

## Mayor's Report

It was another busy month for me and the members of Council. As part of my work as both a Mayor and a County Councillor, I attended several meetings with members of both some businesses and the public, as well as meetings of Middlesex County Council, Library Advisory Board, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) Economic Development Board, as well as a meeting of the Flight Exec Centre Expansion Committee to update us on the progress of the expansion of our seniors centre and arena complex. In addition, I was pleased to be on hand along with Councillors Heeman and Crockett as we had a great tour of a nearby dairy farm – Misty Glen - and owners Kris and Tom Pettit where we had an opportunity to tour their barn, meet a few of the cows providing the milk and their famous cheese curds, watch automated milking in progress, as well as a chance to talk with them about their hopes for the future as their business grows.

Also, I accepted an opportunity to be part of a lively panel discussion on housing at the MacDonald Cartier Club along with MPP Rob Flack, London Ward 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor Shawn Lewis and Mayor Joe Preston of the City of St. Thomas.

I was also present for the Virtual Open House concerning Parkland Dedication Bylaw as the Municipality makes good on its goal of making sure that members of the public have an opportunity to share their thoughts on things that affect the residents of Thames Centre.

On Monday, March 4, I had the opportunity to tag along with Councillor Chantel Crockett of Ward 3 to meet a number of Ward 3 residents, again giving our residents to share with members of Council their thoughts and concerns in their respective area of Thames Centre. Attendance was good and there was a great exchange of ideas and suggestions going forward. Also on hand were Councillor Tom Heeman and CAO Barrick.