

Council Highlights

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Join us at our Next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 5pm in Thorndale!

Dorchester, Thorndale Water Systems Get Perfect Scores in Ministry Inspection

Council was presented with several reports about municipal drinking water systems. These included inspection reports from the province's Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks.

Both the Dorchester and Thorndale drinking water systems received inspection scores of 100.00%, following assessments of water quality monitoring, treatment processes, record keeping, and training and certification of operators. To view these reports yourself, visit the provincial government's website at: www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater.

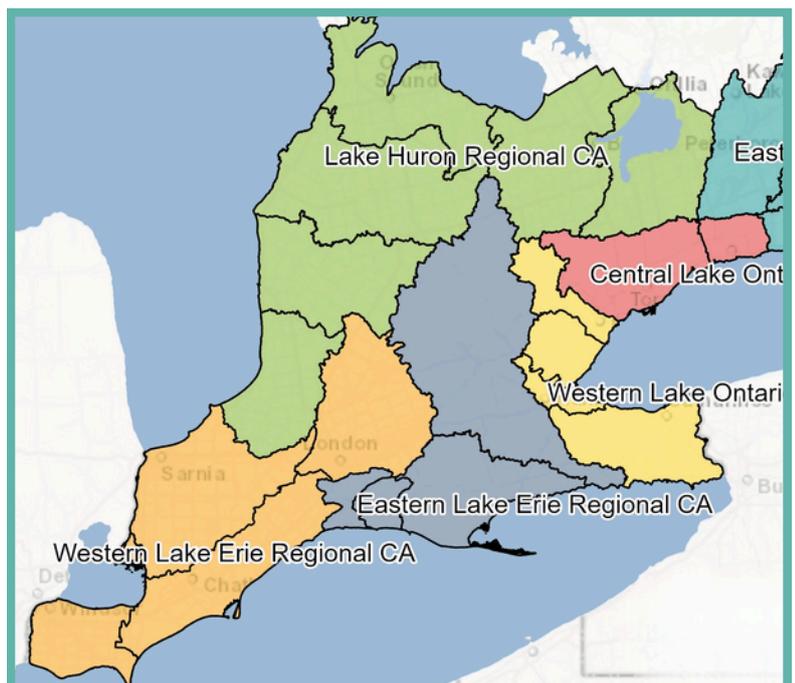
While scoring below 100% doesn't indicate that drinking water is unsafe, scoring 100% is a testament to the work of our frontline water system operators, and the thorough work that they do to keep our drinking water safe for residents.

UTRCA Outlines Amalgamation Risks

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority presented to Council about concerns with the proposed consolidation of conservation authorities in Ontario.

Under the latest proposal, Thames Centre would be part of the **Western Lake Erie** and the **Eastern Lake Erie** regions (see map to the right), and the municipality would lose representation on these boards.

To share your concerns, please contact the Chief Conservation Executive at Hassaan.Basit@ontario.ca.



Updated Debt Policy Approved

On Monday, Council approved changes to the Long-Term Debt and Financial Obligations Policy.

Changes will enhance the municipality's overall financial situation by improving the timing and structure of borrowing, strengthening long-term affordability, and increasing flexibility in managing both operating and capital budgets.

More efficient internal financing processes are anticipated to reduce administrative overhead and streamline access to cash flow for capital needs, while clearer prioritization of debt-funded projects supports more predictable long-term financial planning and provide a strategy on when to use debt.

Additionally, enhanced alignment between growth-related revenue sources and associated debt obligations reduces financial pressure on the general tax base.

Volunteer Breakfast - April 21

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, April 21

7:30 am - 9:00 am

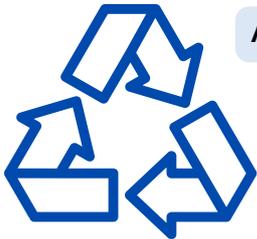
Thorndale Lions Community Centre

Council is sponsoring this **FREE BREAKFAST** to honour the hard working volunteers of community groups and organizations who strengthen the fabric of our community by giving their time, talent, and energy to help one another!



Donate Prizes to Support Our Volunteers!

Please contact recreation@thamescentre.on.ca if interested in donating a Door Prize for this event, or call 519-268-7334 ext. 701.



As of January 1, 2026, **municipalities are no longer responsible for the blue box program.** If you have a blue box or recycling question or concern contact **Miller Waste** at **1-888-852-2376** or send an e-mail to **area24@millierwaste.ca**

2026 Active Living Centre Survey

Share your ideas about Active Living programs in Thames Centre!

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/alc>
Paper copies are available at both Dorchester and Thorndale locations.



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