

# Council Highlights

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Next Council Meeting:  
Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
at the Municipal Office (4305 Hamilton Road)

## Thorndale Industrial Drain to Be Constructed with Zero Tax Increase

At last night's meeting Council adopted a new financial policy regarding the construction of the Thorndale Industrial Drain. This project allows for additional serviced industrial lands to facilitate economic development and job creation in Thames Centre.

Up front costs will be covered thanks to a grant from the Government of Ontario's Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund in combination with a loan from Middlesex County. This will allow for the construction of a comprehensive stormwater solution for the Thorndale Industrial lands that doesn't impact the municipal operating budget or local property taxes.

## Council Adopts New Policy on Artificial intelligence

Council has voted to approve a new policy regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence by municipal staff.

The new policy mandates strict privacy protocols and data governance practices in alignment with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA), ensuring that AI systems operate securely.

This ensures that staff shall be able to use AI tools to assist them with their duties, but the personal information of residents is never allowed to be entered into AI programs, thus protecting the personal information of residents.



## Upcoming Events



### May 7

A Road Safety Open House event is being held at 7 PM in the Lions Den at the FlightExec Centre.

Learn more about road safety, and share your ideas and concerns with staff and Council!



### May 20, May 22

Trails & Cycling Master Plan open house events are being held at 6:30 PM on May 20 (FlightExec Centre) and May 22 (Thorndale Lions Community Centre). Help us shape the future of the Thames Centre trails network!