

Toronto News

By Kathy Cummings

School started this week for many of the area schools. Time to be on the lookout for not only the buses, but the kids getting on and off the buses. Hopefully there aren't any of those self-driving cars that don't know they are supposed to stop when the yellow lights, then red, the stop sign sticks out. We humans, most of us anyway, know you are to stop at that time, but the so-called 'smart car' doesn't.

Question: What's the word for the day after

tomorrow?

Hello to all in area nursing and assisted living facilities. Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers. Speaking of which, Wade is at Life Care Center in Burlington for some in house physical therapy.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Jolene Carley, and Beverly Ehrenberger. We offer our sympathy to all others who lost loved ones this past week. May they all rest in peace.

It's a shame the voter

turnout for the primary was so low. The primary is as important as the general election. I went up to vote about 10:30 a.m. and was number ten. I thought there'd be more by then.

Answer: The Oxford English dictionary counts 171,476 words in current use, but 47,156 have been lost to history. Though this word is now usually considered obsolete, overmorrow is the English word for the day after tomorrow. This archaic and now obsolete word appears in the bible

and throughout ancient literature. Overmorrow was in Middle English but fell out of the language. So instead of having this word, we have the wordy "day after tomorrow." German still has this very useful word: übermorgen.

I don't know about you but I kinda like the words 'overmorrow and übermorgen'.

The Toronto Booster Club is hosting a Community Build Day this Saturday, Aug. 15 starting at 8 a.m. at the old school. If

you would like to help out Saturday, and you don't have to stay all day, send the Toronto Booster Club a message at 620-625-0808, torontoboosterclub@gmail.com, send them a message on Facebook Messenger or stop by the library and let Jessie know.

This is a true community project. The community came together and raised the money for the new equipment and now the same community can help assemble said equipment. Time to show up and show

your pride in our community.

Quote: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world," Nelson Mandela.

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ORDINANCE NO. 503

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026-1, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026-2 OF THE CITY OF TORONTO, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; PROVIDING FUNDS TO REFUND THE ISSUER'S OUTSTANDING LOAN OBLIGATION; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto, Kansas (the "City") is a city of the third class, duly created, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-163d through 65-163u, as amended, and other provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas applicable thereto, by proceedings duly had, the governing body of the City has authorized the following improvements (the "Improvements") to be made in the City, to-wit:

Project Description

Res No.

Authority

Amount

Public water supply improvements

102121

K.S.A. 65-163d through 65-163u

\$2,918,000

; and

WHEREAS, the City has arranged for financing a portion of the Improvements by the execution of loan agreements (the "KDHE Loan") described as follows:

Lender

Loan No.

Maturity Date

Original Amount

Outstanding Amount*

KDHE

KPWSLF Project No. 2971

02/01/2027

\$1,090,000

\$1,089,500

*as of July 20, 2026.

; and

WHEREAS, in order to restructure debt payments and to provide an orderly plan of finance for the City, it has become desirable and in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants for

the City to issue its general obligation bonds in order to permanently finance costs of the Improvements, and to retire the KDHE Loan; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City now finds and determines that the total cost of the Improvements and the retiring of the KDHE Loan (including interest and issuance costs of the Bonds) and related expenses is at least \$3,748,500, to be paid for in part by the issuance of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a commitment from the United States of America, acting through the Department of Agriculture - Rural Development ("RD/USDA") to purchase the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-1 in an amount of \$1,090,000, and the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-2, in an aggregate amount of \$211,000, the proceeds of which, together with funds derived from a KDHE Grant in the amount of \$1,251,000 (the "KDHE Grant"), and together with funds derived from a SEARCH Grant (the "SEARCH Grant") in the amount of \$12,500, and together with funds derived from a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$562,000, and together with funds from a USDA grant in the amount of \$622,000, will be used to fund the Improvements and retire the KDHE Loan, all pursuant to letters of conditions and approval letters from RD/USDA; and

WHEREAS, Article 12, § 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas (the "Home Rule Amendment"): (a) empowers cities to determine their local affairs and government; and (b) provides that such power and authority granted thereby to cities: (1) shall be liberally construed for the purpose of giving to cities the largest measure of self-government and (2) shall be exercised by ordinance, subject only to: (i) enactments of the Kansas legislature of statewide concern applicable uniformly to all cities, (ii) other enactments of the legislature applicable uniformly to all cities, (iii) enactments of the legislature applicable uniformly to all cities of the same class limiting or prohibiting the levying of any tax, excise, fee, charge or other action and (iv) enactments of the legislature prescribing limits of indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Supreme Court has considered the Home Rule Amendment and determined that: (a) home rule legislation should be permitted to stand unless an

actual conflict exists between the home rule legislation and a state legislative enactment, or unless the legislature has clearly preempted the field so as to preclude municipal action; and (b) legislative intent to reserve to the state exclusive jurisdiction to regulate an area must be clearly manifested by statute before it can be held that the state has withdrawn from the cities the power to regulate in the field (McCarthy v. City of Leawood, 257 Kan. 566 (1995); Junction City v. Lee, 216 Kan. 495 (1975)); and

WHEREAS, no legislative enactment either authorizes or prohibits the issuance of general obligation bonds to prepay and retire the KDHE Loan incurred for a portion of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 10-427 et seq. authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds to refund previously issued general obligation bonds of the City, but neither authorizes nor prohibits the issuance of general obligation bonds to prepay and retire the KDHE Loan; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City now further finds and determines that: (a) there are no enactments of the Kansas legislature of statewide concern applicable uniformly to all cities or applicable to the City relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds to prepay and retire the KDHE Loan; (b) no conflict would exist between the City ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to prepay and retire the KDHE Loan and any legislative enactment applicable to the City; and (c) the legislature has not clearly preempted, or clearly manifested its intent to preempt, the field of municipal finance so as to preclude a City ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to prepay and retire the KDHE Loan; and

WHEREAS, the City is a city within the meaning of the Home Rule Amendment; and

WHEREAS, none of such general obligation bonds heretofore authorized have been issued and the City now proposes to issue its general obligation bonds to pay a portion of the costs of the Improvements and prepay the KDHE Loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TORONTO, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions of Words and Terms. In addition to words and terms defined elsewhere herein, the following words and

terms in this Ordinance shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include firms, associations and corporations, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.

"Act" means the Constitution and statutes of the State including K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-620 et seq., K.S.A. 65-163d through 65-163u, Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, and K.S.A. 12-101 et seq., all as amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Bond and Interest Fund" means the Bond and Interest Fund of the City for its general obligation bonds.

"Bond Resolution" means the resolution to be adopted by the governing body of the City prescribing the terms and details of the Bonds and making covenants with respect thereto.

"Bonds" means, jointly, the Issuer's Series 2026-1 Bonds and the Series 2026-2 Bonds.

"City" means the City of Toronto, Kansas.

"Clerk" means the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City or, in the Clerk's absence, the duly appointed Deputy Clerk or Acting Clerk.

"Dated Date" means August 21, 2026.

"Improvements" means the improvements referred to in the preamble to this Ordinance.

"KDHE" means the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"KDHE Loan" means the Loan Agreement by and between the Issuer and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, acting on behalf of the State of Kansas, KWPSLF Project No. 2971.

"KDHE Loan Paying Agent" means KDHE for the purposes of prepaying the KDHE Loan.

"KDHE Loan Redemption Date" means September 28, 2026, or as soon thereafter as is permitted.

"Mayor" means the duly elected and acting Mayor of the City or, in the Mayor's absence, the duly appointed and/or elected Vice Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"Owner" when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered on the Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means the State Treasurer, and any successors and assigns.

"RD/USDA" means Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture.

"Series 2026-1 Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-1, in the aggregate price in the amount of \$1,090,000, and dated as of the Dated Date, authorized by this Ordinance.

"Series 2026-2 Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-2, in the aggregate price in the amount of \$211,000, and dated as of the Dated Date, authorized by this Ordinance.

"State" means the State of Kansas.

Section 2. Authorization of the Bonds. There shall be issued and hereby are authorized and directed to be issued the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-1, of the City in the principal amount of \$1,090,000, for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) pay a portion of the costs of the Improvements, and to prepay the KDHE Loan and thereby finance a portion of the costs of the Improvements; and (b) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds. There shall be issued and hereby are authorized and directed to be issued the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026-2 of the City in the principal amount of \$211,000, for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) pay a portion of the costs of the Improvements; and (b) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 3. Security for the Bonds. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the City. The full faith, credit and resources of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

Section 4. Terms, Details and Conditions of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be dated and bear interest, shall mature and be payable at such times, shall be in such forms, shall be subject to redemption and payment prior to the maturity thereof, and shall be issued and delivered in the manner prescribed and subject to the provisions, covenants and agreements set forth in the Bond Resolution hereafter adopted by the governing body of the City.

Section 5. Levy and Collection of Annual Tax.

The governing body of the City shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by levying and collecting the necessary taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property within the City in the manner provided by law.

The taxes above referred to shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general ad valorem taxes of the City are levied and collected, shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Bond and Interest Fund.

If at any time said taxes are not collected in time to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said principal or interest out of the general funds of the City and to reimburse said general funds for money so expended when said taxes are collected.

Section 6. Further Authority. The Mayor, Clerk and other City officials are hereby further authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and take such actions as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out and perform the purposes of the Ordinance, and to make alterations, changes or additions in the foregoing agreements, statements, instruments and other documents herein approved, authorized and confirmed which they may approve, and the execution or taking of such action shall be conclusive evidence of such necessity or advisability.

Section 7. Governing Law. This Ordinance and the Bonds shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on August 11, 2026, and **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

(SEAL)

/s/Randy Schumacher,

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Katie Damron, Clerk