

RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

...the People, the Place

Spring Newsletter 2023



Thode Residents - Boat Launch Key Exchange

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Please bring your current key to exchange for the 2023 key and \$150.00 payable by cheque to the Resort Village of Thode or via e-transfer to admin@thode.ca

Many hands make light work – John Heywood

The nice thing about teamwork is you always have others on your side – Margaret Carty

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REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Docks & Lifts – permits have been issued for docks located along the shoreline – these docks are **only** for the use of residents of Thode. Please be respectful when moving your docks & lifts on the municipal reserve and do not move other resident's property to accommodate your own. Items must be tagged with owner address information.

Tree Debris and Fire Prevention - Please remember that leaves & branches can be hauled to the Dundurn Landfill. Do not pile them in the Village or on Crown land to the west and south. We are cleaning the area behind the Village to reduce the risk of fire. Dumping leaves and branches just increases the fire risk.

Curb-stops - all curb-stops - water & sewer - **MUST** be accessible. Please ensure that your shut offs are marked & easy to access (winter or summer) if required.

Water Meter Readings - Our Council and Management are required by legislation to follow all Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines and in so doing we must prevent injuries to staff and avoid any potential risk of accident and injury. Please ensure that your water meter is in a safe accessible location. Remove debris and obstructions from in front of the access path to your meter or the meter reader.



Council Meetings

Please note that Council meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Community Centre at 7:00 pm. The dates are posted at www.thode.ca

Council Members 2020 to 2024

Mayor - Alan Thomarat
Deputy Mayor - Steve Schwenker
Councillor - Neil Vandendort
Councillor - Corey Fernets
Councillor - Jolene Soanes

Administration: Pam|Krystal - 306 492-3333

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Thode Community Centre Rental Information

For booking information, please contact the office@thode.ca or phone. (306) 492-3333

Damage deposit will be refunded if the Centre is cleaned and ready for use after inspection.

On Saturday May 13th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, please come meet Fred and Kaija at the Community Centre to exchange your Boat Launch key for the 2023 key.

BUILD THAT ROAD

Join other residents and hear from Erin Choponis and Vanessa Ursel about how you and all our neighbours can help our efforts to get the Connector Road built and finished for public use by fall of 2023.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

Blackstrap Lake – Thode commits to being Stewards of our Lake!





A Message from the Mayor



Alan Thomarat

Good Ideas Don't Go Bad ... but if we do Nothing, then Nothing Happens

Support is Needed Now for the Thode's New, Safe Connector Road

We need to start writing on behalf of our residents, our parents and their children and all people using the temporary connector road from Thode to Highway 211. As you may know this is a temporary roadway that has not been approved by the Ministry of Highways. This trail is used daily by the public, bus drivers and service vehicles but it is not regularly maintained, and it is often closed when conditions are less than favourable. This happens especially in winter and when there are significant rains. This causes safety issues for all drivers, including bus drivers transporting our children.

Since 1991, we have been working to resolve the issue of limited and unsafe access to our community. In recent years with the help of the RM of Dundurn, we have secured funding from the Ministry of Highways, and we have acquired all necessary engineering and construction approvals for the commencement of construction of an approved new access road to Thode from Highway 211. Currently, the primary access 'grid' road to the Resort Village of Thode, now known as Thode Road, has seen an increase in traffic volume over the past ten years. Thode Road itself, is in need of significant rebuilding and is extremely unsafe and impassable when weather conditions are inclement. The Hillcrest Hutterite Brethren Colony (the Colony) is on either side of the road and pedestrians, workers and vehicles cross the grid frequently throughout the day. Concerns continue, not only for the safety of drivers on Thode Rd., but also for the safety of the residents, children and workers at the Colony.

The new access road that is ready for construction would allow for a safer, regularly maintained and direct route from Thode to Shields across Highway 211 and for student pick-up and drop-offs. This would minimize traffic passing the Hutterite Colony and would provide safe access for Fire and Emergency Response teams that depend on safe access to keep response times as low as possible. As a community and in the interests of public safety, we are seeking your support for our efforts to begin construction of the new access to and from our community of Thode. All that remains is that the RM of Dundurn No. 314 acquires the final 6.4 acres of land from the Colony to comply with the Ministry of Highways width requirements at each end/intersection of the new road.

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Let's Build that Road - Please do not hesitate to contact our office to discuss this for further information and how your support can help this valuable work.

With my best regards to all of you,

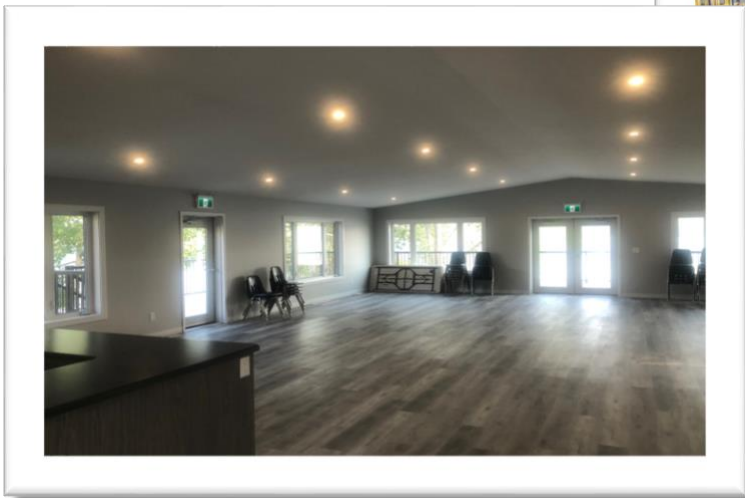
Alan Thomarat

...for the Resort Village of Thode

**Families Use Our Roads Daily | Children are Playing!
Speed Limit in our Village**

20 KPH

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY



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COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS - GRAND OPENING COMING IN JUNE

The work to develop the entire recreational area at our main park site and build a new Community Centre is no longer a dream. It is a wonderful gathering place at the Centre of Thode. If we look back only ten years ago there was just a hill south of the old Village Centre and now we have a multi-purpose Sport Court. In 2009, we didn't have stairs or a ramp to the beach and the Camp Kitchen (renamed the Village Centre) was in need of more than just paint and TLC. We moved from ideas and planning to building and improving.

There are many changes and improvements to be proud of and these include:

- An investment over \$750,000 rebuilt a new Community Centre on the old 'Camp Kitchen' site.
- Over \$250,000 invested in the Sport Courts and nearly \$300,000 for the Admin/Operations
- The new 4 Season heated washroom facilities and upgrades to the access road and parking lot
- Improvements to landscaping, stairways and accessibility for strollers and wheelchair access to come
- Two new decks with natural gas outdoor heaters, first aid equipment and defibrillator
- Larger swim area and expanded seating capacity

Some of the new ideas include.

- A covered Bandshell or gazebos adjacent to the beach area for seating and shading and
- A children's Spray Park or freshwater wading pool
- New change rooms and equipment storage close to the Sport Court

Council is also working on other core issues such as water line remediation, a connector to Highway 211, south emergency egress, boat house lot development and future housing and park development concepts. With this in mind Council believes that the community should get together and host meetings this spring to share ideas and bring their own expertise to the table to help us build a better community. Watch for future newsletters for more information and dates for our Community Planning Sessions.

*Look How Much We've Changed and We're Not Done Yet!
We Once Only Took Baby Steps, but lately ...We've Taken Giant Leaps Forward*



*Your donation to the Community Development Fund and Thode's Park Projects is tax deductible.
Please call 492-3333 and help us build a better community for our families and our future.*

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