

# Council Highlights

## Director of Fire and Emergency Services/ Fire Chief

Council introduced Nick Dorken as the new Director of Fire and Emergency Services/Fire Chief for the Municipality of Thames Centre, effective July 24, 2023. Chief Dorken brings nearly 20 years of experience in both Professional and Volunteer Fire setting.

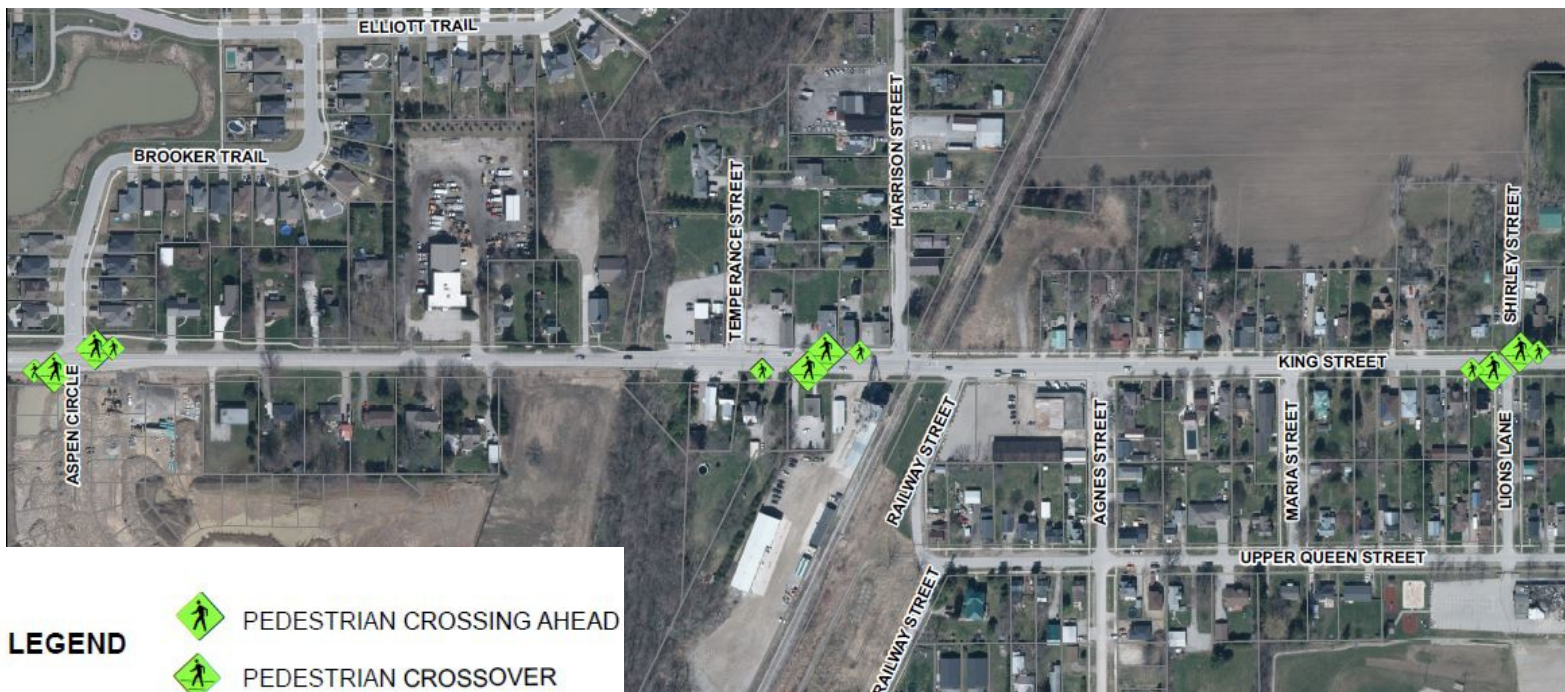


## Thorndale Dog Park Location Chosen

Council approved the location of the Thorndale Dog Park at the municipally owned property at the corner of Missouri Road and Gerald Parkway and that a donor recognition program be the same as Dorchester Dog Park.

## Upgrades to Thorndale Pedestrian Crossings

Council agreed to upgrade the current crossover on King Street in Thorndale, to a modified school crossing with updated signage. Council also approved two additional modified school crossings at Brooker Trail and King St, as a temporary measure until a road improvement capital project is done when an upgrade to a push button crossing can be considered and the other at Lions Lane and King St.



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## In Brief

During the meeting, Council also:

- received a presentation on the Climate Crisis: Building Municipal Resilience and Taking Action.
- received a presentation and directed staff to enter into an agreement with GrantMatch to assist the municipality in securing government funding.
- received an overview and update presentation from Middlesex County Information Technology Services Director.
- held a Committee of Adjustment meeting and approved a minor variance for 23387 Fairview Rd to permit the construction of a shed in the front yard.
- approved the rezoning of 2603 Dorchester Rd to permit townhouses to be constructed as a vacant land condominium, subject to approval by the County of Middlesex.
- approved the rezoning of 2300 Dorchester Rd to permit a food store and drive thru restaurant.
- received budget to actual financial report for first quarter of 2023.
- received [2022 Annual Development Charges report](#) and the [2022 Cash in Lieu of Parkland report](#). Both of these reports are posted on the website.
- received a report on 2023 Oversized Waste & Charity Depot programs.
- received quarterly departmental reports for the second quarter of 2022.
- approved updates to a number of IT policies.
- adopted terms of reference for the new Environmental Advisory Committee and directed staff to start the recruitment process.
- received petitions for municipal drain improvements and appointed engineers for the Wakem-Weir and O'Reilly Drains.
- prohibited parking on the southside of Byron Ave between Dorchester Rd and Hamilton Rd in the designated bike lane and directed staff to put up signage



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