6:00 p.m. The meeting convened with Her Worship, Mayor Heather Jackson, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members
Mayor H. Jackson
Councillor M. Burgess
G. Clarke
J. Rymal
L. Stevenson
M. Tinlin
S. Wookey

Officials
W. Graves, City Manager
M. Konefal, City Clerk
D. Aristone, Director of Finance and City Treasurer
R. Broadbent, Fire Chief
M. Carroll, Valleyview Administrator
G. Dart, Director, Human Resources
P. Keenan, Director, Planning
J. Lawrence, Director, Environmental Services
J. McCoomb, Planner
E. Sebestyen, Acting Director, Ontario Works
R. Tucker, Director, Parks & Recreation

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session was held in Committee Room #204 and the minutes are located at the end of Regular Open Council Business.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The members observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Sharon Crosby, former member of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

PRESENTATIONS

St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation - Achievement Awards

Mayor Jackson recognized the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation for receiving the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Marketing Excellence for its community-driven #stthomasproud campaign and an award for the use of Technology and New Media in Economic Development Marketing at the recent Economic Developers Council of Ontario event.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Burgess - Stevenson:

THAT: The minutes of the meetings held on February 1st, 2016 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to deal with the following business.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Urban Design Committee Name Change - Appendix “A”

Motion by Councillor Stevenson - Clarke:

THAT: Report ADM-03-16 relating to the Urban Design Committee Name Change be received for information; and further,

THAT: The name of the Urban Design Committee be changed to the Community Improvement Program Evaluation Committee.

Carried.

Application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Chester Street Christian Fellowship 10A Chester Street - Appendix “B”

Motion by Councillor Rymal - Wookey:

THAT: Report PD-03-16 relating to an Application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Chester Street Christian Fellowship 10A Chester Street be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council authorize staff to prepare a site specific draft amendment to the Zoning By-law 50-88 to permit residential use within the existing church building on lands at 10A Chester Street, City of St. Thomas; and further,

THAT: A public meeting be scheduled for March 14th, 2016 at 5:40 p.m. in accordance with Ontario Regulation 545/06.

Carried.

Application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Triple M Metal, 245 Edward Street - Appendix “C”

Motion by Councillor Kohler - Clarke:

THAT: Report PD-04-16 relating to an Application for a Zoning By-Law Amendment - Triple M Metal, 245 Edward Street be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council authorize staff to prepare a site specific draft amendment to the Zoning By-law 50-88 to permit a metals transfer station use accessory to the main industrial metal recycling use on lands at 245 Edward Street; and further,

THAT: A public meeting be scheduled for March 14th, 2016 at 5:50 p.m. in accordance with Ontario Regulation 545/06.

Carried.

Application by Shawside Development Limited for Approval of a Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium, File No. 34CDM-16501 - Appendix “D”

Motion by Councillor Stevenson - Burgess:

THAT: Report PD-05-16 relating to an Application by Shawside Development Limited for Approval of a Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium, File No 34CDM-16501 be received for information; and further,

THAT: The application by Shawside Development Limited for approval of a proposed draft plan of Vacant Land Condominium, File No. 34CDM-16501 be received; and further,
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THAT: A public meeting be scheduled for March 14th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with Ontario Regulations 543/06 and 545/06, as amended.

Carried

Municipality of Central Elgin - Zoning By-law Amendment - 146-156 William Street

Notice of a public meeting regarding a proposed zoning by-law amendment to be held on March 1st, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to permit a mixed use development consisting of 52 residential units in a nine storey apartment building with commercial space on the main floor and three detached residential units fronting on Edith Cavell Boulevard.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of Passing - Zoning By-law Amendment - 43337 Fruit Ridge Line

Notice of passing of a zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to recognize three existing dwellings on retained lands and to permit a side yard setback of three metres in recognition of the location of one of the dwellings to the new side lot line.


Notice of passing of a zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to amend the general provisions of Zoning By-Law 1998 relating to fencing.

Municipality of Central Elgin - Notice of Passing - Zoning By-law Amendment - General Provisions

Notice of passing of a zoning by-law amendment was received from the Municipality of Central Elgin to amend the general provisions of Zoning By-Law 91-21 relating to fencing.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Health Recruitment Partnership - Dr. Derek Haruta - Appendix “E”

The members requested further information about the status of physician recruitment.

Councillor Wookey advised that the Health Recruitment Partnership is involved with not only recruiting new physicians but also with replacing retiring physicians.

The City Manager advised that the by-law to authorize an agreement would be postponed until a final determination is made regarding the potential funding recipients.

Motion by Councillor Wookey - Tinlin:

THAT: Report ADM-02-16 relating to the Health Recruitment Partnership and Dr. Derek Haruta be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council approve Health Recruitment funding for Dr. Haruta for a total of six family physicians; and further,

THAT: A by-law be prepared to enter into a funding agreement with Dr. Haruta for the six family physician positions; and further,
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THAT: By-Law 94-2015 relating to the original funding agreement be repealed.

Carried.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

Ice Rental Rates

Councillor Kohler advised that a question had been raised by a user relating to ice rental rates.

By consensus, the members directed that a report relating to ice rental rates be prepared for a future meeting of Council.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CIVIC OPERATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

St. Thomas Transit Bus

Councillor Kohler advised that he had received a complaint about Bus #1502 relating to a trip hazard and loose seating.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Attendance for Council July 1st to December 31st, 2015 - Appendix “F”

Motion by Councillor Tinlin - Burgess:

THAT: Report CC-04-16 relating to the Semi-Annual Attendance for Council from July 1st to December 31st, 2015 be received for information.

Carried.

Council Committee Room #204 - Camera Installation

The members inquired about the progress of camera installation in Committee Room #204 for live streaming of Council meetings.

The City Manager advised that an investigation of alternate technologies is ongoing and that Administration would report back to Council.

Multi-Year Budgeting

The members inquired about the concept of multi-year budgeting.

Mayor Jackson advised that the budget process has been scheduled for a future Reference Committee meeting.

BUSINESS CONCLUDED

COUNCIL

Council reconvened into regular session.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Strategic Direction and Development

Community Engagement and Services

Infrastructure and Civic Operations

Corporate Governance and Administration

Motion by Councillor Wookey - Burgess:

THAT: The recommendations, directions and actions of Council in Committee of the Whole as recorded in the minutes of this date be confirmed, ratified and adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority - Appendix “G”

Mayor Heather Jackson provided an update on the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority’s services, activities, and partnerships.

Catfish Creek Conservation Authority - Appendix “H”

Councillor Mark Tinlin provided an update on the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority’s services, activities, and partnerships.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

“Kinsmen and Kinettes Week” - February 21st to 27th, 2016 - Proclamation and Flag Raising

Mayor Jackson requested that a member of Council attend the flag raising in her absence.

Motion by Councillor Clarke - Rymal:

THAT: Council proclaim the week of February 21st to 27th, 2016 as “Kinsmen and Kinettes Week” in the City of St. Thomas; and further,

THAT: The Kin Canada flag be flown at City Hall for the week; and further,

THAT: A flag raising ceremony be held at City Hall on February 22nd, 2016.

Carried.

“The VIA 1-4-10 Plan: A Recovery Strategy for Canada’s Rail Passenger Service”

A letter was received from David Mayberry, Warden, County of Oxford regarding the Transport Action Ontario “VIA 1-4-10 Plan”. The plan is available for viewing at www.transport-action.ca

Motion by Councillor Rymal - Tinlin:

THAT: The Council of the City of St. Thomas endorse the Transport Action Ontario “VIA 1-4-10 Plan”; and further,

THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Karen Vecchio, MP, Elgin-Middlesex-London, Premier Kathleen Wynne, and Jeff Yurek, MPP, Elgin-Middlesex-London.

Carried.
“Light the Night” - Letter of Thanks

A letter was received from Sara Teare, Organizer, Light the Night thanking the community and the Parks and Recreation Department for their support and assistance in hosting the “Light the Night” event.

Pickleball and Tennis Courts in Pinafore Park - Letter of Thanks

A letter was received from Dave Hall, President, St. Thomas Pickleball Club thanking Council for capital funding of new pickleball and tennis courts at Pinafore Park.

South West Local Health Integration Network - February 16th, 2016

Councillor Stevenson advised that the South West Local Health Integration Network would be hosting a networking session at Memorial Arena on February 16th, 2016 relating to health service integration and best practices around collaboration.

State of the Municipalities Luncheon - February 17, 2016

Councillor Stevenson advised that the State of the Municipalities Luncheon would be held on at the St. Anne’s Centre on February 17, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Spellbound Event - Kettle Creek Conservation Trust

Mayor Jackson advised about the upcoming Spellbound event being held at the St. Anne’s Centre, which raises funds for the Kettle Creek Environmental Trust and supports stewardship projects in Elgin County.

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation - 2016 World Tubing Championships

Mayor Jackson reminded the members about the 2016 World Tubing Championships being held on Saturday, February 13th, 2016, with opening ceremonies including fireworks, taking place on Friday, February 12th, 2016.

Timken Centre - Public Skating

Mayor Jackson stated that free public skating would be available at the Timken Centre on February 15th, 2016 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in partnership with Brix and Stix, Active Elgin, and the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Police Headquarters

The City Manager advised that biweekly onsite meetings are being held and that despite warm winter weather challenges, foundation walls are in the process of being constructed.

BY-LAWS

Motion by Councillor Stevenson - Wookey:

THAT: Leave be granted to bring in the following by-laws:

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 8th day of February, 2016.

2. A by-law to assume certain lands as part of the public highway within the City of St. Thomas. (daylighting corners - Burwell Road and Edward Street)
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3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Doug. Tarry Limited. (File No.: SPC 05-15 - 300 Manor Road - four storey 53-unit apartment building)

Carried.

**First and Second Readings**

Motion by Councillor Stevenson - Wookey:

THAT: The by-laws be now read a first time, referred to Council in Committee of the Whole and read a second time.

Carried.

Councillor Clarke was appointed Chair of Council in Committee of the Whole and conducted the second reading of the by-laws.

On motion duly moved and seconded, the Chair was ordered to report on the passing of the by-laws. The Chair reported as ordered and the Mayor resumed the Chair.

**Third Reading**

Motion by Councillor Stevenson - Wookey:

THAT: The report of Council in Committee of the Whole on the following by-laws be received and adopted, the same be read a third time, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered.

1. A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 8th day of February, 2016. (B/L 21-2016)

2. A by-law to assume certain lands as part of the public highway within the City of St. Thomas. (daylighting corners - Burwell Road and Edward Street) (B/L 22-2016)

3. A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Seal of the Corporation to a certain agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and Doug. Tarry Limited. (File No.: SPC 05-15 - 300 Manor Road - four storey 53-unit apartment building) (B/L 23-2016) (A/G 6-2016)

Carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Administrative Fees and Charges - St. Thomas Municipal Airport

Notice was provided that Council will consider the adoption of a by-law to amend fees or charges with respect to Airport matters at its meeting to be held on February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Councillor Burgess - Stevenson:

THAT: This meeting be closed to deal with a matter protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 6:37 p.m.

Carried.
OPEN SESSION

Motion by Councillor Tinlin - Burgess:

THAT: We do now rise from Closed Session. (8:28 p.m.)

Carried.

Ascent Group Inc. - Appointment

Motion by Councillor Rymal - Burgess:

THAT: In accordance with By-Law #1, Article 3.08 of Ascent Group Inc., Council appoint the following individual to the Ascent Group Inc. Board: Councillor Stevenson; and further,

THAT: The foregoing resolution is hereby confirmed by the sole shareholder of Ascent Group Inc. and as such has the same force and effect as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the shareholder pursuant to Section 104 of the Business Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990 as evidenced by the signature of the authorized signing officers of the shareholder.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councillor Burgess - Stevenson:

THAT: We do now adjourn. (8:28 p.m.)

Carried.