



Committee of Whole

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
Submitted by: Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning and Development
SUBJECT: PROPOSED THAMES CENTRE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 24 (FILE NO. 39-TC-OPA24), PEMIC THORNDALE LAND CORPORATION, ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL APPEAL

BACKGROUND:

Pemic Thorndale Land Corporation is proposing to develop a residential plan of subdivision within Thorndale. Applications were submitted for a plan of subdivision (File No. 39T-TC2101) and an amendment to the Thames Centre Official Plan (File No. 39-TC-OPA24).

County Council accepted the staff recommendation to approve, with conditions, the plan of subdivision (File No. 39T-TC2101) and to approve Amendment No. 24 to the Thames Centre Official Plan (File No. 39-TC-OPA24). The Notice of Decisions were circulated in accordance with the Planning Act.

ANALYSIS:

Mr. Anthony Straatman, on behalf of an unincorporated community group of residents in the neighbourhood adjacent to the proposed development, appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) the County's decision to approve Amendment No. 24. The OLT will therefore essentially act in place of County Council concerning Amendment No. 24 and the County Solicitor will represent the County in this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The extent of staff resources (Legal and Planning) to defend the County's decision is not yet known however it is anticipated that this will be accommodated within the approved budget.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
Strengthening Our Economy	Encourage a diverse and robust economic base throughout the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an environment that enables the attraction and retention of businesses, talent, and investments •