



February 1, 2024 Council Highlights

Delegation by the Small Business Enterprise Centre

Mike Kerkvliet & Elle Crevits presented to Council regarding the Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) in St. Thomas. The SBEC serves business owners across Elgin County at all stages of starting, growing and exiting a business. They provide free 1-on-1 consultations and grants! Visit their website for more information: <https://www.sbecinnovation.ca/>.

2023 Annual Drinking Water and Compliance Summary Reporting

Council received the 2023 drinking water and compliance summary reporting for the Bayham and Richmond systems. The reporting was positive for both municipal systems.

2023 4th Quarter Drainage Report

Council received the 4th quarter drainage report from 2023 outlining which drains have received maintenance, the status of ongoing projects, and what is known to be upcoming for 2024.

Development Reports

Two (2) reports pertaining to Planning matters were presented and approved:

- A Zoning By-law Amendment – MacAloney
- Revised Subdivision Agreement – Sandytown Subdivision, Straffordville

Both by-laws were adopted by Council.

Six-Month Shared Services Update

Bayham and Malahide share staff for services of Building and By-law Enforcement. A Report was presented to Council for a six-month update on the shared services arrangement, where cost savings and increased level of service areas were highlighted and potential areas of concerns were discussed with Council. The Report specifically highlighted substantial cost savings in building services and increased staffing capacity in both departments.

Port Burwell Lighthouse Status and Costing Update

A Report was presented to Council with information pertaining to restoration options for the Lighthouse and the associated costs. It was discussed that grant opportunities may be more achievable if the project is 'shovel ready', however, to be 'shovel ready' will cost approximately \$91,880 in accordance with the estimate received by Council in 2023.

The adjacent land owner and the Municipality currently have a License Agreement for use of lands for the stabilization measures, and it was discussed that this Agreement may need to be extended. It was also noted that the heritage designation of the Lighthouse is up for debate as it has been found that the heritage designation by-law was never registered on title. Council directed staff to continue discussion with the abutting landowner to extend the existing agreement in support of the continued stabilization and rehabilitation of the Lighthouse.

**For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes [HERE](#)
and watch the YouTube live-stream [HERE](#)**

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 5th day of February, 2024.

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