustainability. We have worked to balance investments in infrastructure, public safety, and community services while managing costs for residents and maintaining the high quality of life that makes Central Elgin such a great place to live.

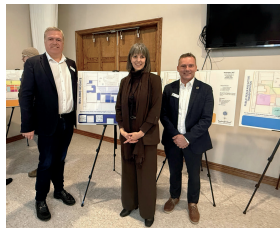
Important projects continue to move forward. The first phase of the Port Stanley Storm Sewer Upsizing Project was completed in the spring, and the next phase will begin this fall to help reduce flooding risks and improve stormwater management. Reconstruction of Seventh Avenue in Belmont will improve safety for pedestrians and drivers through road widening, a new intersection, and a sidewalk connection to Belmont Meadows Public School. We are also implementing traffic calming measures across the municipality in response to resident feedback.

Council continues to invest in community amenities and public spaces. This year, we were pleased to officially open Greg Tarry Park in the Eagle Ridge subdivision and install a new washroom facility at Little Beach. Through the 2026 Community Grant and Sponsorship Program, Council also approved \$25,000 in funding to support 11 local projects and initiatives across Central Elgin.

Looking ahead, planning for the future remains a priority. Progress continues on the Hospital Lands redevelopment project, and work is underway on the Community Services Master Plan, which will help guide future investments in parks, recreation, programs, and community spaces based on resident feedback.

As this Council term comes to a close, I would like to thank residents for their continued engagement and feedback. The progress we have made together has been possible through the strong partnership between Council, staff, community organizations, and residents. Together, we have built a strong foundation for Central Elgin's future.

Sincerely,
Andrew



Meet:
Delany Leitch, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

What inspired you to work in municipal government?

I'm fortunate to have deep roots in Elgin County and community mindedness and local pride have always been at the forefront of my life. My career started in public service at the provincial level, followed by upper tier and now at the local municipal level, and I really enjoy being able to help people and do what I can to improve our little corner of the world.



What does preparing for a municipal election look like for you?

Preparations really start to take shape in the year before the election. Council decides on the method of voting that will be used and from there, the Clerk begins engaging vendors and preparing the robust policy framework that we are required to have in place. Then, we build and train our team, secure locations, issue public communications, and assist candidates with filing nominations.

How can residents prepare ahead of voting day?

Residents can get election ready by reviewing their information on the Voter's List to make sure it is accurate before the big day. They can also review the advance voting dates and make a plan to cast their ballots either on October 26 or before.

What should residents know about running for municipal office?

Prospective candidates should review the Candidate Information on the municipal website. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has a fantastic guide that is a great starting point for preparing a campaign. Please contact me anytime with any questions and to arrange an appointment when you are ready to file your nomination.

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Municipal Election Day is
Monday, October 26, 2026

Visit centralelgin.org for candidate information, voter resources, important dates, and everything you need to know about the Municipal Election.



Get on the
voters list today.

RegisterToVoteON.ca
1.866.242.3025

Looking for the latest construction updates?
Visit letstalkcentralelgin.ca to find project information, schedules, and updates for the Port Stanley Storm Sewer Upsizing Phase 1B and Belmont Road & Seventh Avenue Improvements. Stay informed about project timelines, construction impacts, and progress throughout the season.





Take a look for these crop signs as you travel through Central Elgin this summer. These signs help tell the story of local agriculture by highlighting what's growing in local fields and the many products these crops become.

The next time you pass a field, take a moment to appreciate the hard work of our local farmers.



Lifeguards at Main Beach
Port Stanley Main Beach is patrolled July through to September. Lifeguards are stationed at five lifeguard towers.
Monday to Friday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, and holidays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.



Lifejacket Lending Program
Borrow a lifejacket for free at Main Beach. Lifejackets are available at the central lifeguard tower during lifeguard beach patrol hours. Lifejackets are available in Adult, Youth, Child, and Infant sizes and can be borrowed at no cost.