



## MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

**REPORT NO.** LSAC-004-23

**TO:** Local School Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Director of Planning & Development Services  
**MEETING DATE:** December 14, 2023

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY - INTERACTIVE WEBINAR ON SCHOOL CLOSURES**

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. LSAC-004-23 be received for information.

### BACKGROUND & COMMENTS:

The purpose of this report is to share resource materials that were presented at an interactive webinar on school closures in Ontario held virtually on November 9, 2023. The purpose of the webinar was to share information and to gain perspectives on key inputs for school closures. Webinar attendees included elected officials and staff administration from school boards and municipalities as well as planning and public administration academics. Thames Valley District School Board Trustee Morell was in attendance along with yours truly.

The session included presentations from a panel of experts and also provided an opportunity for feedback from virtual attendees to offer their perspectives on how school closures have affected their communities and what are the key inputs to inform decisions about school closures. All presentation materials including attendee feedback are attached to this report for information.

### FINANCIAL REPORTING:

None.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Interactive Webinar on School Closures in Ontario  
Communities Left Behind? A timely examination of school closure controversies for justice-informed decision-making on the fate of public schools in Ontario  
Webinar Poll Question Results

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