Senior Of The Year Award

Mayor McMillan and Karen Gress presented Helen Bendall with the 2023 Senior of the Year Award.

Fire Department Long Service Awards

Mayor McMillan, District Chief Ken Armstrong and Deputy District Chief Rick Sager presented the Long Service Awards to Volunteer Firefighters.

20 Years
David Breau – D
Steve Gouweloos – D
Kris Grieve – D
Mike Olds – T
Blair Chowen – T
Rob Hanson – T
Scott Hopper – D
Derek Johnson – T

25 Years
David Van Dyk – D
Garry Spurgeon – D
Dan Graham – T
Gary Kelly – T
Kevin Armstrong – T
Mike Fox – T
Tim Churchill – D

30 Years
Scott Kerr – D
Mark Somers (ret) – D
Doug Haffner – D
Blair Stevens – T
Mark Armstrong – T
Rob Egan – T

35 Years
Wayne Somers (ret) – D
Kevin Wallace – D
Ron Lewis (ret) – D
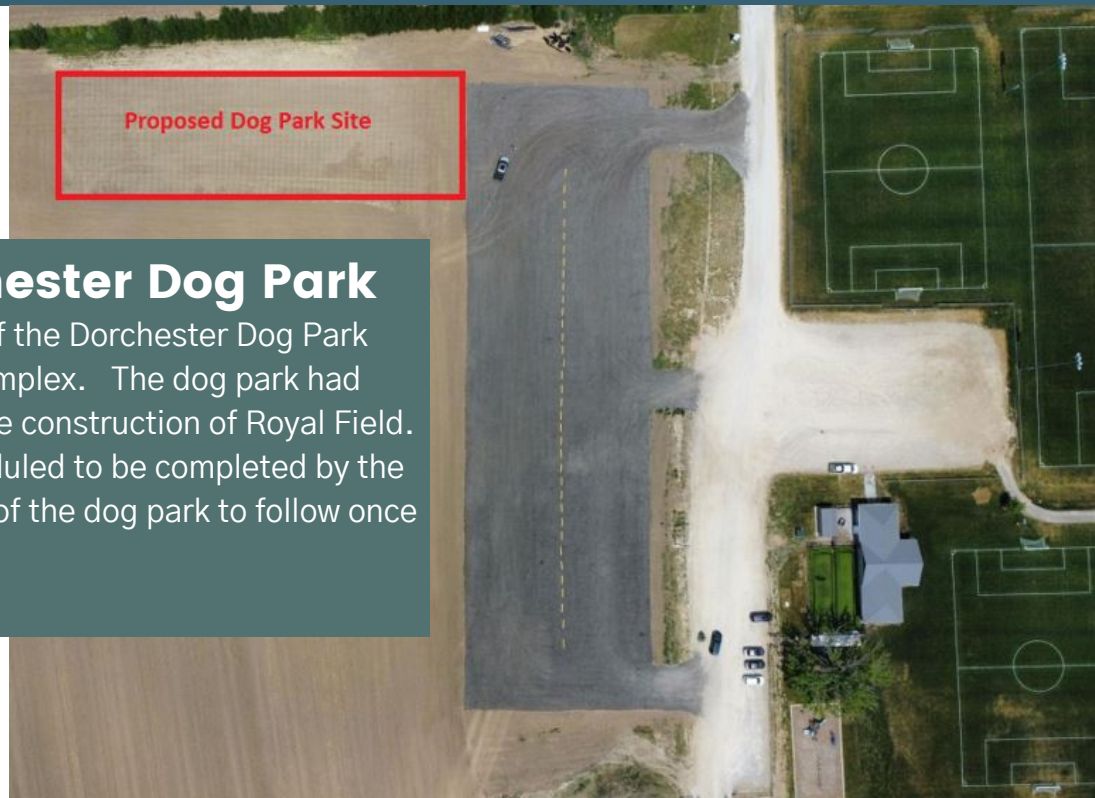Wes Fox – T
Rick Sager – D
Tim Walker – T
John Brroughs – D

45 Years
Ken Armstrong – T

D = Dorchester Station
T = Thorndale Station
ret = Retired

Proposed Dog Park Site

Relocation of Dorchester Dog Park

Council approved the relocation of the Dorchester Dog Park within the Outdoor Recreation Complex.   The dog park had been temporarily closed during the construction of Royal Field. Installation of the fencing is scheduled to be completed by the end of June, with the re-opening of the dog park to follow once the grass has been established.

In Brief

During the meeting, Council also:

- Approved the 2022 Audited Financial Statements from the Municipal Auditor
- Received an update presentation from the consultants on the Community Services and Facilities Master Plan
- Request Staff bring forward a Division Fence Cost Sharing By-law to share the cost of division fences between neighbouring properties
- Declared the unopened road allowance off of Catherine Street (at Westchester Bourne) surplus and started the process to sell the lands to the property owner, who's laneway is on this property
- Accepted a donation from the Dorchester Lion's of a walk-in-cooler for the FlightExec Centre as part of the expansion project
- Supported the Thames Centre Sports Wall of Fame Committee recommendation to consider the cost of hanging a recognition banner at the FlightExec Centre "The Home of Boone Jenner" during the 2024 Budget Deliberations
- Approved the creation of an Environmental Advisory Committee, with staff to develop the terms of reference
- Directed Staff to prepare a tree planting plan to support the World Economic Forum initiative to plant 1 trillion trees