



The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA April 20, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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Allison Adams

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Subject: AMO Watchfile - April 6, 2023

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LAS

LAS is pleased to announce a [new program](#) designed to help municipalities manage cyber incidents in today's ever changing IT environment. LAS is partnering with ISA Cybersecurity.

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Putting a price on carbon pollution is widely recognized as the most efficient means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also driving innovation. Our [latest blog](#) helps to understand how carbon pricing is broken down.

Check out this [case study](#) featuring the Town of Essex who use the [LAS Road & Sidewalk program](#) to survey and manage their streets. Are you in need of a road needs study this year? [Contact Tanner](#) to learn how this program will work in your community.

Hastings County's Belleville Seniors Apartment recently took advantage of LAS' [Facility Lighting Service](#). The project was a huge success saving the County thousands of dollars in monthly energy bills and collecting IESO incentives close to 10% of project cost. Interested in finding out more? Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free lighting proposal.

The Town of Whitby recently offered their staff an [LAS Energy Training workshop](#) with a focus on net zero emissions. Their energy treasure hunt revealed thousands of dollars in potential savings opportunities. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how you can uncover hidden treasure in your buildings.

Join us on April 20 for an informative [webinar](#) featuring the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Learn about NEW program features including gravel road assessments, streetview imagery, and updates to the Streetlogix software.

Canoe's Survey Equipment category now includes [Spatial Technologies \(2017\)](#), a provider of geospatial measurement and survey equipment. A great way to replenish your survey team's supplies. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Municipal Wire*

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At the request of the [Attorney General](#) and in accordance with the [Justices of the Peace Act](#), the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee invites applications for [vacant Justice of the Peace positions](#) in the Province of Ontario. The Committee is accepting applications for vacancies until May 31.

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[Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives - Township of Wilmot.](#)

Responsible for public relations, engagement, and communications support for the township and Council strategic initiatives, programs, and services. [Apply online](#) by April 23.

[Project Engineer, Rapid Transit - Regional Municipality of Durham.](#) Support the coordination and delivery of Regional road and/or rapid transit projects in a manner that achieves a safe and efficient Regional Road system that balances mobility requirements with the needs of the Regional community. [Apply online](#) by May 8.

[Program Leader, Zero Emission Mobility - City of Brampton.](#) Responsible for overall planning, design, construction, operation and performance, warranty and maintenance considerations under the zero emission mobility program. [Apply online](#) by April 28.

[Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer - City of Windsor.](#) Responsible for all matters of financial significance, ensuring optimal fiscal and budgetary management of resources and assets, formulates the financial policies and practices of the municipality. [Apply online](#) by April 18.

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REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise (EPE) / Deputy CAO

Peter Dutchak, Manager of Transportation Services

DATE: April 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Request to Extend Reduced Speed Zone - Lyons Line

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the report titled “Request to Extend Reduced Speed Zone - Lyons Line” from the General Manager of Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise (EPE) / Deputy CAO, dated April 11, 2023 be received and filed; and,

THAT the Reduced Speed Zone By-law, Schedule ‘C’ be amended as follows:

County Road 73, section A, from 408 metres east of the east property line of County Road 73 to 335 metres west of the east property line of County Road 73 be established as a 60km/h zone.

INTRODUCTION:

At their meeting on March 28th, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to conduct speed and traffic counts at Lyons Line, west of Imperial Road to determine the necessity of extending the 60km/hr speed limit westerly beyond the built-up residential area and report the findings to County Council at a future meeting.

This report details the findings of the traffic study and recommends extending the existing reduced speed zone to encompass existing development.

DISCUSSION:

The County received correspondence from the Township of Malahide requesting traffic counts and speed data be collected on Lyons Line (CR 48) west of Imperial Road (CR 73) to determine the necessity of extending the existing reduced speed zone.

Staff deployed traffic counters at two locations on Lyons Line between March 28th to March 31st, 2023 and collected the following information presented in the table below:

Location on Lyons Line (CR48)	Average Daily Traffic Volume	Average Speed (km/h)	85th Percentile Speed (km/h)
+/- 300m west of CR73 (at 60km/h begins sign)	1248	77	88
+/- 500m west of CR73 (at 60km/h ahead sign)	1250	84	95

Staff recommends extending the existing 60km/h reduced speed zone approximately 75 metres westerly as showcased on the attached map, in order to encompass the existing development limits and encourage compliance with the posted speed limits.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Additional signage will be funded by the County's annual sign budget.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Serving Elgin	Growing Elgin	Investing in Elgin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensuring alignment of current programs and services with community need. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploring different ways of addressing community need. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaging with our community and other stakeholders.	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning for and facilitating commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural growth. <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering a healthy environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing quality of place.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring we have the necessary tools, resources, and infrastructure to deliver programs and services now and in the future. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivering mandated programs and services efficiently and effectively.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL PARTNER IMPACT:

The Township of Malahide will be requested to install the new signage, funded by the County of Elgin.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The OPP Elgin Detachment will be notified of the amended speed zone.

CONCLUSION:

Staff has completed traffic data collection on Lyons Line (CR 48) west of Imperial Road as directed. In order to encompass developed lands and encourage drivers to adhere to the reduced speed zone, staff recommends extending the existing 60km/h zone westerly for 75 metres.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Approved for Submission

Brian Lima, General Manager of
Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise
(EPE) / Deputy CAO

Julie Gonyou
Chief Administrative Officer

Peter Dutchak
Manager of Transportation Services



County Road Sign Adjustment

Lyons Line Speed Zone Signs recommended to be moved 75m westerly.

Date: 04/03/2023

Legend



Signs to be moved



The Corporation of the County Elgin
Prepared By: Planning and Development

April 11, 2023

Township of Malahide
c/o Allison Adams, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
87 John St.
Aylmer ON N5H 2C3

Re: Request to Extend Reduced Speed Zone – Lyons Line

Dear Ms. Adams,

At its meeting on April 11, 2023 Elgin County Council considered a staff report recommending that the County of Elgin's By-Law to Authorize Speed Limits be amended in order to extend the reduced speed zone on Lyons Line in the Township of Malahide, and passed the following resolution:

"Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Councillor Noble

RESOLVED THAT the report titled "Request to Extend Reduced Speed Zone – Lyons Line" dated April 4, 2023 from the General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO be received and filed; and

THAT the Reduced Speed Zone By-Law, Schedule C, be amended as follows:

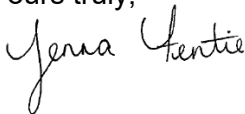
- County Road 73, section A, from 408 metres east of the east property line of County Road 73 to 335 metres west of the east property line of County Road 73 be established as a 60km/hr zone.

- Motion Carried."

A copy of the staff report and by-law amendment are included for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO at blima@elgin.ca.

Yours truly,



Jenna Fentie
Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

cc Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO
Peter Dutchak, Manager of Transportation Services
Inspector Mark Loucas, Detachment Commander, Elgin County OPP

COUNTY OF ELGIN

By-Law No. 23-16

**"TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE TO BY-LAW NO. 20-58
BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE SPEED LIMITS"**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 128(2) of the Highway Traffic Act, being Chapter H.8, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Council of a municipality may by by-law prescribe a different rate of speed for motor vehicles driven on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction than is prescribed in Section 128(1a);

AND WHEREAS the County of Elgin did pass By-law No. 20-58 prescribing different rates of speed for motor vehicles on certain highways under its jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to further amend said By-Law to prescribe a different rate of speed on certain highways under its jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin enacts as follows:

1. THAT Schedule "C" of By-law No. 20-58 setting out a maximum rate of speed of 60km/hr be and is hereby amended by adding the following:

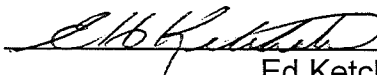
Road	Section	Description
Road 73	A	From 408 metres east of the east property line of County Road 73 to 335 metres west of the east property line of County Road 73.

2. THAT this by-law shall become effective once signage setting out the speed limit has been installed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL 2023.



Julie Gonyou,
Chief Administrative Officer.



Ed Ketchabaw,
Warden.

2022 **LIBRARY PERFORMANCE**

March 28, 2023



AGENDA

1 2022 Statistics Infographic

2 Infographic Sections

3 Service Goals for 2023

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ELGIN COUNTY LIBRARY 2022 STATISTICS



Jan. 5-30

Modified Step 2:
Branches Open;
Curbside Plus

Jan. 31-Feb. 17

New Step 1:
Branches Open;
Curbside Plus

Feb. 18-Mar. 1

New Step 2:
Branches Open;
Curbside Plus

Mar. 2-28

New Step 3:
Curbside Plus; In-Person
Staff-Led March Break
Programs Return

Apr. 1-28

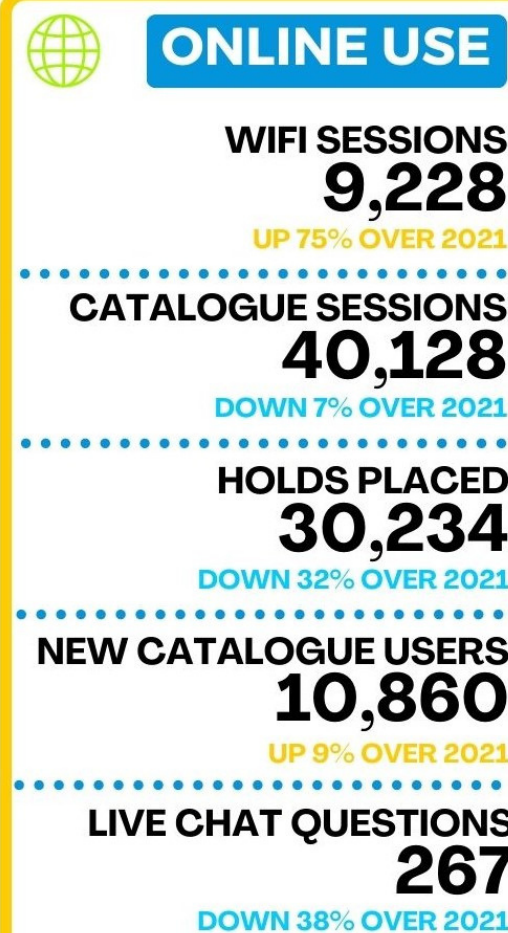
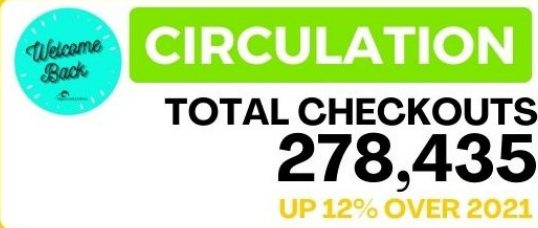
Network Disruption:
Branches Open; Modified
Offline Service

Apr. 29-May 5

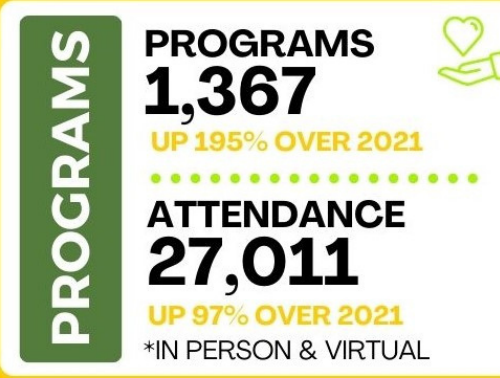
**Network Disruption
Recovery:** Branches
Open & Process Offline
Transactions

May 6-Dec. 31

**Pandemic & Network
Disruption Recovery
Continues; Fine Free
Approach Begins (Jun. 1)**



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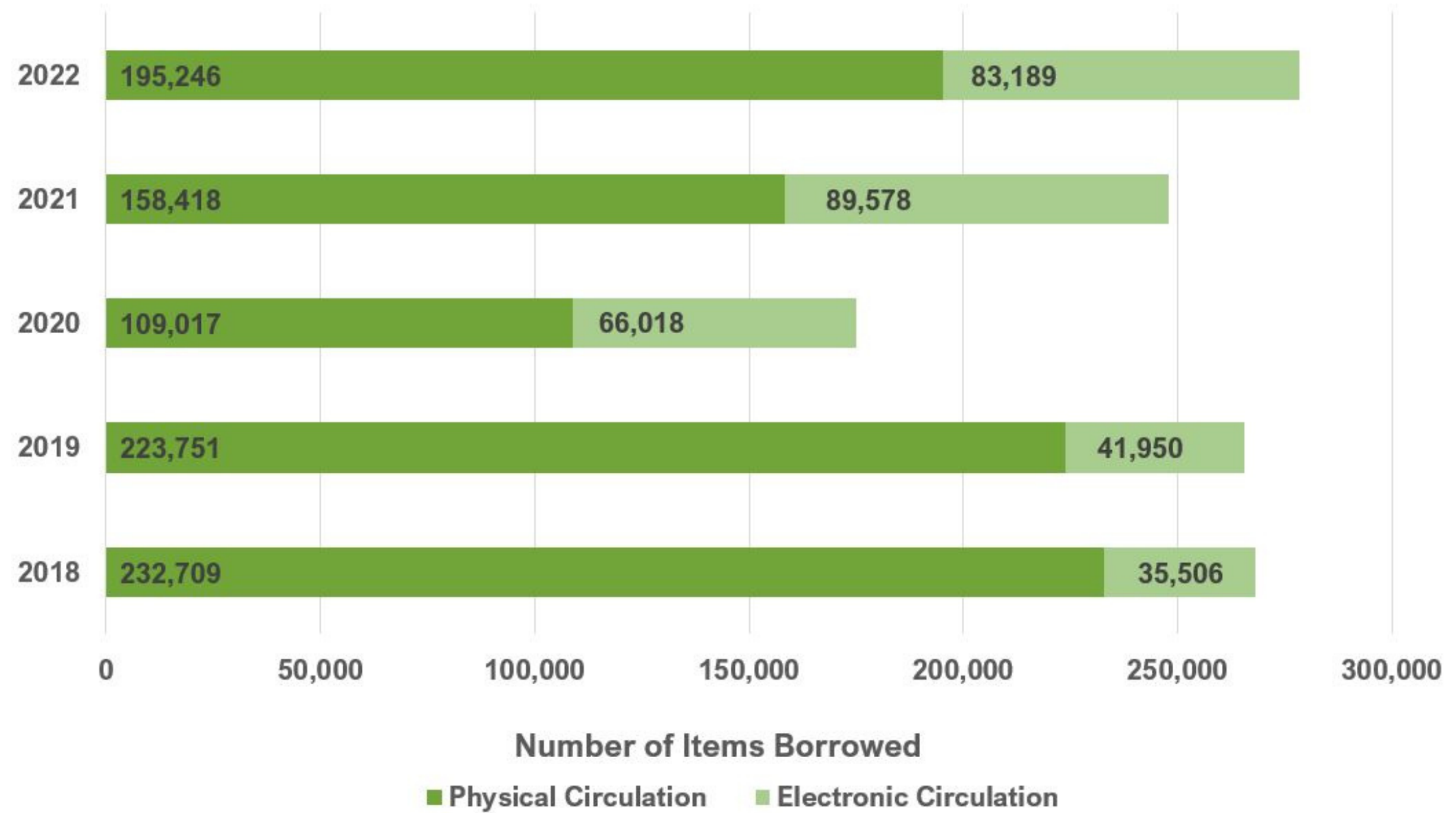


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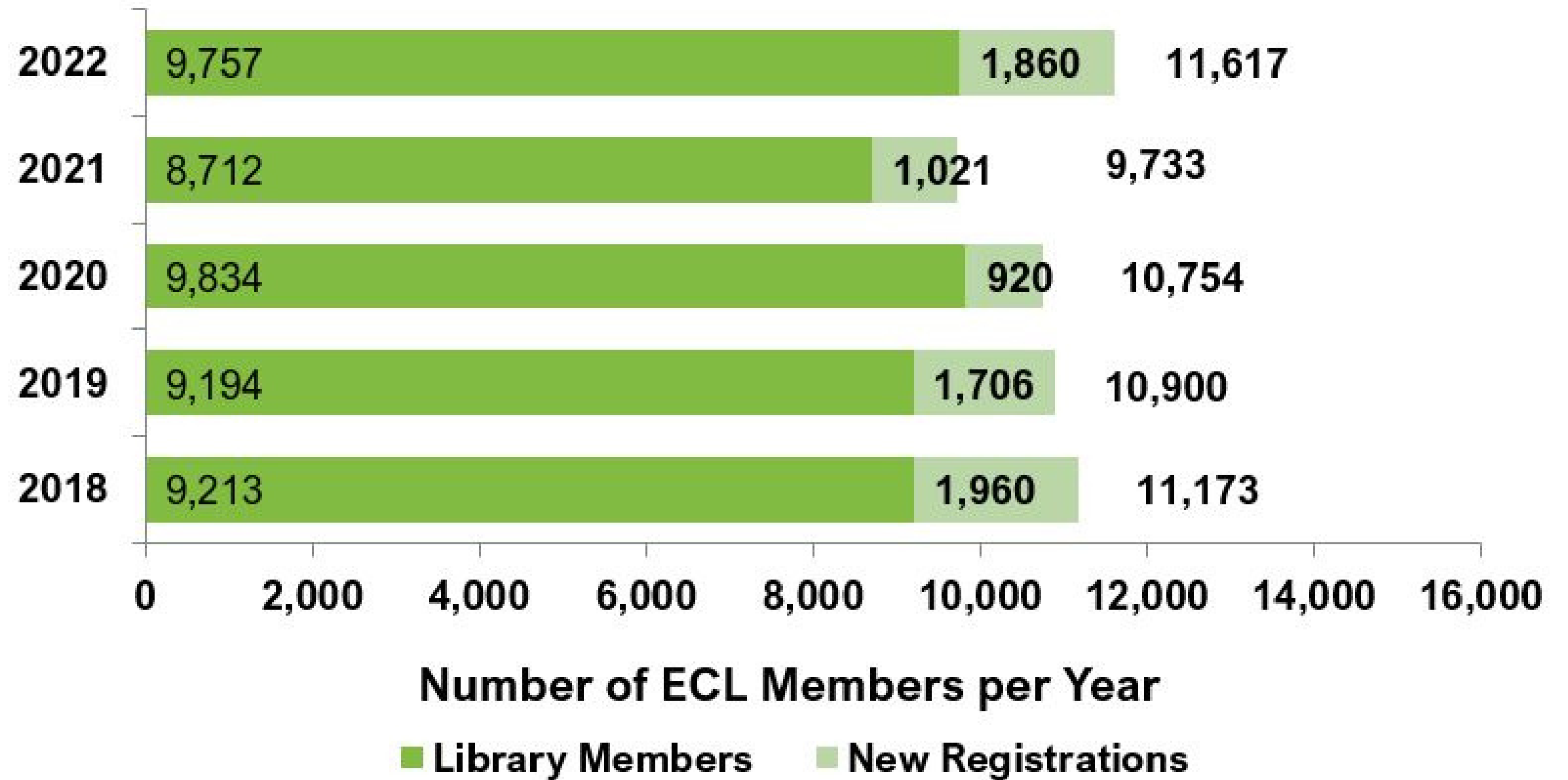
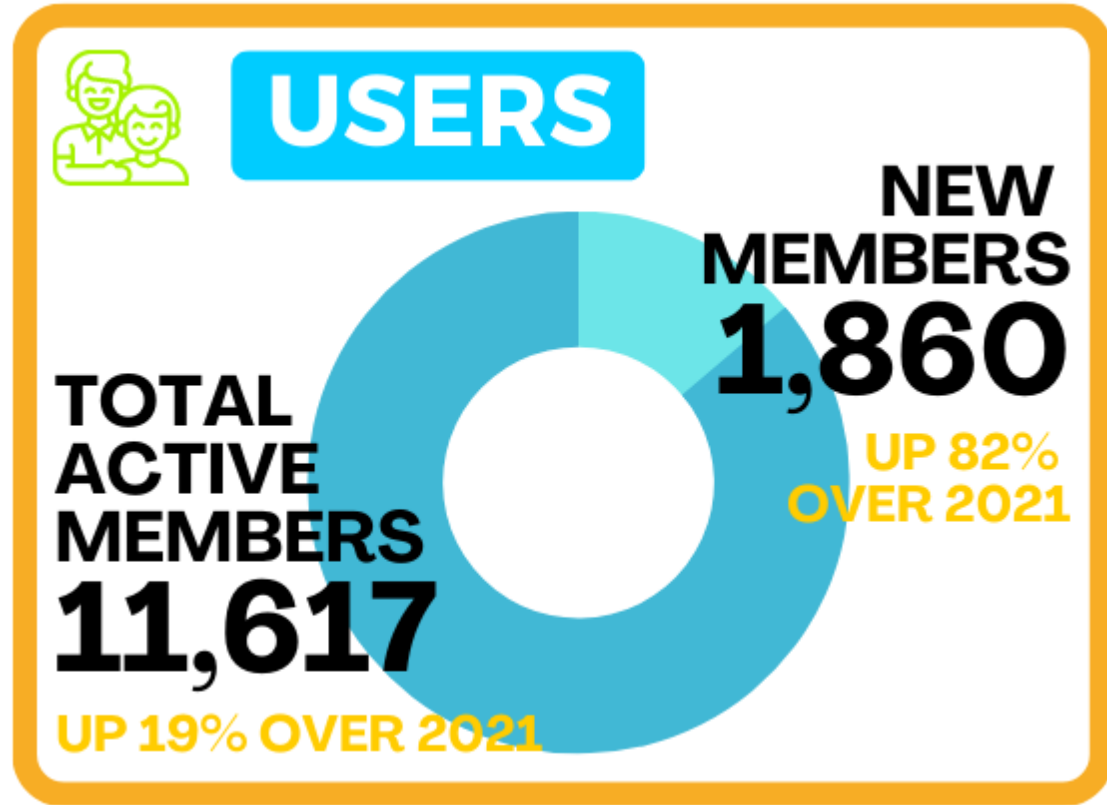
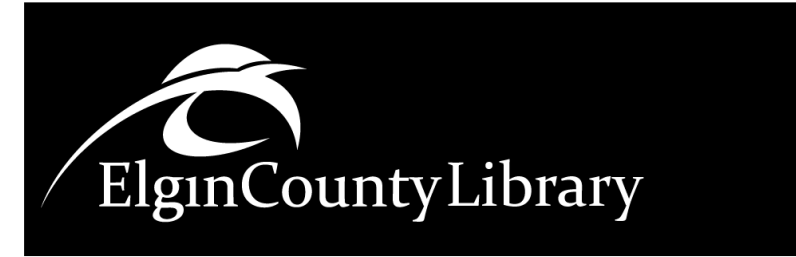
CIRCULATION

TOTAL CHECKOUTS
278,435

UP 12% OVER 2021



LIBRARY USERS



*Both the increase in Library Members and in New Registrations exceed the 2022 service goals of a 1% and 2% increase in each area, respectively.

ONLINE USE



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WIFI SESSIONS
9,228
UP 75% OVER 2021

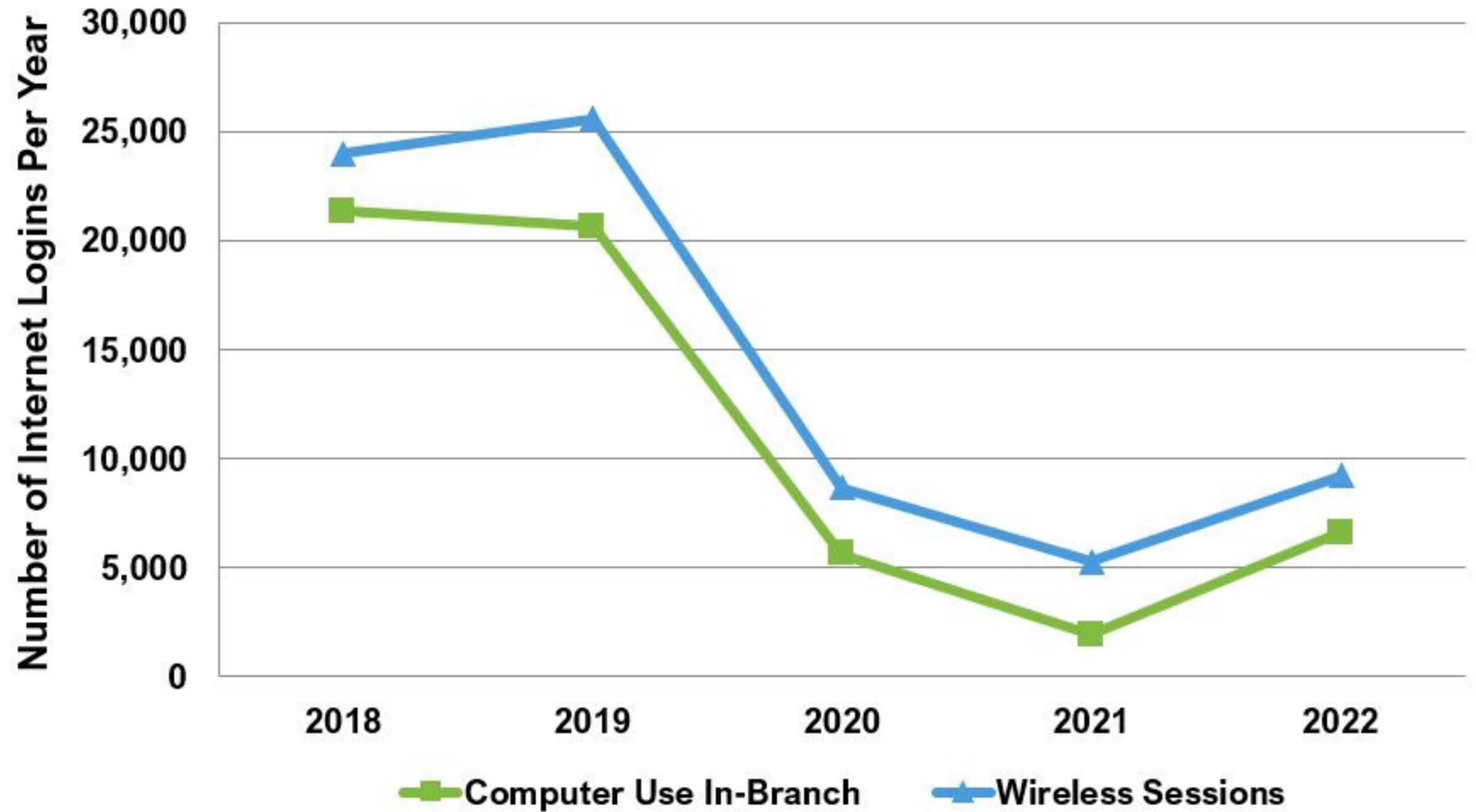
CATALOGUE SESSIONS
40,128
DOWN 7% OVER 2021

HOLDS PLACED
30,234
DOWN 32% OVER 2021

NEW CATALOGUE USERS
10,860
UP 9% OVER 2021

LIVE CHAT QUESTIONS
267
DOWN 38% OVER 2021

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IN-PERSON SERVICE



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COMPUTER USERS

6,606

UP 246% OVER 2021

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IN-PERSON VISITS

154,186

UP 171% OVER 2021

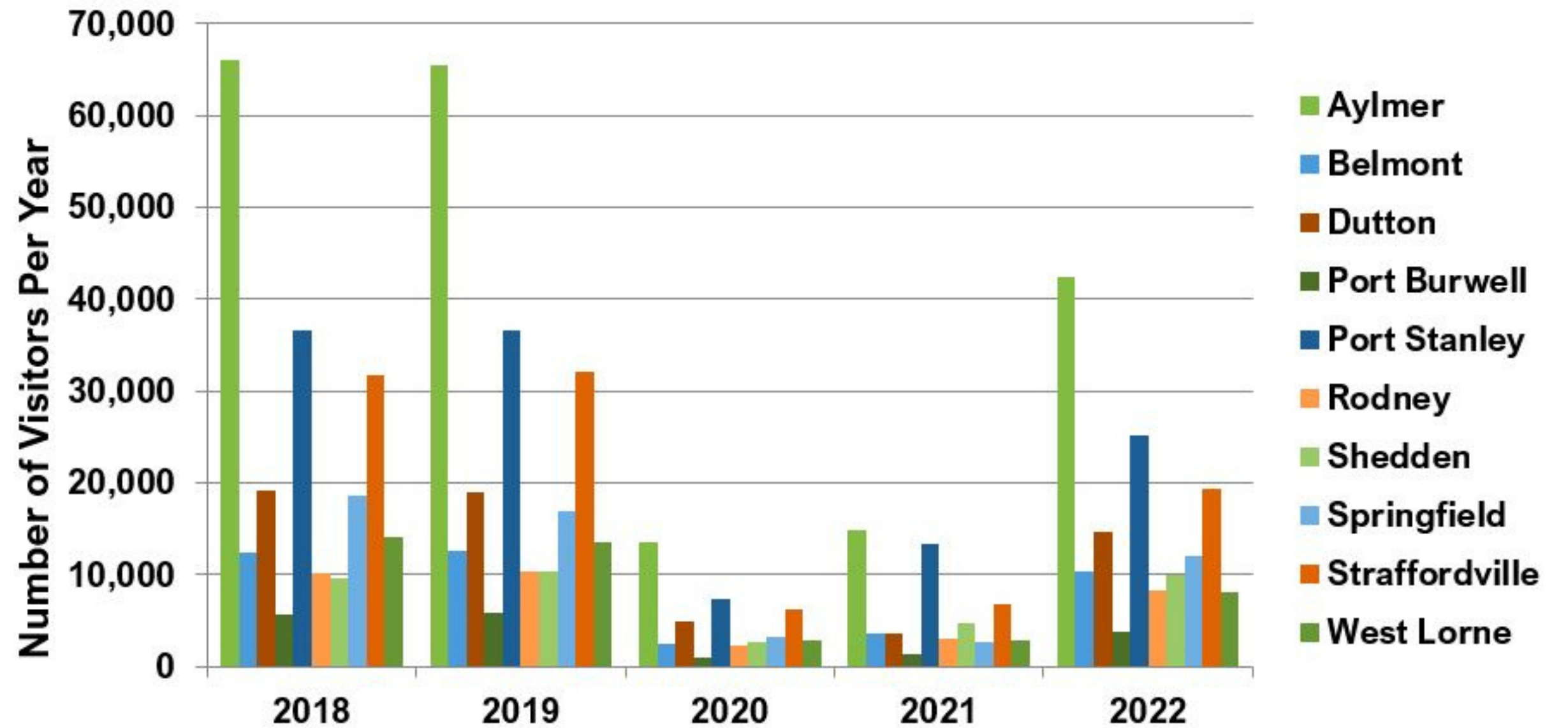
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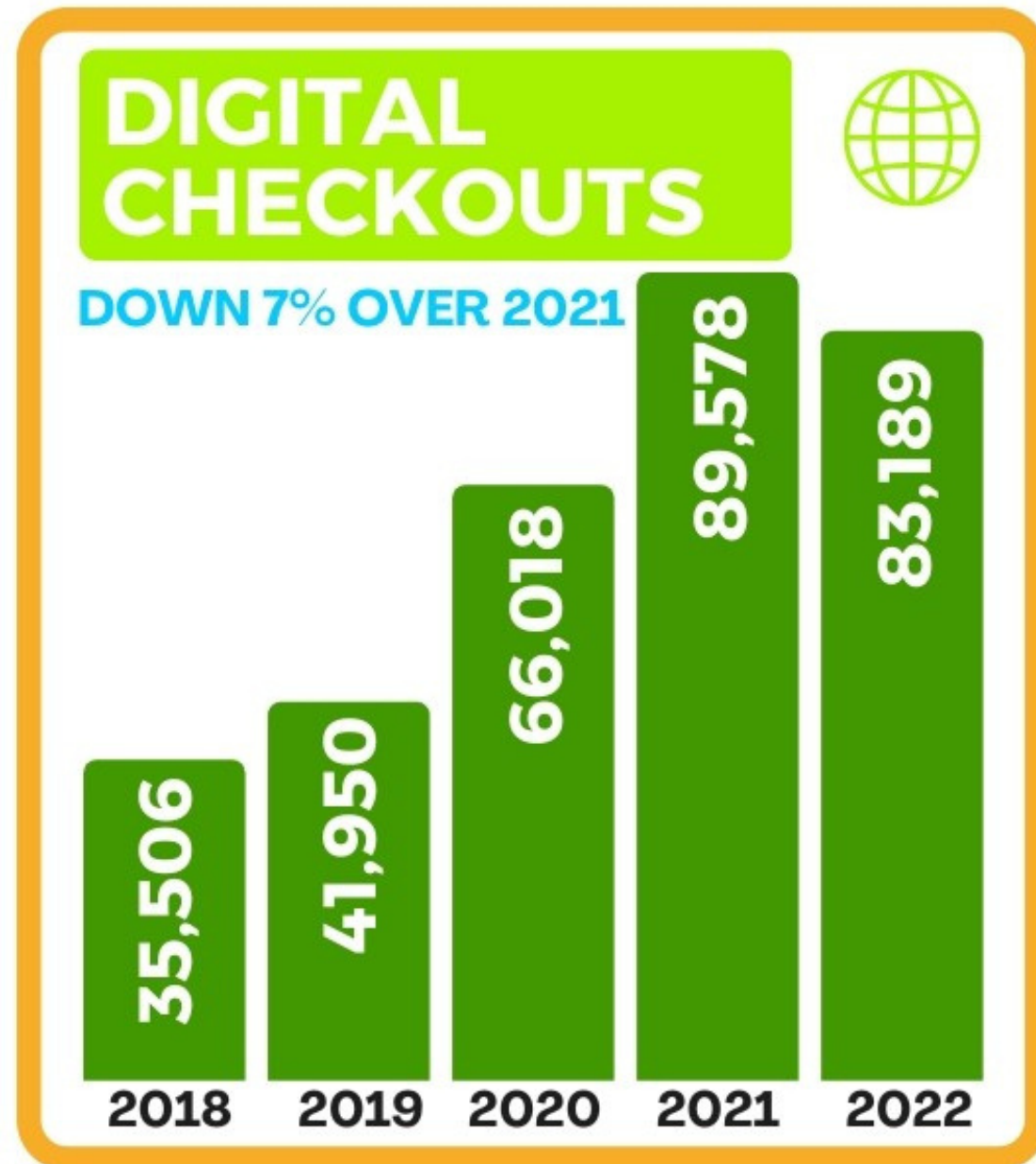
28,099

UP 18% OVER 2021

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DIGITAL CHECKOUTS



Total: 83,189 Digital Checkouts

- 37,810 e-book checkouts
- 24,178 e-audiobook checkouts
- 11,659 e-magazine checkouts
- 7,714 database sessions
- 1,526 video checkouts
- 302 e-music checkouts

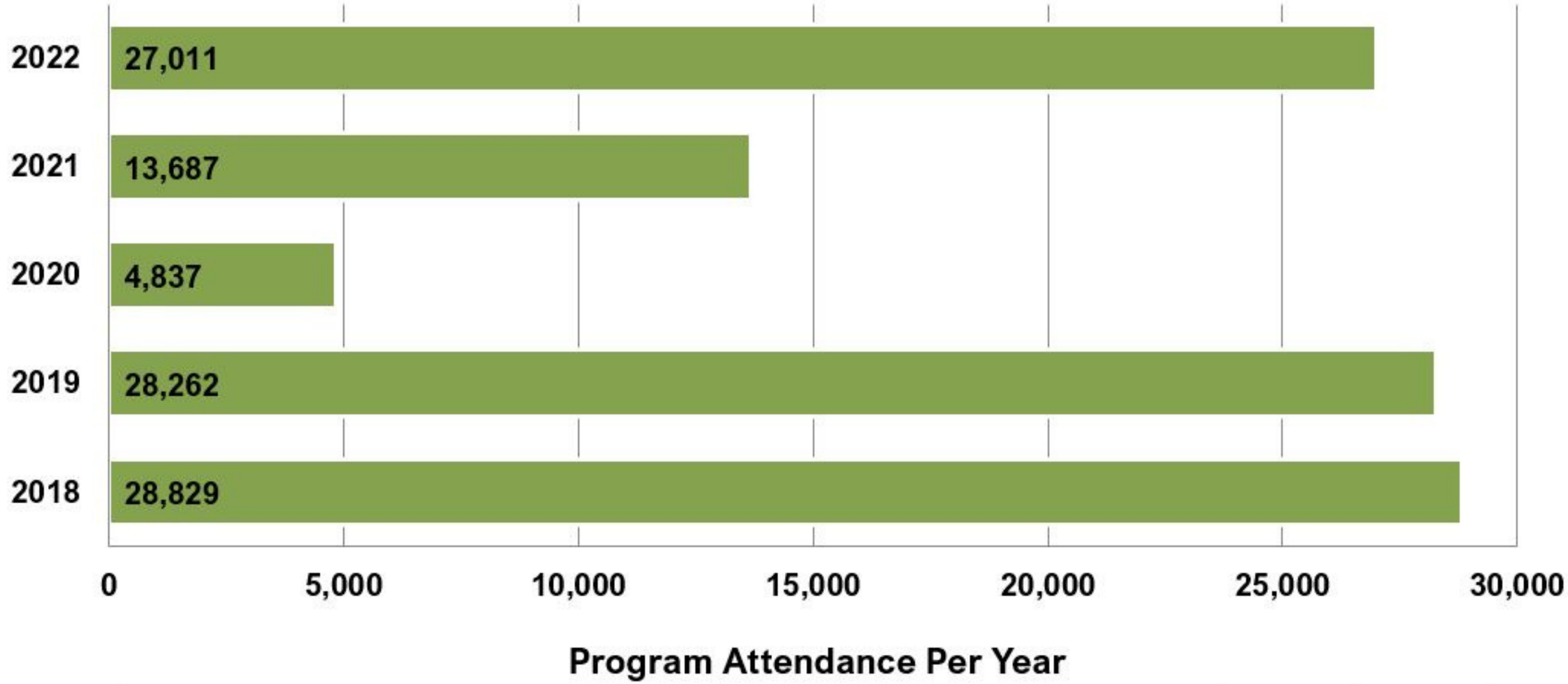
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1,367
UP 195% OVER 2021

ATTENDANCE
27,011
UP 97% OVER 2021
*IN PERSON & VIRTUAL



2023 SERVICE GOALS



1 Target membership and see a 1% increase (approximately 100 users) in our Library Members, indicating member retention, as well as 5% growth (approximately 100 new members) in our new users.

2 Continue to grow online eResources use and see a 1% increase (approximately 825 checkouts), in digital circulation and in response to network disruption recovery.

*These goals are based on an analysis of 2021 peer data as provided under the "County libraries and county co-operative" section [located here](#), as well as service needs across the system.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the March 28, 2023 presentation titled "2022 Library Performance" submitted by the Manager of Library Services, be received and filed for information; and,

THAT a copy of this presentation be submitted to local municipal partners in the County of Elgin.

Thank you!





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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MARCH 28, 2023

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COUNTY TREE COMMISSIONER/WEED INSPECTOR REPORTS ON HARVESTING, CLEARING, AND WEED COMPLAINTS FOR 2022

The County Tree Commissioner/Weed Inspector, Jeff Lawrence, presented both his Quarterly Report ending December 2022 and his 2022 Annual Report to Council on March 28, 2023. These reports contain information regarding total applications to harvest, total hectares cleared, and total weed complaints received.

Mr. Lawrence also provided industry news related to the highly destructive insect, Hemlock Wolly Adelgid. In August 2022, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Grafton, Ontario. In response to this finding, the CFIA has imposed restrictions and regulations in an effort to reduce its spread in other identified populations. To learn more about his findings, please access the March 28, 2023, Council Agenda package.





ROWLAND EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRODUCTS INC. SELECTED AS THE PROVIDER FOR THE COUNTY OF ELGIN'S NEW ERVS

The County of Elgin currently has 2 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) in its EMS fleet that are scheduled for replacement. The primary purpose of these vehicles is to provide emergency response services and to support supervisory duties assisting paramedics in daily operations.

The Province of Ontario requires all ERVs to be manufactured in accordance with the current version of the Ontario Provincial Land Ambulance and Emergency Response Vehicle Standard. Accordingly, the County of Elgin issued a Request for Proposal on February 14, 2023, seeking a firm with ERV experience. The Evaluation Committee used a 'Quality Based Selection Process' to select Rowland Emergency Vehicle Products Inc. as the best provider.

On March 28, 2023, County Council authorized the Manager of Procurement & Risk to issue a purchase order for the two new ERVs and declare the existing ERVs as surplus and to be disposed of utilizing the Asset Disposal Policy once the new ERVs are in service.

ENSURING CONSISTENT QUALITY CARE: DIRECTOR OF HOMES & SENIORS SERVICES PRESENTED UPDATED POLICIES FOR ELGIN COUNTY HOMES

Michele Harris, Director of Homes & Seniors Services, provided Council with an overview of its updated Administration, Housekeeping & Laundry, Infection Prevention and Control, Maintenance and Nursing Policy. These departmental policies and procedure manuals help to ensure that there is consistency in the quality of services across all three Homes, Bobier Villa, Elgin Manor & Terrace Lodge.



ELGIN COUNTY'S COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEES PUBLIC SERVICES RETURNING TO PRE-PANDEMIC NORMS

Community & Cultural Services Director Brian Masschaele presented County Council with an overview of current services and project updates for the Elgin County Library, Elgin County Museum and Elgin County Archives. After two (2) years of disruptions brought on by Covid-19, public services for Elgin's Libraries, Museum & Archives are returning back to pre-pandemic norms.

Natalie Marlowe, Manager of Library Services, provided an insightful snapshot of the Elgin County Library's overall performance. Emphasis was placed on Library branches across Elgin seeing in-person programming soaring, especially during this year's March Break programming.

This year, the Elgin County Museum will host a collection of several rare bicycles by a local collector, Mr. Rick Wolfe, as part of its exhibit "Cycling: An Unspoken History". Multiple programs are being planned surrounding this exhibit pertaining to the theme of cycling. The Elgin County Archives is well underway on digitizing hard copies of the St. Thomas Times-Journal and its predecessor papers.

For more Community & Cultural Services highlights for 2023, please access the March 28, 2023 Council Agenda.

ELGIN'S COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUPPORTED 14 LOCAL BUSINESSES IN 2022

With the support of its Local Municipal Partners (LMPs), Elgin's Economic Development department continues to see its Community Improvement Plan (CIP) remain popular amongst the business community. This program aims to encourage efficient land use, attract private investment, and coordinate redevelopment activities to promote economic growth, diversification, and sustainability of Elgin's tax base. The CIP offers financial incentives to encourage private investment across the County.

Carolyn Krahn, Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Initiatives, shared an overview of the CIP's outcomes for 2022 with County Council. The Elgin incentives program approved 14 applications from April to November 2022, resulting in a total investment of \$591,566.77 from private investors and \$80,000 from Elgin.



ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES ELGIN'S 2023 BUDGET

On March 28, 2023, Elgin County Council approved its 2023 operational and capital budget of \$92.6M. For this year, residents can expect a 3.76% increase in the County portion of their municipal property taxes. This share of municipal taxes supports road and bridge maintenance on county roads, paramedic services, community planning, long-term care homes, libraries, and more. Homeowners will see a slight addition of \$23.88 for every \$100,000 of residential property assessment.

2023 Budget Highlights include:

- Continuing with existing services and operations, including a non-union salary increase of 2.5%;
- Enhanced land ambulance services through the implementation of a transport-capable ambulance in the Municipality of Bayham;
- Recognizing the impact of a high rate of inflation, cost-cutting measures and efforts to modernize services are included across service areas; and
- Ongoing investment in transportation and critical infrastructure.

For the complete March 28, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).



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TUESDAY,
APRIL 11, 2023

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Richard Leatham sworn in as the interim County Councillor from West Elgin

Ensuring Quality Care: Elgin County's long-term care homes renew their service agreements with Ontario Health

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Savouring success: Elgin County Tourism updates Culinary Program with \$35K FedDev Ontario grant



RICHARD LEATHAM SWORN IN AS THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FROM WEST ELGIN

On April 11, 2023, Richard Leatham (pictured below) was officially sworn in as an Interim Elgin County Councillor from the Municipality of West Elgin.

The passing of Elgin County's Deputy Warden Duncan McPhail last month left a vacancy for not only a seat on Elgin County Council but for the position of Mayor at the Municipality of West Elgin.

At their last Council Meeting, the Municipality of West Elgin appointed Richard Leatham as their Interim Mayor. The Mayor of each Municipality is required to fill the the role of County Councillor for the County of Elgin for their respective Municipality.

Elgin's Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Leatham to become an Interm Elgin County Councillor at the April 11 Council Meeting.

Elgin County Councillor Grant Jones has accepted the position of Deputy Warden for 2023. This position is held by the most recent past Warden currently serving on County Council.



ENSURING QUALITY CARE: ELGIN COUNTY'S LONG-TERM CARE HOMES RENEW THEIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH ONTARIO HEALTH

The Corporation of the County of Elgin has a Multi-Homes Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) and a Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) with Ontario Health for its three long-term care homes, which includes Bobier Villa, Elgin Manor and Terrace Lodge. The Director of Homes & Seniors Services presented these agreements to County Council for approval to execute the amended 2023-2024 agreements.

Both of these agreements include terms and conditions for care and services, reporting requirements (including sector-specific schedules), performance requirements, and an annual compliance declaration.

To view these agreements, please access the [April 11 County Council Agenda](#).



COLLABORATION FOR COMMUNITY: ELGIN & ST. THOMAS TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS FOR SHARED SERVICES

In the late 90s, the County of Elgin and the City of St. Thomas executed a Joint Services Agreement for the operations of Land Ambulance, Ontario Works, Childcare and Social Housing.

This agreement allows for the City of St. Thomas, through the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Department, to be the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for St. Thomas and Elgin County, providing social services for residents of the City and County for Ontario Works, children's services, and housing and homelessness prevention services. In addition, Elgin County is the Designated Delivery Agent for the provision of Land Ambulance and Community Paramedicine Services to the City of St. Thomas.

Elgin's Chief Administrative Officer recommended strategies to County Council to support enhanced information sharing between the City and the County to ensure everyone's needs for information are met. The full report can be found in the [April 11 County Council Agenda](#).

SAVOURING SUCCESS: ELGIN COUNTY TOURISM UPDATES CULINARY PROGRAM WITH \$35K FEDDEV ONTARIO GRANT

In late January, Elgin County Tourism received \$35,000 from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) to update its Savour Elgin program.

Elgin's award-winning Savour Elgin program was initially launched in 2010 to promote Elgin County's restaurants, agri-tourism operations, farmers' markets, wineries, and breweries through a membership-based approach. The program's main goal was to strengthen the local food supply chain while building awareness of culinary tourism in Elgin County.

The Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Enterprise presented Council with a refreshed magazine-style booklet that focuses on culinary tourism and agritourism experiences throughout Elgin County and St. Thomas.



taste

Experience the flavours
of Elgin & St. Thomas



Drawing upon the program's original intent, this new Guide focuses on the experiences that make Elgin and St. Thomas' culinary attractions unique, at no cost to those featured. Experiences include Sweet Maple Syrup Stops, Reel-y Good Fish & Chips, Love Our Local Markets, Raise a Glass or Two, Pick Your Own Passions, and Far & Away Flavours.

Taste, Experience the Flavours of Elgin & St. Thomas is now available for the public to savour the flavours of Elgin County. Follow Elgin County Economic Development & Tourism on Facebook (@elgincounty) to get access to your digital copy, or visit www.elgintourist.com.

For the complete April 11, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](http://www.elgincounty.com).

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Notice: Proposed changes to the OGSRA to regulate projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities, such as geologic carbon storage, and to safeguard people and the environment

Hello,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is seeking feedback on a proposal that is part of our plan to develop a framework to regulate new technologies, such as geologic carbon storage. This plan is outlined in a Roadmap that was released in November 2022 and can be viewed on our website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/geologic-carbon-storage>.

This proposal builds on previous proposals and the feedback we received related to geologic carbon storage, including a discussion paper released in early 2022 and amendments proposed in November that removed the prohibition on carbon storage from the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* (the Act).

The changes currently being proposed to the Act have been introduced through Bill 91, Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023. These changes, together with regulatory changes that would be proposed in the future, would allow approval to be sought for projects proposed to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities, such as geologic carbon storage. Further changes under other legislation would be required before carbon storage projects could be authorized on Crown land.

If approved, these changes would provide flexibility in authorization processes and requirements to better address technological innovation to support Ontario's changing energy needs, decarbonization efforts, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Additional changes proposed would enhance or create new tools to safeguard people and the environment and would apply to all activities regulated under the Act. These tools include new inspector's orders, court orders and clarifying the Minister's ability to consider past non-compliance with the Act in decision-making.

This proposal is available for review on the Ontario Legislative Assembly website: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-91>. The

province is also seeking feedback on the proposed changes through the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6752>. A Decision Notice will also be posted soon regarding the removal of the prohibition on carbon storage from the Act. Feedback on the proposed changes can be provided directly to the ministry or through the environmental registry.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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