



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. LS-001-25

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025
SUBJECT: Proposed Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. LS-001-25 **BE RECEIVED** for information;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee (TLCCAHC) **BE APPROVED** as presented;

AND THAT *Two (2) Member(s) of Council* **BE APPOINTED** as Council representative(s) on the Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee (TLCCAHC);

AND THAT Staff **BE REQUESTED** to advertise seeking committee appointments in local newspaper, website and social media as necessary, noting that groups identified within this report will also be notified;

AND THAT Staff **BE REQUESTED** to report back to Council concerning the outcome of advertising seeking new appointments, noting that a by-law consolidating all appointments once known will be prepared for Council approval.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present Draft Terms of Reference for Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee for Council's consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND:

At the Council meeting on November 18, 2024 Council approved resolution 323-2024:

Resolution: 323-2024

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: C. Crockett

WHEREAS Thorndale is a Growing Community with large forecasted population growth due to three new subdivision approvals;

AND WHEREAS Thorndale has seen excellent utilization of the current facility (72.27%), and new recreational uses of the gymnasium;

AND WHEREAS developing "shovel ready" projects in advance is good fiscal and planning practice;

AND WHEREAS a surplus of funds were raised by community fundraising for specific use on the Thorndale Lion's Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS the proposed project scope would restore the historic facility capacity of the Thorndale grounds and foster more and different recreation and events opportunities for the Thames Centre community;

AND WHEREAS a surplus of funds were raised by the community for specific use on the Thorndale Lion's Community Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **ESTABLISH** an Ad-Hoc Committee for the expansion of the Thorndale Community Centre, with the goals of consulting on a design of a future expansion, that would include a new hall with a stage, expanded kitchen area and paved parking areas;

AND THAT Staff **BE DIRECTED** to draft Terms of Reference for a Committee, to be brought forward to Council at a future meeting in January 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an appropriate budget for a project design **BE REFERRED** to the 2025 budget process, with use of the Thorndale Community Centre deferred revenue fund.

Carried.

COMMENTS:

Staff have provided a draft term of reference for Council's consideration for the Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee, based on recent terms of reference adopted, with the above resolution incorporated.

As per the current Municipality of Thames Centre Procedural By-law an Ad Hoc Committee is a special purpose committee of limited duration, appointed by Council to consider as specific matter and which is dissolved automatically upon submitting the final report to Council, unless otherwise directed by Council.

In the draft Terms of Reference staff have identified that the composition of the ad hoc committee should comprise 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. Staff deem the inclusion of

members from the Thorndale & District Lions Club & Thorndale Agricultural Society as important as they are two of the largest users of the facility.

Advertising for the positions on the Ad Hoc Committee will be by direct contact with each the Thorndal & District Lions Club and the Thorndale Agricultural Society and through social media and posters at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre for the two members of the public.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council provided \$240,000 in the 2025 Capital Budget from the Thorndale Community Centre deferred revenue fund and this money will be used towards a detailed design of a potential future expansion of the Thorndale Lion's Community Centre.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: *Community Communications & Engagement*

Goal: *Increase communication between the municipality (Council and Staff) and the public*

CONSULTATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Terms of Reference - Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee (TLCCAHC)

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Reviewed by: D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer