



Middlesex County Local Council Update 2025





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Organizational Updates

1. Strengthening connections between the County and local municipalities is a top priority.
2. Collaboration drives growth, enhanced services, and improved quality of place.
3. Successful joint initiatives, like the Housing Accelerator Fund program, highlight the value of working together.
4. The County is committed to listening to local priorities and pressures, and identifying ways to improve communication, coordination, and support.

Strategic Plan

Rooted in Community, Growing Toward Tomorrow – Middlesex County Strategic Plan 2025 2030 identifies four strategic priorities:



Economic Development



Collaboration and Partnerships



Sustainable Infrastructure Development



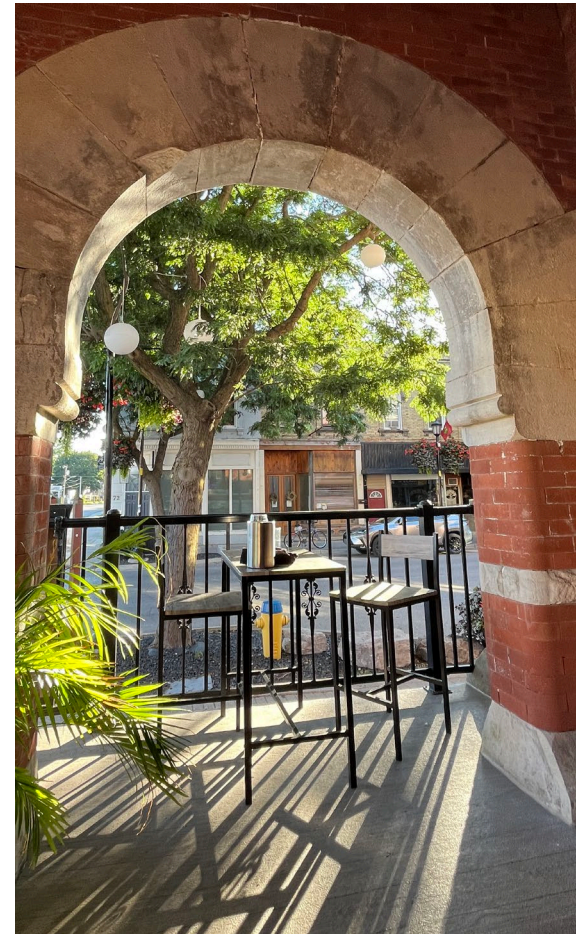
Adaptability and Agility



2025 - 2030
Strategic Plan

Community Improvement Support Program (CISP)

- [A new County CIP support program](#) is set to launch in 2026.
- The updated program will include three funding streams:
 - **General Property Revitalization** – supports smaller-scale improvements like façades, signage, landscaping, and accessibility.
 - **Industrial & Commercial Development** – promotes economic growth through support for DC rebates, TIF grants, and servicing incentives.
 - **Housing-Related Development** – focuses on affordable, supportive, rental, and attainable housing, including ARUs and adaptive reuse.
- County funding will generally cover up to 50% of the local municipal CIP contribution to a maximum of \$25,000 per project.





Planning and Development – OPA No. 4

- In response to Planning Act changes and the 2024 PPS, Middlesex County has initiated [Official Plan Amendment No. 4](#), focused on:
 - Agriculture
 - Economy
 - Housing
 - Growth
- A draft was submitted to the Province in July, with public engagement ongoing ahead of statutory meetings scheduled for this fall.
- Council is expected to consider adoption of the amendment before year-end.

Library Strategic Plan

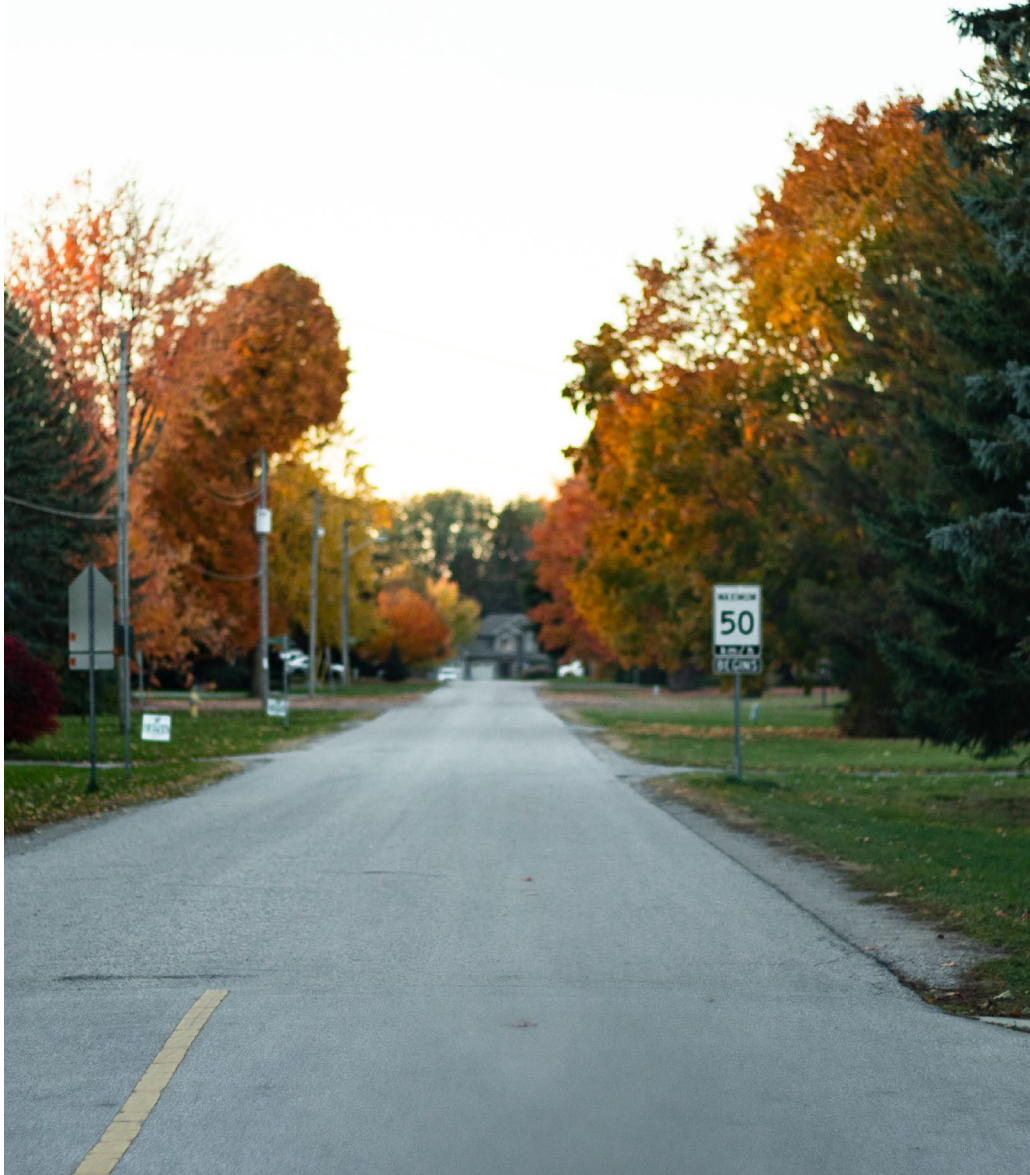
In May 2025, the Library Board approved the Middlesex County Library Strategic Plan 2025–2029.

The Plan is built around three priorities:

- Creating exceptional experiences
- Expanding reach
- Supporting lifelong learning

Key goals include reaching more people in more ways and enhancing service delivery across communities.





Asset Management

- County Council adopted the [2025 Asset Management Plan \(AMP\)](#) in April 2025.
- The AMP provides a full overview of the County's infrastructure, identifies service level expectations, and outlines future investment needs.
- By aligning asset management with long-term financial planning, the County aims to meet community needs efficiently and cost-effectively.
- To support transparency and ongoing monitoring, two public [dashboards](#) are now available on the County website to track asset health and assess investment opportunities.

Forestry

- The County of Middlesex owns and manages 1,040 hectares (2,500 acres) of forested land across 27 tracts.
- These woodlands represent the largest surviving contiguous area of native Carolinian Forest in Ontario.
- As the County grows, it is essential to balance development with environmental sustainability.
- To support this, the County is updating its 20-Year Forest Management Plan in 2025.
- A [Natural Asset Valuation & Trail Monitoring program](#) has been launched to collect data on the environmental and economic value of forested lands.
- This data will help ensure the updated plan is data-driven, climate-conscious, and aligned with asset management principles.





New Governance and Administration Building

- Construction is underway on Middlesex County's new Governance and Administration building.
- The purpose built 18,000 sq. ft. facility is located next to the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service Headquarters in south London.
- The new space will enhance accessibility and efficiency by providing modern, flexible spaces that support collaboration and innovation.
- The project [website](#) will be updated regularly
- **Target occupancy date: November 2026.**

Middlesex County 225th Anniversary

- 2025 marks the 225th Anniversary of Middlesex County.
- Celebrations kicked off this summer with a free tree giveaway.
- The “Warden for a Day” Contest invites high school students to share what makes Middlesex County special through a short video or essay, with the winner getting to experience a day in the life of the Warden.



Questions

