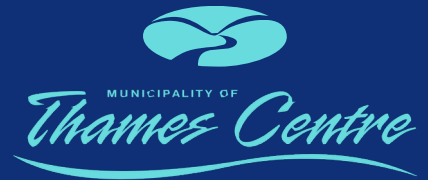


# Quarterly Highlights



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## #SupportLocal Campaign



Thames Centre continued its #SupportLocal campaign to help promote local businesses during the month of October.

## Mayor Hosts Local Business Forum



Mayor McMillan and Council hosted a reception for local businesses to discuss local business issues and help local business owners connect with each other, and with regional economic development groups.

## Revitalizing Roads and Improving Road Safety

The 2025 Budget included several investments in renewing roads and infrastructure, and these projects continued into the summer and fall.



### Gladstone Gladstone Dr. & Dorchester Rd.

In Gladstone, sections of Gladstone Drive and Dorchester Road were repaved with hot mix asphalt this fall. This significantly improves local road quality and will create a smoother, safer driving experience for residents.

### Thorndale New Community Safety Zone

In advance of the 2025-26 school year, new Community Safety Zone signs were installed near West Nissouri Public School in Thorndale.

Community Safety Zones allow for increased fines for speeding near schools.



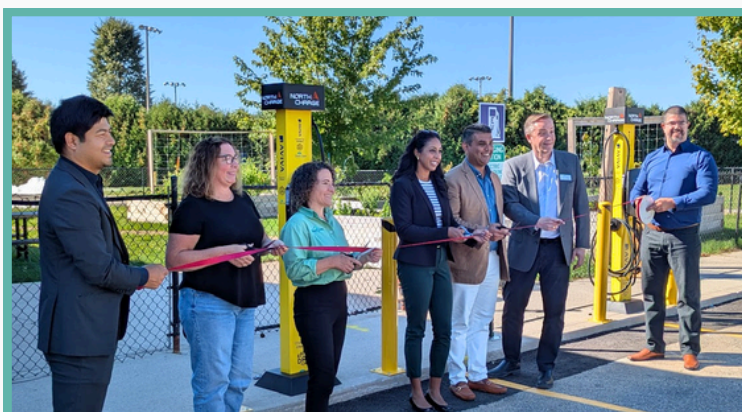
### Dorchester Minnie Street

The road was resurfaced on Minnie Street in Dorchester to provide a more even driving surface near the train tracks, making it safer for vehicles to cross.

## New EV Chargers Installed

Thanks to the *Charged for Change* grant from Aviva and Earth Day Canada, new EV charging stations were installed at the FlightExec Centre and at the Municipal Office on Hamilton Road.

Drivers can use the charging stations by scanning a QR code, or by downloading the NorthCharge app on their smartphones.



*Deputy Mayor Smibert and Councillor Lockie attend the official opening of the new EV charging stations.*



*Residents were able to charge their vehicles for free for the month of October.*

## Crockett Named Food Champion



Councillor Chantel Crockett was named as a 2025 Food System Champion by the Middlesex London Food Policy Council.

The MLFPC cited her dedication to supporting farmers and educating the general public about agri-business as some of Chantel's key contributions.

## Fall Fairs in Thames Centre



Thames Centre was filled with lots of fun activities this fall! Councillor Heeman became the Corn Shucking champion at the 2nd Annual Corn Fest, Thorndale hosted the Thorndale Fall Fair and Oxford Renaissance Festival in September, and the 170<sup>th</sup> Dorchester Fall Fair was held over Thanksgiving weekend!

## Community Grants



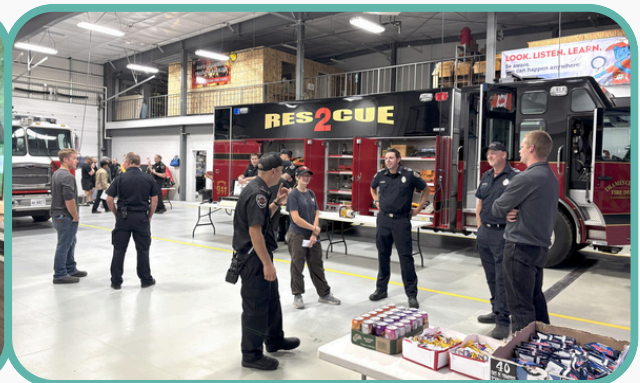
Mayor McMillan presented a Community Grant cheque to Thames Centre Minor Soccer, which gave more kids the opportunity to play soccer this summer.

## Representing Our Community

Thames Centre sent a delegation to the AMO Conference where Council members made the case to the Ontario Government for expanding West Nissouri Public School, investing in local infrastructure, bringing health services closer to home.



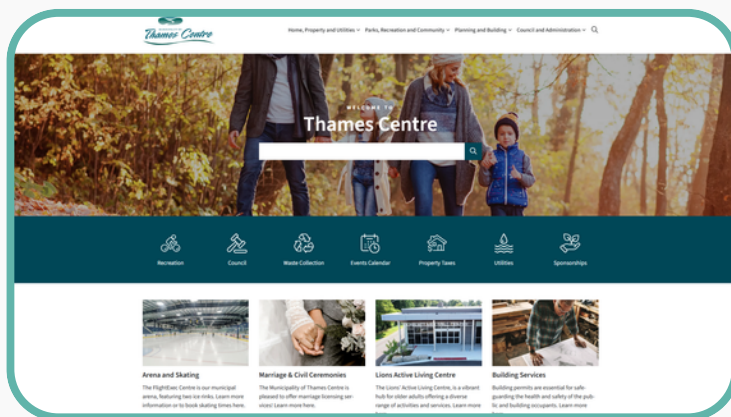
## New Recruits



Mayor McMillan welcomed new recruits who joined TCFD's ranks in July, and a Firefighter Recruitment Open House was held in September.

## Community Engagement

### Upgraded Website



The Municipality launched a new, more user-friendly website in July.

The new site is more accessible, features more online form submissions, and more simplified links.

For example, you can find the 2025-26 waste collection calendar at <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/collection>.

### Planning & Building Open House

Planning and Development Services held another Planning & Building Open House session.

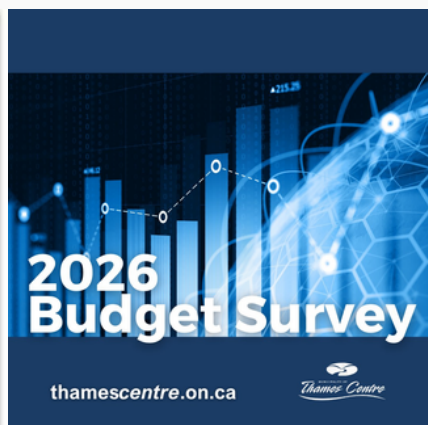
This event allowed residents meet directly with planning officials, and gave them a chance to ask questions about making changes to their properties or learn how to use Cloudpermit software to make an online application.



### Budget Award & Online Survey

Thames Centre held online consultations for the 2026 budget process in September and October.

The Municipality was one of 25 in Ontario to win the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Budget 2025.



# Active Living Centre

## Expanding Active Living Programs



### Active Living Open House

**Thorndale Lions Community Centre**

Thursday, Sept. 4  
1 PM - 3 PM



Visit us at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre this Thursday to learn more about new programs and activities offered this fall!



Thanks to qualifying for additional grant funding from the Ontario Government, Thames Centre was able to significantly expand the number of Active Living programs available to residents.

An Open House event was held in Thorndale in September to help residents get familiar with some of the new activities that are now available at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre.

Residents can stay on top of the new slate of Active Living programs by visiting our website at <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/ALC>.

## Celebrating 25 Years of Karen Gress



This fall, staff and residents alike celebrated 25 years of Karen Gress working in Thames Centre, and generally making our days brighter.