

# The Municipality of Thames Centre Council Highlights

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June 15, 2026  
& June 19, 2026  
Special Meeting

Join us at our Next Regular Council Meeting  
on Monday, June 29 at 5 pm!



## New Playground Contracts Approved

At Monday's meeting, Council approved funding agreements to start construction on brand new play structures near the Boardwalk at Mill Pond and at Woodvale Drive. Council also approved the awarding of a contract to build a new wheelchair swing at the Dorchester Dream Park.

Budget 2026 included the funding to build these new play structures. The wheelchair swing project is being made possible by an EASE Grant from the Ontario Government that was announced in March 2026.

Updates will be provided to the public as progress is made on these projects.



*A photo of the EASE Grant presentation in March, and a rendering of the park proposed for Woodvale Drive.*

## June 19 Special Meeting Update

A Special Council Meeting was held virtually on June 19 at 8 AM.

At this meeting, Council approved a conditional 50% reduction of Development Charges (DCs), that would come into effect if Thames Centre was approved for funding under the Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP).

If the DCRP application successful, the local DCs would be reduced by 50% retroactively to March 2026, and the program would help offset the potential revenue loss with funding for a local infrastructure project.

There would be no change to local DC rates if the Municipality does not receive funding from the program. The full meeting is available on YouTube

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# New Road Improvements Coming Soon

At Monday's meeting new agreements were authorized for work on the King Street Storm Sewer Upgrade and Road Urbanization project, and for the paving of a section of Fairview Road with hot mix asphalt.

The awarded contracts were recommended by staff following a competitive bidding process managed by Middlesex County Procurement Services.

Residents can follow these projects at:

<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/KingStreetUpgrades26> &  
<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/202627-Fairview-Road-Construction>

Information on road closures and detours will be available on Municipal 511. [A Municipal 511 map of our region can be found on our website.](#)



Fairview Road will be repaved from Evelyn Drive to Wyton Drive

## Planning to vote in the municipal election on October 26?

### Get on the voters list!

You can check, update or add yourself to the voters list with our online tool until **August 12**, or directly with your municipality after this date.

**REGISTER NOW**



## New TCFD Promotions



Rick Sager, Nick Dorken, Aaron Lightfoot, & Mayor McMillan celebrate Aaron Lightfoot being named District Chief



Rick Sager, Andre Sherriff & Nick Dorken, mark Andrew Sherriff's promotion to Captain.

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