

Council Highlights

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Join us at our Next Regular Council Meeting
on Monday, October 19 at 5 pm!

Council Votes to Accelerate CIP Grants

Council supported a staff recommendation to accelerate the process for issuing grants under the Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

The CIP fosters community revitalization and economic development by providing financial incentives, such as grants and loans, to eligible landowners, tenants, and businesses for property improvements.

Council voted to streamline the CIP Grants process, reducing approval timelines from 2-3 months to 2-3 weeks, by delegating review authority to an ad hoc internal committee comprised of appropriate municipal staff members.

CIP Grants applicants would still have to meet the same reporting requirements and satisfy existing program criteria.

The CIP and CIP Grants are scheduled to be reviewed in early 2027, at which time staff may make recommendations to further improve the CIP and the grant application process.

For more information, or to apply for a CIP Grant, visit <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/CIP>.



New Municipal Alcohol Policy

Council received an updated Alcohol Policy, (which remains unofficial until a by-law is passed.)

If adopted, the Municipality will allow the sale of alcohol from the concession stand located at the Outdoor Recreation Complex (ORC).

The new policy clarifies that the Municipality doesn't allow BYO (Bring Your Own) alcohol events, nor does it permit the sale of alcohol at youth-focused events where the majority of participants are under the legal drinking age.

New Council Remuneration Rules

Council received a draft remuneration policy that calls for a formal review during each term of Council, to be initiated and substantially completed within the first quarter of the final year of the term.

Any adjustments would normally take effect at the beginning of the next term. Between reviews, Council base salaries would receive the same cost-of-living adjustment approved for non-union employees, unless Council directs otherwise. This policy has not yet been confirmed by a by-law.



VOTES

www.thamescentre.on.ca/election

Voter Information Letters

Voters are being mailed a letter with:

- a **Personal Identification Number (PIN)**; and,
- instructions on **voting online or by phone**.



Voting Period: October 19 to 26

Residents can vote online or by telephone.

Voting opens at 9:00 am on Monday, October 19, and ends at 8:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2026.



Voter Help Centres

Get help voting at the following locations:

- **Municipal Office**
 - 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester
- **Thorndale Lions Community Centre**
 - 265 Upper Queen Street, Thorndale
- **Lions Active Living Centre**
 - 2066 Dorchester Road, Dorchester



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