



MINUTES
MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2025, 5:00 P.M.
Hybrid Council Meeting (Virtual and In-Person)
Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road Dorchester, ON

Members Present: Mayor McMillan
Deputy Mayor Smibert
Councillor Heeman
Councillor Crockett
Councillor Lockie

Staff Present: D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Craven, Director of Public Works
S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services & Facilities
J. Nethercott, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (*virtual*)
A. Storrey, Director of Planning and Development Services
C. D'Angelo, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
M. Ramnanan, Communications Manager
S. Henshaw, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution: 162-2025

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: T. Heeman

THAT the Monday, June 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda **BE APPROVED** as circulated.

Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

5. Announcements

Councillor Lockie announced the upcoming celebration for the Stevenson Camp's 75th anniversary, taking place at the Stevenson Camp from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1 Charity Depot Presentation

Mayor McMillan advised that this year's Charity Depots were held in Dorchester on Saturday, May 3, 2025 and in Thorndale on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Mayor McMillan advised that at a Charity Depot, residents deliver unwanted scrap metals, used batteries, and aluminum cans to Depot locations, where volunteers assist in unloading the items, so they can be sent to local metal recyclers to be weighed and exchanged for fair market value.

Mayor McMillan advised that the funds raised from the Charity Depots would be shared between the MS Bike Ride, the Optimist Club of North Dorchester and the Thorndale Optimist Club.

Mayor McMillan and Jarrod Craven, Director of Public Works, presented the Charity Depot cheques, each in the amount of \$1,179.43, to Barry Travnicek on behalf of the MS Bike Ride, John Andrigo on behalf of the Optimist Club of North Dorchester, and Bob Graham on behalf of the Thorndale Optimist Club.

Mayor McMillan thanked everyone for supporting the Charity Depots in the Dorchester and Thorndale communities.

6.2 PSD CityWide - Asset Management Plan 2025

Jasmine Shadd, of PSD CityWide was in attendance and provided a presentation on "Asset Management Plan 2025", as appended to the agenda.

Council inquired about factoring in reserve funds and inflation; climate change's impact on investing in stormwater and if a study is recommended; replacement costs and spending for machinery and equipment; the Asset Management Plan aligning with the strategy from Watson and Associates; and if increases were year over year.

Council discussed the benefits of staff reporting to Council on the impact to the asset management plan when presenting capital items to Council, to better evaluate the long-term financial cost for that asset.

J. Shadd provided answered Council's questions.

Resolution: 163-2025

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT the presentation by Jasmine Shadd, of PSD CityWide, regarding the 2025 Asset Management Plan **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Upon consensus, Council moved to Agenda Item 9.1, "2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan".

9. Reports of Departments

9.1 2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan

Resolution: 164-2025

Moved by: C. Crockett

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT Report No. CSF-006-25 **BE RECEIVED** for information;

AND THAT the 2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan attached to this report **BE APPROVED**;

AND THAT the staff **BE DIRECTED** to submit the 2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan to the Ministry of Infrastructure and publicly published on the website for the Municipality of Thames Centre;

AND THAT the 2025 Asset Management Plan **BE REFERRED** to the 2026 budget planning for consideration.

Carried.

7. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution: 165-2025

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: C. Crockett

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on Monday, May 26, 2025, **BE APPROVED** as circulated.

Carried.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights - May 27, 2025

8.2 Watson & Associates - Assessment of Bill 17 and Commenting Period

8.3 Ministry of Natural Resources - Reintroduction of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act

8.4 Bruce County and Municipality of Grey Highlands - Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs

8.5 City of Peterborough - Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025

8.6 City of Windsor - Request to Remove Windsor from Strong Mayor Legislation

8.7 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association - Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

Resolution: 166-2025

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: T. Heeman

THAT Consent Agenda Items 8.1 through 8.7 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

10. Reports of Committees

10.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2025

10.1.1 Resolution # EAC-011-25

Moved by: P. Kemp

Seconded by: J. Rule

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee **RECOMMEND** that the Thorndale Lions Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee recognize environmental building considerations in their work.

Carried.

Resolution: 167-2025

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: M. Smibert

THAT Reports of Committees Agenda Item 10.1 **BE APPROVED** as presented.

Carried.

11. Mayor's Report/County Council Report

Mayor McMillan provided an update of activities since her last report on May 12, 2025.

12. Unfinished Business

No items.

13. Notice of Motion

No items.

14. New Business

No items.

15. By-laws

15.1 By-law 44-2025 - Caddy Creek Drain 2022

Being a By-law to levy the final cost of the work of the construction known as the Caddy Creek Drain 2022, as provided for in By-law No. 19-2023.

15.2 By-law 45-2025 - Murray Drain 2023

Being a By-law to levy the final cost of the work of the construction known as the Murray Drain 2023, as provided for in By-law No. 80-2023.

15.3 By-law 46-2025 - Collection of Costs of Repairs and Maintenance of Municipal Drainage Works

Being a By-law to provide for the collection of costs of repairs and maintenance of municipal drainage works in the Municipality of Thames Centre.

Resolution: 168-2025

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: M. Smibert

THAT By-laws 44-2025 through 46-2025 be read a first, second and third and final time and **BE ADOPTED**.

Carried.

16. Closed Session

Resolution: 169-2025

Moved by: C. Crockett

Seconded by: D. Lockie

RESOLVED THAT Council **ADJOURN** to Closed Session at 5:58 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act*, in order for Council to consider three separate items, all regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

17. Rise and Report

During Closed Session, Council considered three separate items, all regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act*.

Resolution: 170-2025

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: C. Crockett

THAT Council hereby approves the recommendations from the Economic Development Advisory Committee to **AWARD** the following Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grants, provided that all applicants are able to provide proof that all conditions and laws have been met:

- 1-2025 - Adorn Medical (15 Jane Street)
- **Approved to a maximum of \$2,534.59**
- 2-2025 - Camp Bel (4926 Hamilton Road)
- **Approved to a maximum of \$2,005.00**
- 3-2025 - Optimist Club (1653 Richmond Street)
- **Approved to a maximum of \$4,537.45**
- 4-2025 - Pancake House (21201C Lakeside Drive)
- **Approved to a maximum of \$3,000.00**

Carried.

Resolution: 171-2025

Moved by: C. Crockett

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT Council **APPOINT** Brian Teall and Michael Gardner as Community Representatives to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC);

AND THAT a by-law be **BROUGHT FORWARD** at an upcoming Council meeting to finalize the appointments.

Carried.

18. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution: 172-2025

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: C. Crockett

THAT By-law 47-2025, being the Confirmatory By-law, be read a first, second and third and final time and **BE ADOPTED**.

Carried.

19. Meeting Schedule

Monday, June 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Resolution: 173-2025

Moved by: C. Crockett

Seconded by: D. Lockie

RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Meeting **ADJOURN** at 7:23 p.m.

Carried.

S. McMillan, Mayor

S. Henshaw, Deputy Clerk