

# Council Highlights

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Join us at our next Council Meeting on Monday, January 27th, at 5pm

## Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee Adopts Terms of Reference



At last night's Council meeting the terms of reference for the new Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee were adopted.

This committee is tasked with consulting on the design of a possible future expansion for the Community Centre.

In the draft Terms of Reference that were adopted, it was proposed that the composition of the ad hoc committee should comprise of two (2) residents, preferably from Thorndale, one (1) member of the Thorndale & District Lions Club, one (1) member of the Thorndale Agricultural Society and two (2) members of Council.

Information on how to apply to become a committee member will be posted on posters at the Community Centre, and through Municipality social media channels.



### Enhancing Protections for Clean Water

At last night's meeting Council approved a report regarding updates to the Thames - Sydenham & Region Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.

These changes include efforts to reduce the use of road salts, limitations on the use of commercial fertilizers within 100 metres of the water source, and strengthening protections against fuel impacting the water source to bring them in line with provincial changes.

A 35-day public consultation period has commenced. The proposed updates will be posted on this website:

[sourcewaterprotection.on.ca](https://sourcewaterprotection.on.ca)

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## Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) Budget Presentation



The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) presented their 2025 Budget to Council. The UTRCA is receiving roughly \$262,000 from the Municipality of Thames Centre this year.

The UTRCA budget presentation can be viewed online at:

<https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12496>

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## 2024 Report on Freedom of Information Requests Received and Now Available Online

Council received its Annual Report on Freedom of Information requests. The Municipality received 16 requests last year. The report can be viewed online at:

<https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12493>

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## New Policies Adopted on Access to Information and Privacy

Council also adopted new policies that were drafted by staff. Council approved a policy governing the Access to Records and Protection of Personal Privacy. It governs the procedure on how the Municipality responds to access requests and how it protects personal information. The policy can be viewed at:

<https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12521>

Council approved a new Privacy Breach policy. This policy outlines the steps that shall be followed when an alleged Privacy Breach is reported, to ensure that quick containment is accomplished, and an investigation initiated to mitigate the potential for further dissemination of personal information. The Privacy Breach policy can be viewed at:

<https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12522>

Finally, Council also adopted new a Routine Disclosure policy to increase transparency and accountability by increasing public access to records, which can be viewed at:

<https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12523>