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Municipality of Thames Centre
NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION
Catherine Street Watermain Replacement, Sidewalk Installation
and Storm Sewer Reconstruction

August 13, 2026

Dear Property Owner / Resident,

The Municipality of Thames Centre (Municipality) hereby notifies and advises all residents and affected parties of the upcoming construction project along **Catherine Street from Shaw Road to St. David Catholic School**. Starting in **Mid-August**, J-AAR Construction will lead the effort, with an anticipated completion date of **November 15, 2026**. A full-time inspector from Development Engineering Limited, supported by periodic visits from our municipal staff, will oversee the project to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible. We're committed to keeping you informed and minimizing disruptions throughout this process.

General Work Plan

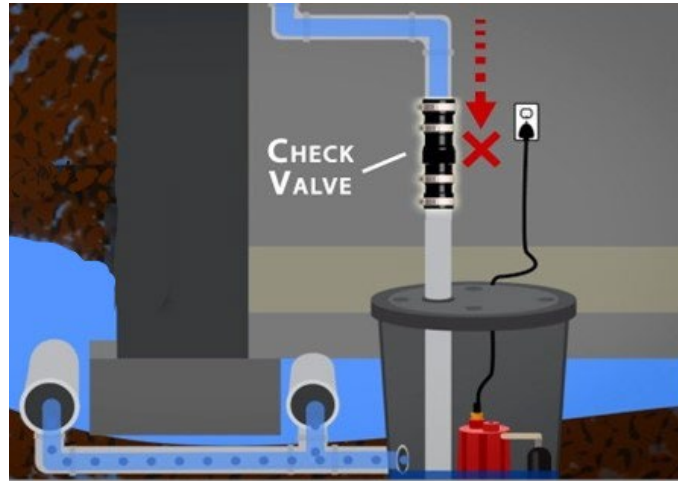
- Tree removals (August)
- Tree preservation fence, erosion and sediment control (August)
- Temporary watermain installation and commissioning (August)
- Surface Removals (topsoil, driveways, asphalt where applicable) (August)
- Watermain installation and new water service installation (September – November)
- Storm Sewer Installation (September – November)
- Concrete work (sidewalk installation and curb restoration) (October)
- Road and driveway restoration (where applicable) (October – November)
- Topsoil and sod installation (November)

Important Notes for Property Owners

Storm Private Drain Connections (PDC):

- If your existing sump pump or rear yard tile drains into the current storm sewer on the north side of Catherine Street, it will be connected to the new Storm Private Drain Connection as indicated on the drawings.
- Property owners are responsible for ensuring a working check valve is installed on the pipe between the sump pump and where it exits the basement foundation wall

(see diagram below). We encourage you to verify this setup to prevent issues during large rain events.

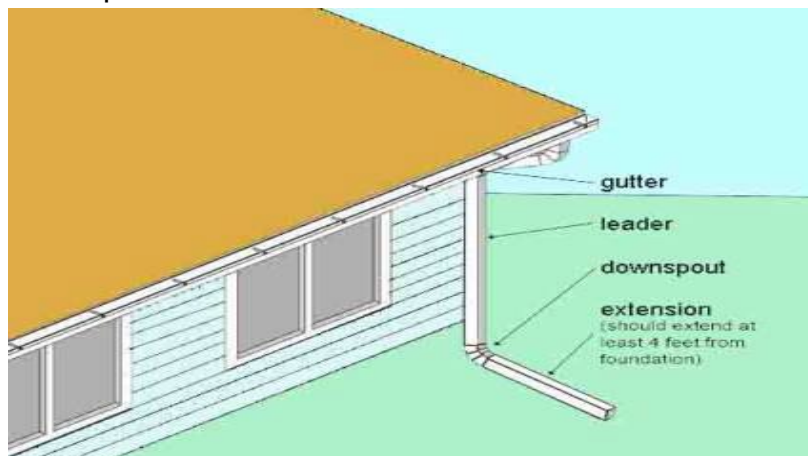


Private Underground Sprinkler Systems

- If your underground sprinkler system is located within the County Right of Way, please relocate it by **August 20, 2026**, to avoid disruption.
- Note that the Municipality is not liable for any damage to sprinkler systems caused by construction activities.

Roof Leader (Downspouts)

- If your roof leader (downspout) currently directs water underground into the existing storm sewer, you'll need to disconnect it at the point where it enters the ground near your home. Refer to the diagram below for the recommended downspout setup.



Construction Impacts:



Work Hours

Construction will typically occur from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday**. During working hours, you may notice dust, noise, occasional service interruptions, and other inconveniences.

To protect your belongings, we recommend securing or temporarily storing fragile items like glassware, tea sets, vases, or glass picture frames that could shift or fall from shelves or displays. Due to local soil conditions, construction equipment may cause noticeable vibrations, especially when working directly in front of your home. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Accessibility

If you need accommodations – such as level entry, advance notice, or mobility assistance – please contact the Municipality or Development Engineering Limited using the phone numbers or emails listed below. You can also speak directly to any construction worker wearing a white hard hat on-site. We'll collaborate with you and the contractor to ensure safe and convenient access throughout the project. We know construction can be challenging for property owners, so please don't hesitate to reach out for help, clarification, or additional information.



Motorists

We'll do our best to maintain driveway access throughout construction. However, there will be brief periods when access is limited – such as during the installation of a new service line, excavation in front of your property, fresh concrete pouring for sidewalks, or driveway restoration. If needed, affected residents can park on nearby streets.

Emergency services (EMS, Fire, OPP), school buses, and garbage collection teams will stay updated on changing site conditions to ensure smooth operations.



Garbage, Recycling, and Fall Yard Waste Collection Pickup

Please place your blue boxes, garbage containers, and fall yard waste curbside collection at the end of your property as usual. When construction blocks garbage and recycling trucks from reaching your home, J-AAR Construction will move and return your bins as needed, property owners are encouraged to label their containers prior to construction. If you experience any issues with garbage, recycling, or fall yard waste collection, please contact Kevin Willson at (519) 268-7334 x745 or

kwillson@thamescentre.on.ca.



Nursery Sod

The contractor will water the new sod in the boulevard for 30 days after it's laid. After that, maintenance becomes the property owner's responsibility. We encourage you to join in the watering process to help the sod thrive.



Cyclists and Pedestrians

Cyclists and pedestrians are urged to stay cautious near construction zones.



Temporary Water

The temporary watermain works includes installing temporary above ground watermain pipe this work includes:

- Chlorinating, bacterial sampling prior to commissioning
- Water Service connection from the temporary watermain to the existing curb stop. This will ensure properties have water for the duration of the watermain replacement. There will be a slight water disruption on your property when J-AAR switches from the existing watermain to the temporary watermain installed above ground.



Water Service Interruptions

There will be water interruptions during this project. Expect your water to be interrupted 2-4 times during the construction process. The Municipality will provide 48-hour notice of any planned water service interruption by using door hangers on your front door. If there are any concerns with the drinking water, please contact Kevin Willson: (519) 268-7334 x745 or kwilson@thamescentre.on.ca. For after-hours water emergencies, call (519) 930-8118.

Contact Information

The Municipality is dedicated to keeping you informed and supported throughout the construction process. Feel free to contact the Municipality or Development Engineering Limited anytime with questions or concerns – we're here to assist you. Stay up to date on the Municipal Website:

<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/202627-Catherine-Street-Reconstruction>

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