

Council Highlights

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Join us at our Next Regular Council Meeting
on Monday, July 20 at 5 pm!

Firefighter Service Medals Presented

At the Council Meeting Mayor McMillan and Fire Chief Nick Dorcen recognized several local firefighters for their years of service with the Thames Centre Fire Department.



Wes Fox accepts an award for 40 years of service!
Pictured L to R: Joseph Krogman, Wes Fox, Mayor McMillan, Rick Sager, Aaron Lightfoot, Chief Dorcen.

Service Medals Awarded

20 Years
Mike Richardson
Andrew Murrell

25 Years
Dave Breau
Steve Gouweloos
Derek Johnston
Mike Olds
Blair Chowen

30 Years
Mike Fox

35 Years
Blair Stevens
Scott Kerr

40 Years
Wes Fox

Retirements
Scott Kerr (36 Years)
Rick Sager (42 Years)



Deputy District Chief Rick Sager (top) and Scott Kerr (below) are retiring from TCFD and were presented with certificates recognizing 42 and 36 years of service respectively.

Thames Centre to Receive Increased Interest Income

Council approved a recommendation from staff to enter into an agreement with ONE Investment, a non-profit organization that helps Ontario municipalities receive preferential interest rates on money stored in Canadian bank accounts.



Increasing interest revenue provides new funds for the Municipality and will help to keep taxes lower over the long term.

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Council Approves Funds for a New Strategic Plan

Council voted to amend the 2026 budget to provide for funding to facilitate the creation of a new strategic plan for the next term of Council.

Municipal Strategic Plans inform departmental plans and long-term budgeting, so that resources are focus on a council's strategic priorities.

Staff estimate a cost of up to \$40,000 for the process and creation of a Strategic Plan. The budget amendment allows for a one-time draw from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (if required) or will be covered by the 2026 Council operating budget, if there is available room at year end.

New Compensation Rates Set for Next Term of Council

Staff presented a third party report on updated compensation rates for the 2026–2030 term of Council, which is based on the 60th percentile benchmark identified, with CPI adjustments.

The new compensation rates are \$42,133.61 for the Mayor, \$28,819.36 for the Deputy Mayor, and \$23,045.70 for Councillors. New compensation rates would increase the Council budget by a total of \$18,805 in 2027.

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Planning to vote in the municipal election on October 26?

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New Shipping Container By-Law

A new by-law on the use of shipping containers (or sea cans) was adopted at the June 29 meeting.

The by-law allows them to be used for temporary purposes, like moving or construction, for up to 60 days. The by-laws also mandates that they be placed in the back yard. The by-law will go into effect on July 19.

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