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Municipality of Thames Centre
NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION
Upper Queen Street Storm Sewer Upgrade and Road Urbanization

April 15, 2025

Dear Property Owner / Resident,

The Municipality of Thames Centre (Municipality) hereby notifies and advises all residents and affected parties of the upcoming construction project along Upper Queen Street from Railway Street to Fairview Road. Starting **early May 2025**, ASG Excavating will lead the effort, with a completion date of **September 12, 2025** (excluding the final topcoat of asphalt, scheduled for 2026). A full-time inspector from Spriet Associates Ltd., supported by periodic visits from our municipal staff, will oversee the project to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible. We're committed to keeping you informed and minimizing disruptions throughout this process.

Work Plan Details – General Overview

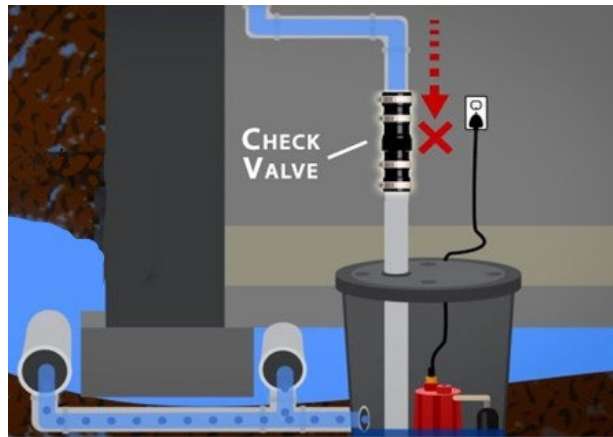
- Tree Preservation Fencing
- Asphalt Removals
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- Storm Sewer and PDC installation
- Water Service and Curb Stop replacement
- Road Excavation (to new grade) / Granular Placement
- Curbs and Sidewalk Installation
- Base Coat of Asphalt
- Driveway Replacement
- Topsoil and Sod
- Deficiency repairs (2026 if applicable)
- Topcoat of Asphalt (2026)

Important Notes for Property Owners

Storm Private Drain Connections (PDC):

- If your existing sump pump or rear yard tile drains into the current storm sewer, it will be connected to the new Storm Private Drain Connection.

- Property owners are responsible for ensuring a working check valve is installed on the pipe between the sump pump and where it exits the basement foundation wall (see diagram below). We encourage you to verify this setup to prevent issues during large rain events.

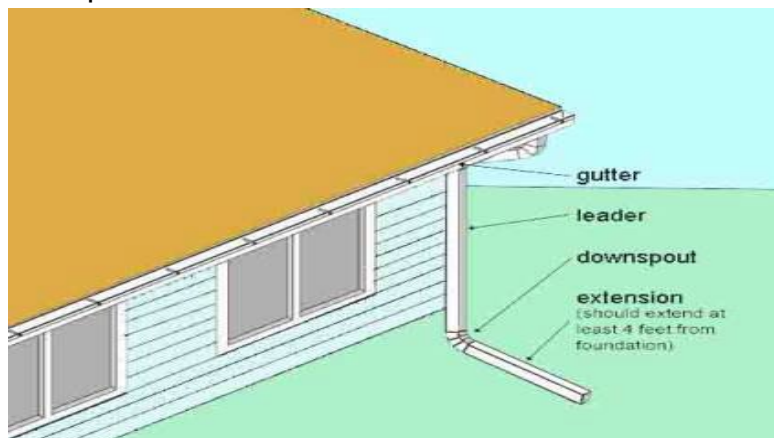


Private Underground Sprinkler Systems

- If your underground sprinkler system is located within the Municipal Right of Way, please relocate it by **May 15th, 2025**, to avoid disruption.
- Note that the Municipality is not liable for any damage to sprinkler systems caused by construction activities.

Roof Leader (Downspouts)

- If your roof leader (downspout) currently directs water underground into the existing storm sewer, you'll need to disconnect it at the point where it enters the ground near your home. Refer to the diagram below for the recommended downspout setup.



Construction Impacts:



Work Hours

Construction will typically occur from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday**, with no after-hours or weekend work expected. During this time, you may notice dust, noise, occasional service interruptions, and other inconveniences—we appreciate your patience as we work to improve Upper Queen Street.

To protect your belongings, we recommend securing or temporarily storing fragile items like glassware, tea sets, vases, or glass picture frames that could shift or fall from shelves or displays. Due to local soil conditions, construction equipment may cause noticeable vibrations, especially when working directly in front of your home. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Accessibility

If you need accommodations – such as level entry, advance notice, or mobility assistance – please contact the Municipality or Spriet Associates Ltd. using the phone numbers or emails listed below. You can also speak directly to any construction worker wearing a white hard hat on-site. We'll collaborate with you and the contractor to ensure safe and convenient access throughout the project. We know construction can be challenging for property owners, so please don't hesitate to reach out for help, clarification, or additional information.



Motorists

ASG Excavating will tackle the project one block at a time, focusing on storm sewers and water services to keep access as open as possible. School bus companies have been informed and will notify you directly about any changes to pick-up locations.

We'll do our best to maintain driveway access throughout construction. However, there may be brief periods when access is limited – such as during the installation of a new service line, excavation in front of your property, fresh concrete pouring for curbs or sidewalks, or driveway paving. If needed, residents affected by construction can park on nearby streets.

Emergency services (EMS, Fire, OPP), school buses, and garbage collection teams will stay updated on changing site conditions to ensure smooth operations.



Garbage, Recycling, and Oversized Waste Pickup

Please place your blue boxes, garbage containers, and oversized waste at the end of your property as usual. When construction blocks garbage and recycling trucks from reaching your home, ASG Excavating will move and return your bins as needed, using temporary labels to ensure they're returned to the right property. Oversized waste pickup is scheduled for **May 12th, 2025**, and the contractor will ensure access for our garbage trucks. If you experience any issues with garbage, recycling, or oversized waste, please contact Kevin Willson at (519) 268-7334 x745 or kwillson@thamescentre.on.ca.



Nursery Sod

The contractor will water the new sod in the boulevard for 30 days after it's laid. After that, maintenance becomes the property owner's responsibility. We encourage you to join in the watering process to help the sod thrive.



Cyclists and Pedestrians

Cyclists and pedestrians are urged to stay cautious near construction zones and follow all posted signs for safety.



Water Service Interruptions

Water service interruptions will occur during this project, with an expected 2 – 4 brief disruptions throughout construction. The Municipality will provide at least 24 hours' notice for any planned interruption by placing door hangers on your front door. If you have concerns about your drinking water, please reach out to Kevin Willson at (519) 268-7334 x745 or kwillson@thamescentre.on.ca. For after-hours water emergencies, call (519) 930-8118.

Contact Information

The Municipality is dedicated to keeping you informed and supported throughout the construction process. Feel free to contact the Municipality or Spriet Associates Ltd. anytime with questions or concerns – we're here to assist you.

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