

Council Highlights

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Join us at our next Council Meeting on Monday, June 23rd at 5pm



Charity Depot Cheques Presented



Mayor McMillan and Public Works Director Jarrod Craven presented cheques to the MS Bike Club, the Optimist Club of North Dorchester, and the Thorndale Optimist Club.

These funds were raised by the Charity Depots, where held on May 3rd in Dorchester and May 10th in Thorndale.

At a Charity Depot, residents deliver unwanted scrap metals, used batteries, and aluminum cans to Depot locations, where volunteers assist in unloading the items, so they can be sent to local metal recyclers to be weighed and exchanged for fair market value.

The Mayor thanked the volunteers who help make Charity Depots happen, and also recognized Aarts Trucking, who made a gracious cash donation to this year's Charity Depot program, and also provided bins that were used at this year's Charity Depot events.

And of course, we thank all residents who participated in these Charity Depot events, by donating their unwanted goods to help support local charities.



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Community Improvement Plan Grants Approved

Council approved \$12,077.04 in Community Improvement Plan grants.

These grants are designed to help property owners make improvements to their property that benefit the community as a whole.

The funds are not awarded to recipients until they meet the conditions of a funding agreement.

The Community Improvement Plan includes \$40,000 for Community Improvement Grants, with a maximum grant of \$10,000 available for any single application.

Applications for the next wave of grants must be submitted by October 1.



In her remarks, Mayor McMillan highlighted that she and Deputy Mayor Smibert represented Thames Centre at the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conference.

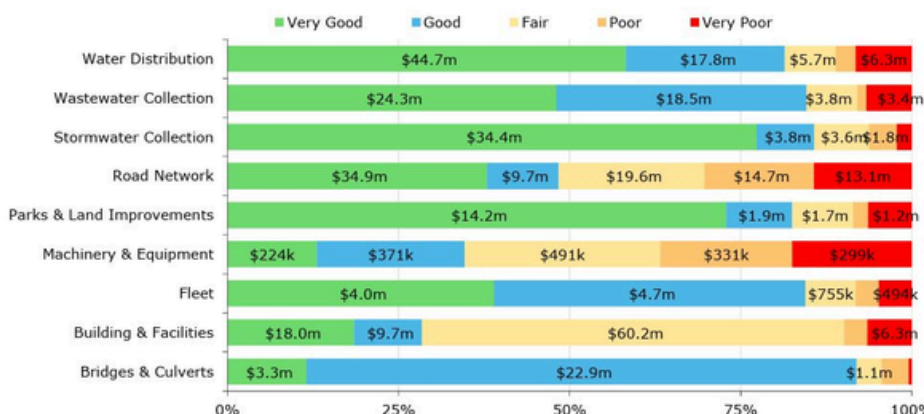
Asset Management Plan Received by Council

Council approved a new Asset Management Plan (AMP), a document which outlines the long-term sustainability of infrastructure within the Municipality. Like all Ontario municipalities, Thames Centre has an infrastructure deficit; however, thanks to prudent planning, it's projected that we can sustain our existing infrastructure without significant tax increases!

[Click to Read the AMP](#)

Asset Condition

- 78% of the Township's infrastructure portfolio is in fair or better condition
- Overall average condition is Good or 65.4%



Replacement cost of asset portfolio

\$469.8 million

Replacement cost of infrastructure per capita

\$33,608
(2021 Census)

Target average annual infrastructure reinvestment rate

2.1%

Actual average annual infrastructure reinvestment rate

1.3%

Percentage of assets in fair or better condition

78%

Percentage of annual infrastructure funding needs currently being met

64.6%

Portion of total infrastructure funding that comes from grant funding

\$1.6 million

Annual cost savings for roads through proactive lifecycle management

\$1.4 million