

Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

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Middlesex County Council
399 Ridout Street North
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By email to pshipway@middlesex.ca

**RE: Thames Centre Council Resolution – School Bus Signage – Westchester
Bourne, County Road 74**

Dear Middlesex County Council,

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on March 11, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre adopted the following resolution:

Resolution: 82-2024

Moved by: C. Crockett

Seconded by: D. Lockie

WHEREAS on May 4, 2023, I received a concerning call regarding the second incident of a driver passing a local school bus with its flashing red lights on Westchester Bourne, County Rd 74;

AND WHEREAS unfortunately, these continued to occur and by December 2023, I had been notified that at one stop 9.5% (7/74 pickups) of drivers had passed the bus with its lights flashing since the beginning of the new school year;

AND WHEREAS during this time Thames Centre was communicating often with OPP, and in the Q1 2024 Police Service Board Report 14 school bus safety infractions were laid between September - December 2023, just along 74;

AND WHEREAS Westchester Bourne, County Rd 74, traffic will only continue to increase with more residents moving to Thames Centre and Central Elgin over the coming years. In addition to the added school bus traffic once the new Belmont school is built;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre hereby requests Middlesex County to install four (4) School Bus Crossing information signs, along Westchester Bourne County Rd. 74. Two (2) of these signs to be located north of the 401 between Hamilton Rd and Bradley Ave, and two (2) to be installed south of the 401 between Thompson Drive and Harrietsville Drive.

Carried.

Should you need anything further, please advise.

Sincerely,



Sara Henshaw
Deputy Clerk

cc: C. Traini, County Engineer, Middlesex County
B. Rayburn, Chief Administrative Officer, Middlesex County
J. Craven, Director of Public Works, Thames Centre
D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Thames Centre