

Mayor McMillan and Members of Council
Municipality of Thames Centre
4305 Hamilton Rd
Dorchester, ON
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submitted via e-mail

RE: Thames Centre Parkland Dedication By-law

Dear Mayor McMillan and Members of Council,

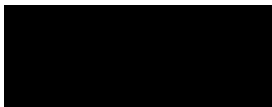
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Municipality of Thames Centre's proposed Parkland Dedication By-law.

In its current form, the draft By-law proposes providing exemptions from parkland or cash-in-lieu requirements for development or redevelopment of land, buildings, or structures owned by and used for the purposes of a Board of Education, provided that a shared use agreement is in place with the Municipality.

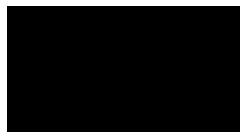
We respectfully submit that such agreements are not necessary to provide school boards with exemptions to the By-law as our yards, play structures, and other outdoor amenities already function as community parkland spaces outside of school hours, without any cost to municipalities or the public. There are other municipalities across Ontario who have adopted this approach, and we would respectfully request that Council provide this same exemption in Thames Centre.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director
Thames Valley District School Board



Debbie Jordan
Executive Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services
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