

The Municipality of Thames Centre

# Council Highlights

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## 2024-2027

### Strategic Plan Final Draft

The Council reviewed the final draft of their strategic plan, focusing on pillars like Smart Planning, Community Engagement, Active Living, and Economic Development. Smart Planning involves growing the community while preserving its essence, aiming for diverse housing and affordability. Community Engagement emphasizes better communication and transparency in decision-making. Active Living prioritizes accessible recreational services for all ages, aligning with community growth. Economic Development aims to attract businesses and enhance local amenities and transportation.

New recommendations include adding Sustainability as a pillar, ensuring fiscal responsibility and affordable taxation. Specific changes involve streamlining application processes, conducting service delivery reviews, supporting urban youth centers, addressing water needs sustainably, recruiting doctors, and prioritizing green initiatives and tree planting.

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### Thames Centre New Billing Model OPP Municipal Policing Services

Robert Griffin, Janet Feaver and Steve Haight of the local OPP team shared insights with the Council regarding the new billing model for Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Services. Council received this update as information and passed a resolution to routinely provide the municipal speed monitoring system to the local OPP detachment. This aims to aid intelligence-led enforcement operations in Thames Centre, fostering collaboration for enhanced community safety.

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### Economic Development Committee

Council has approved the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee with a notable amendment: leveraging Middlesex County Economic Development Staff as a key resource. Additionally, they've asked that staff prepare an advertisement for new committee members. Progress is underway, aiming to harness collective expertise for the growth and prosperity of our community.

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## Town of Parry Sound

### Amendment to Highway Traffic Act to Permit Municipalities to Locate Automated Speed Enforcement Systems on Roadways

Council supported the resolution of Parry Sound calling for amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* allowing for automated speed enforcement systems on roadways. Council also requested a report back from staff on the viability of implementing an ASE in community safety and school safety zones within in Thames Centre.

## By-laws Passed

**105-2023** - to amend zoning as it related to lands located at 23976 Heritage Road.

**106-2023** - to amend zoning as it related to lands located at 6207 Trafalgar Street

**107-2023** - to amend zoning as it related to lands located at 4189 Mossley Drive

**108-2023** - to authorize the extension of an Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of London for use of the Thorndale Lions Community Centre and Thorndale Park for the purpose of offering youth programs.



## Department Reports

### Office of the CAO

Council received the 2023 Fall Economic Update Report

### Clerks Department

Council approved the the updated Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee and has also renewed the agreement for the provision of Police Services. Council has agreed on a one-year contract for this provision at present.

### Planning & Development

Council approved both the application for a Draft Plan of Condominium, Official Plan Amendment, and a Zoning By-law Amendment for 39T-TC-CDM2201,02-22,Z9-22

### Community & Facility Services

Council approved both the Boys and Girls Club facility license agreement contract extension which will extend until December 31, 2026 and the Playroom Experiments contract extension which will extend until December 31, 2024.

### Public Works

Council received and adopted the request to approve Anderson Drain.

**Join us at our next Council meeting**

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5pm