



A Message from Council 'Here we Grow Again'



Many hands make light work – John Heywood

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

If we do nothing, nothing happens.

Mayor Alan Thomarar

COMMUNITY CENTRE GETTING A \$700,000 FACELIFT

This secret has been hard to keep. Yesterday around noon with this news, it was no longer a secret. The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada confirmed that Thode has been awarded grant funding of \$515,000 towards a major upgrade to the Community Centre (formerly the Village Centre)

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCE OVER \$50 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR 55 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS THE PROVINCE

Today, Jim Carr, the Government of Canada's Special Representative for the Prairies, on behalf of Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Saskatchewan's Government Relations Minister Don McMorris, announced more than \$50.2 million in joint funding for 55 infrastructure projects across the province. Providing communities with reliable and sustainable infrastructure is a shared priority for both governments. The Government of Canada is investing more than \$21.2 million in these 55 projects. For projects requiring consultations with Indigenous groups, funding is conditional on all consultation requirements being met. The Government of Saskatchewan is also contributing over \$16.4 million toward these projects. Contributions by recipients toward their respective projects are \$12.5 million.

"From Buffalo Narrows to Estevan, and dozens of communities in-between the Government of Saskatchewan's \$16.4-million investment in these 55 local infrastructure projects will not only help protect local economies, which are continuing to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also help create safe, healthy and prosperous communities across the province," McMorris said. RELEASE May 6, 2021.

Thode will pay 26.67% of the \$703,172 cost to build a second (main) floor and renovate the existing 'Village Centre' structure. The new Centre will be Energy Code compliant and all elements including the building envelope, windows, HVAC system and plumbing and electrical components will be updated to the newest building code standards. Your new community centre will have modern accessible facilities and a new kitchen with upgrades to the existing main floor.

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Thode Contribution to Centre ...not from Taxes

Council has continued to review the opportunities that are available to leverage our holdings and resources and use them to build better amenities and provide improved services. Your local municipality has put a residential lot up for sale at 141 Summerfeldt Drive that was converted from a road access to a titled lot more than 20 years ago. The Municipal share of 26.67% will come from the proceeds of that lot sale. As you all know access to vacant lots in Thode is virtually not existent, so this is a great opportunity for someone to custom build at our lake.



Raising the Roof to add a Modern Main Floor and bring more services and opportunities in Thode

- New meeting spaces, emergency muster points
- A community centre to serve a growing community
- Room to meet and room to grow

➤ **The Lakeside Drive Connector Road work Continues**

We continue to work with Minister Eyre's office, the Ministry of Highways and our partners in the RM of Dundurn No. 314 and contractors are at the ready as we prepare to break ground on a new connector road to Highway 211 offering Thode residents a safer access to and from Saskatoon, the Provincial Park and Highway 11 south. Council will continue to advise as the planning work continues.

➤ **Key Exchange for Access to Boat Launch May 15th at the new Office.**

Come to the New Office between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and bring your Boat slip fees (\$125.00) and the key you have to exchange. ... *see you on the 15th.*

➤ **Thode has a Seasonal Position Available**

If you're between 16 and 30 years old or you know someone who is send your resume to admin@thode.ca. This is a position with the Maintenance team for a minimum of 8 weeks and we would like to fill this position soon. We have grant support for this as well

Stay Safe Everyone, We will have more exciting news soon as these projects progress

With best wishes from your Mayor and your Council