



*Alan Thomarat, Mayor*

**Alan Thomarat, B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Mayor, 2009 – Current**

*Alan brings a diverse background to the role of mayor having served in government, business and the not for profit sector. As a graduate student Alan studied public policy and economic development in Saskatchewan.*

*While mayor and also president and CEO of the Province's residential construction sector he chaired many councils and boards, including Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Alan also led growth and business initiatives in many regions of the Province with attention to continuous improvement in governance, management and administrative systems that would foster fiscal discipline and transparency. Alan believes in the inherent value of public service, the strength of community and in the vast potential from our resources and our people offering a bright future for many generations making Saskatchewan a great place to be.*

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***A New Decade, New Opportunities, Same Wonderful Community in Thode.***

Welcome to the exciting 2020's and the new web site of the Resort Village of Thode, [www.thode.ca](http://www.thode.ca). We hope that you will find that this site is informative about activities and events in our Municipality, the richness beautiful Blackstrap Lake Region and our growing economic and tourism opportunities in what we envision as the Whitecap-Blackstrap Economic Development and Tourism Corridor. This website builds from the work of Nathalie Baudais and Larry Bassett while offering a new layout with a complete guide to programs and services in this beautiful lakeside community. The new site also builds on the work of your Council over the last

Thode is a young community first formed as part of the RM of Dundurn, subsequently operating an organized subdivision/hamlet and later officially incorporated as the Urban Municipality of the Resort Village of Thode in 1981. Most of the residents in Thode now live here full time and the community is blessed with many young families that choose to be in Thode to raise their children and build a future in this wonderful community beside Blackstrap Lake.

While we do have a small community, Thode has a volunteer spirit that has helped build the Village and bring many amenities and facilities to the area most small centres don't have. Thode has invested nearly \$100,000 in its shoreline preservation, over \$500,000 on our Sport Court, Village Centre and Angel Park and continue investments in our roadways, urban forest and green spaces. Thode is a safe community with a low crime rate and plenty of community pride Our residents through partnerships with the RM of Dundurn, the Resort Village of Shields and other communities have a high quality potable water utility. Nine years ago we also commissioned a new lagoon and wastewater management system and we continue to seek creative ways to bring new services, plan for facilities and improve the quality of life for all residents.

We share in investments with neighbouring communities to improve our infrastructure and road networks. We continue to enhance emergency services and our Dundurn Fire Department adding an investment of over \$500,000 to purchase a new No 1 Engine for the fleet of fire and rescue vehicles. We believe in a strong future for the Blackstrap Region and have ratified a Memorandum of Agreement with the Whitecap Dakota First Nation, the RM of Dundurn and the Resort Village of Shields to form the Blackstrap Regional Planning Authority.

Our partnerships are important, but none is more important than the partnership with the Resort Village of Shields. With Shields, we share in facilities management, equipment procurement and maintenance, human resource management and most importantly the acquisition and retention of all our senior managers in administration and operations as well as the key support personnel in maintenance and Parks and Recreation services.

Welcome to the Resort Village of Thode, the Blackstrap Resort Communities and the Whitecap – Blackstrap Region. We know you'll find our region an exciting place to work, play, invest and call home. We are truly a Region on the move helping build this great Province.

*Alan Thomarat, Mayor*  
*Randy Fernets, Deputy Mayor*  
*Melanie Olafson, Councillor*  
*Fred Fehr, General Manager*

*Steve Schwenker, Councillor*  
*Christina Taylor, Councillor.*  
*Jessie Williams, Administrator*  
*Kaija Edwards, Parks & Recreation Manager*



*“It’s like this all year in Thode but sometimes the water is a little hard but the fish still bite”*