

Council Highlights

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Join us at our Budget Meeting
on Monday, December 8 at 5pm!



Active Living Centre Survey Launching in 2026



Council received a report from the Active Living Centre Advisory Committee which recommended launching a new survey on Active Living Centre programs,

Council will receive a draft survey before it is launched in 2026 to receive public feedback on the activities and programs that are offered in Thames Centre.

The Active Living Centre at the FlightExec Centre was renovated in 2024, and several new Active Living programs were launched in Thorndale this fall following a successful provincial grant application.

To learn more about current programs, visit www.thamescentre.on.ca/ALC.

Stormwater Review Received

Council received a report from staff regarding stormwater rates.

Staff recommended keeping the current model which is more equitable for smaller residential properties.

The current model, adopted by Council last year, shifts a greater burden for stormwater charges to industrial/commercial properties, and has the lowest rate increases for small residential properties.

It is also one of the simpler models, with negligible administrative costs.

Council directed staff to maintain the current system.

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Council Renews Waste Collection Contract

On the advice of staff, Council renewed the garbage collection contract with Miller Waste.

Miller currently operates garbage collection services in Thames Centre.

This move was recommended to give staff a chance to see how waste collection works in practice in a new system that starts in 2026.

Starting on January 1, the Ontario Government is implementing a new provincewide system, which removes recycling programs from local municipalities.



The new recycling system will be managed by the producers of recyclable products to ensure producer responsibility for effectively recycling and reusing the materials you recycle.

Circular Materials is a non-profit organization operated by some of Canada's leading food, beverage and consumer products manufacturers, restaurants, and retailers.

To get more information on the new recycling system, residents can visit www.circularmaterials.ca.



By-Law Appoints New CAO

Council passed a by-law to officially appoint Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier as our new Chief Administrative Officer, effective December 3rd.

Jillene is currently the CAO of Kincardine, and previously worked in Southwest Middlesex and the County of Perth.

Council is happy to welcome Jillene to Thames Centre, and thanks interim CAO Jeff Brick for his work.