

Council Highlights

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Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 7th at 5pm
at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre



New Parklands to be Established



At last night's meeting Mayor Sharron McMillan announced that new parklands would be established in Thames Centre, following the Municipality's acquisition of 9.13 acres of land in Dorchester that is west of Eva Street and Ida Street.

No new taxes or debt issuances will be required. The land was purchased at 85% of assessed value using existing capital infrastructure funds, and parkland dedication reserves, with a tax receipt issued to the previous landowners for donating the remaining balance of the land.

The new parklands are located squarely in what was identified as a "gap area" in the 2023 Community Services and Facilities Master Plan. Residents in the area will have access to parklands that are closer to home, and the new parklands will preserve a green space in an area where future housing developments have been proposed.

More information is available at: <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/articles/thames-centre-establish-parklands-newly-acquired-property>.

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Mini Town Halls Start on Wednesday, March 26!

Mayor McMillan and Councillor Tom Heeman will be at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre tomorrow night for our first Mini Town Hall meeting of 2025!

The meeting is scheduled to take place from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.



Results of Water System Safety Inspections Shared With Council

In addition to information provided in the Annual Drinking Water Systems Reports, staff made inspection reports from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks available to Council and to the public.

The Dorchester system received an Inspection Rating Record of 90.94%, while Thorndale scored 95.35%.



Staff noted that all identified faults had been corrected, or were in the process of being corrected before deadlines.

The inspection reports can be viewed on the Council agenda page, and a summary report is available at: <https://pub-thamescentre.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12790>.

Pride Logo Contest

Council approved a recommendation from the Accessibility and Inclusivity Advisory Committee to offer a \$100 prize for a logo design contest.

More details will be announced in advance of celebrations scheduled to take place this summer.