

Council Highlights

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Join us at our next Council Meeting on Monday, March 10th, at 5pm

Community Grant Funding Increased



At last night's meeting Council approved increasing the funding pool for Community Grants from \$40,000 to \$45,000.

This was accomplished by reallocating funds from the Council Initiatives budget, and there is no net increase in the overall budget.

Community Grants are designed to support local projects and initiatives that improve the community, and are partnerships between the Municipality and the community groups, associations, schools, and non-profits who apply.

Grants from a separate Community Improvement Plan are still available, and are targeted at incentivizing private property improvements that benefit the community as a whole.

Council also received recommendations from staff on the awarding of this year's Community Grants. Applicants will be notified of the status of their grant applications in the coming days.



Mayor Sends Letter on Schools to Province

Council received a copy of a letter that Mayor McMillan sent to Education Minister Jill Dunlop about overcrowding at West Nissouri Public School.

Mayor McMillan called on the province to address this overcrowding through new buildings or investing in the expansion of current facilities.

Mayor McMillan stressed that "children in more rural areas deserve to receive their elementary education in their own communities."

Mayor McMillan's letter to Minister Dunlop can be viewed online at: <https://tinyurl.com/TCLetterToMinDunlop>

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Council Approves Dates for 2025 Special Events



Council received a report from the Thames Centre Special Events Committee that proposed dates for 2025 special events.

The approved dates are:

- Canada Day Fireworks: Monday, June 20
- Canada Day Celebration: Tuesday, July 1
- CornFest: Saturday, September 6
- Festival of Lights: Friday, November 21
- New Year's Eve: Wednesday December 31

Two Movie Nights have also been approved, and will be scheduled at a later date.

Drinking Water Reports Received

At last night's meeting Council received annual reports on local drinking water systems.

For both the Dorchester and Thorndale drinking water systems there were no Adverse Water Quality Test results in 2024.

The Dorchester Drinking Water Systems Report can be viewed online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/DorchesterDWS2024>

The Thorndale Drinking Water Systems Report can be viewed online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ThorndaleDWS2024>

