

Council Highlights

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Council Creates New Community Safety Zone



On Monday Council voted to create a new Community Safety Zone on Elliot Trail between Nissouri Road and Brooker Trail.

This is the road in front of West Nissouri Public School in Thorndale.

The new by-law (59-2025) will allow for signs to be posted warning motorists of increased fines for traffic violations, particularly speeding.

Council had passed a resolution calling on Middlesex County to designate county roads outside of local schools as Community Safety Zones earlier this year.

Road Safety Feedback Report Published

Council also received a feedback report concerning the Road Safety Open House.

The report notes some actions that have already been taken to improve local road safety, including the installation of rumble strips at the intersection of Evelyn/Cobble Hills, as well as the installation of permanent digital radar displays (which show passing motorists the speed they're travelling) at multiple locations along Putnam Road.

The report can be viewed online by visiting the Agenda page for Monday's meeting:
<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/agenda-minutes>



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Thames Centre Launches New Website



At Council, Mayor McMillan announced the launch of a new website.

The new website is built on a more modern platform that provides streamlined navigation on all device types and will allow for enhanced features in the future.

The new website can be accessed at www.thamescentre.on.ca.

Council Considers Mobile Businesses

Following a delegation from a resident who operate a mobile barber shop, Council voted to instruct staff to prepare a report on solutions to permit Temporary Mobile Businesses to operate in Thames Centre.

Currently by-laws exist that govern the use of food trucks and other refreshment vehicles.

Alternate Voting Methods Approved

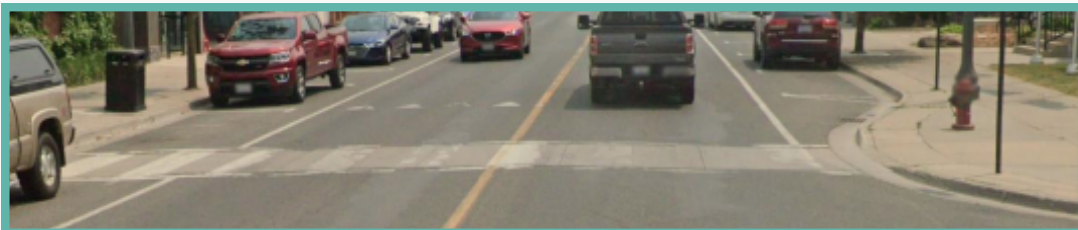
Council voted to confirm the use of internet and telephone voting as alternative voting methods in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

This is consistent with previous elections and staff is co-ordinating with other Middlesex County municipalities.

Council Endorses Traffic Calming Measures for King Street Urbanization

Following a presentation from Thorndale residents, Council voted to support incorporating bump outs as part of the King Street Storm Sewer Upgrade and Road Urbanization as an enhanced traffic calming measure and to coordinate the tree planting budget with the construction schedule.

This resolution is being forwarded to Middlesex County as King Street is a county road.



An example of a bumpout, which reduces the distance for pedestrians to cross the road.

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New Firefighters Welcomed



Mayor McMillan and Chief Dorken welcomed new recruits from the Thames Centre Fire Department.

Lease Extensions for Boys and Girls Club, Playroom Experiment, New Agreement with Oxford Renaissance Fair

Council approved the extension of the Boys and Girls Club's lease at the FlightExec Centre. The new lease will be extended for two years and includes two free hours of gym time.



The Playroom Experiment lease has also been extended for two years, and the extension will include up to 4 days of free room rentals to support special events or fundraisers.

Council also approved of a new rental agreement with the Oxford Renaissance Fair that would keep the Fair running in Thorndale through 2029.



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Quarterly Reports Received

Council received 2nd quarter reports from departments, which can be viewed online on the Agenda page for Monday's meeting:

<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/agenda-minutes>.

These reports include the Quarterly Highlights for the 2nd Quarter of 2025, and updated financial reporting on year-to-date spending versus the 2025 Budget.

2nd Quarter Highlights can also be accessed at <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/media/4acjsyru/q2-highlights.pdf>.



Motion Calls for Increased Bus Access for Out of Boundary Students

A motion passed to contact the Minister of Education, the Provincial Appointee to the Thames Valley District School Board, and the CAO of Big Yellow Bus, to expedite the allocation of out of boundary students to access bus services at the beginning of the 2025 school year, particularly Medway students living in Thorndale. Students typically wait until Thanksgiving for bus services to be finalized. This motion calls for planning changes that would provide bus services earlier in the school year.

New Committee Appointments

New board members were appointed to the Active Living Centre Advisory Committee. Council is still seeking applicants for the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

If you would like to be considered, fill out an Expression of Interest form at:

<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/council-and-administration/committees-and-boards>.