

Council Highlights

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Join us at our Next Regular Council Meeting
on Monday, September 28 at 5 pm!



Council Votes for Updated Accessibility Policy

Council voted in support of a staff recommendation to update the Municipality's Accessibility Policy.

The Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee reviewed the updated policy proposal and provided feedback prior to the policy being brought forward to Council for consideration.

The newly proposed policy strengthens administrative processes, employment-related protections, public feedback procedures, and accessibility requirements for communications and public spaces.



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the Proposal](#)

Council Endorses Proposal to Secure Future of Housing on UTRCA Land



Council endorsed a proposal from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Fanshawe Land Lease Association to request a targeted legislative amendment to the Residential Tenancies Act.

The changes would include targeted rent control exemptions that would effectively improve homeowner access to mortgage financing, while securing the long-term sustainability of the program for the UTRCA.

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the Presentation](#)

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Fees & Charges Policy Updated to Include Avon Cemetery

By-Law 069-2026 was adopted at the September 14 meeting, which updated the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-Law.

Most fees and charges were unaffected. The major change was to repeal the Dorchester Union Cemetery section and to replace it with a new "Cemeteries" section, as Thames Centre is taking over responsibility for managing the Avon Cemetery.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/cemetery>.



VOTES

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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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