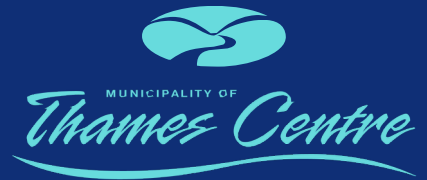


Quarterly Highlights

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New Fire Truck Joins the Fleet



Our newest fire truck, Rescue 2, arrived in Thorndale (from New Brunswick) and was ceremonially pushed into Fire Station No. 2 this April.

\$1 Million Grant Received to Replace CANUSA Ice Pad

Thames Centre successfully applied for a \$1 million grant from the Ontario Government to cover roughly half the costs of replacing the CANUSA rink at the FlightExec Centre.

The CANUSA Rink is in it's 50th year of operation, and will be replaced a brand new ice pad with modern refrigeration systems and boards that meet higher safety standards.

Construction is scheduled for the 2026 off-season.



Improving Road Safety

As a result of a motion from Councillor Crockett, the Municipality hosted a Road Safety Open House event in May. Every member of Council was in attendance, and residents were able to discuss their concerns directly with municipal staff from Public Works, Planning & Development, and By-Law Enforcement.

Residents could also speak with representatives from Middlesex County, the OPP, the Thames Centre Fire Department, Middlesex-London Paramedic Services, and Good Roads, who also joined us for the event.



In July, new rumble strips were installed on Evelyn Drive, at the intersection with Cobble Hills Road.



Based on Open House feedback, new digital radar displays were added on Putnam Road.

Taking Action to Protect Our Local Environment



Tree Planting

Last year Thames Centre adopted a new Tree Planting Plan and planted 15,000 trees!

We're building on that success with continued tree planting, including this year's TREE POWER program, which allowed residents to purchase trees to plant on their own properties.

A New EV Charging Station

Thames Centre qualified for a Charged for Change grant from Aviva Canada and EarthDay.ca!

This \$125,000 grant will cover roughly 90% of the cost of installing new Electric Vehicle charging stations in Thames Centre.

The new EV charging stations are set to be installed at the Municipal Office and the FlightExec Centre.



Battery Drop-Off Locations

Building off of feedback from last year's Green Town Hall meetings, the Municipality introduced a program to let people drop off used batteries at either the Dorchester Municipal Office or Thorndale Lions Community Centre.

This makes it easier for residents to safely recycle batteries, and keeps hazardous materials out of our landfill!

Community Grants Awarded

Community Partnership Grants returned in 2025, with Council reallocating some of the Council initiatives budget to increase the funds available for Community Grants!



Second Quarter Highlights

Canada Day



Celebrating Pride



Thames Centre celebrated Canada's 158th birthday over two days, starting on June 30.

We also held a logo contest which selected Sanny Annoni's submission as the official logo for this year's Pride Celebration!

Community Events



This spring we held a number of community events, including the Mayor's Breakfast, two volunteer appreciation breakfasts, and two Firefighter's Breakfasts!

Second Quarter Highlights

New Businesses Opening in Thames Centre



Mayor McMillan was on hand for the opening of J-AAR's new asphalt plant in May, as well as the opening of Doggo Den in June.

AMCTO Recognizes Thames Centre for Innovation

Clerk Jana Nethercott and Deputy Mayor Smibert accepted the Certificate of Merit at AMCTO's E.A. Danby Awards on behalf of the Municipality.

Thames Centre won the award for the innovative use of OpenBook software to show residents where their money was being invested.



Supporting the Community



With help from Artscrushing & Recycling Ltd., Thames Centre awarded funds from this year's Charity Depot to the MS Bike Ride, the Optimist Club of North Dorchester, and the Thorndale Optimist Club. Staff and Council also participated in Red Shirt Day to support accessibility.

Community Engagement

This spring the Municipality completed this year's Ward Town Hall meetings, held two Open House events for the Trails & Cycling Master Plan, started monthly Community Garden information sessions, and held a Public Information Centre meeting about the upcoming Kings Street Urbanization project.

Trails & Cycling Master Plan Open House Events

May 20
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
FlightExec Centre
Lions Den

May 22
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Thorndale Lions
Community Centre
Meeting Room #3

These drop-in events provide the community with the opportunity to share their ideas on future improvements to trails and cycling in Thames Centre.

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**King Street Upgrades
Public Information Centre
June 26 at 5:30 PM**

