

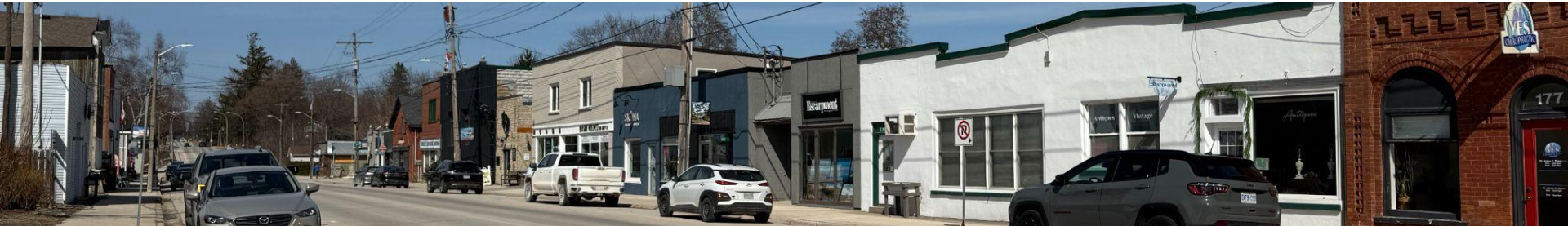


Clarksburg Village
Infrastructure Improvements Deputation
October 7, 2025
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Overview

Brief Review of the 2025 Deputation

Update of current situation prior to budget deliberation.



2025 Requests- spring 2025

1. Reduce speed limit - **not implemented**
2. Enact traffic calming measures - **not implemented**
3. 2 hour parking limit from Wednesday to Sunday- **implemented**
4. Increasing parking - **not implemented**
5. Public washroom amenities - **improved solution required.**
6. Increasing directional/wayfinding signage - **not implemented**
7. Some parity with Thornbury with infrastructure funds awarded from TBM aside from the levy - **not implemented**
8. Support and assistance from Town Council and Staff when we approach Grey County with the issues pertaining to their jurisdiction -**implemented**



2025-1 Reduce Speed Limit

Clarksburg Village is situated in a valley with a downhill approach, creating conditions conducive to excessive speed. The current 50km/h speed limit is quite often inadequate to ensure the safety of pedestrians and residents.

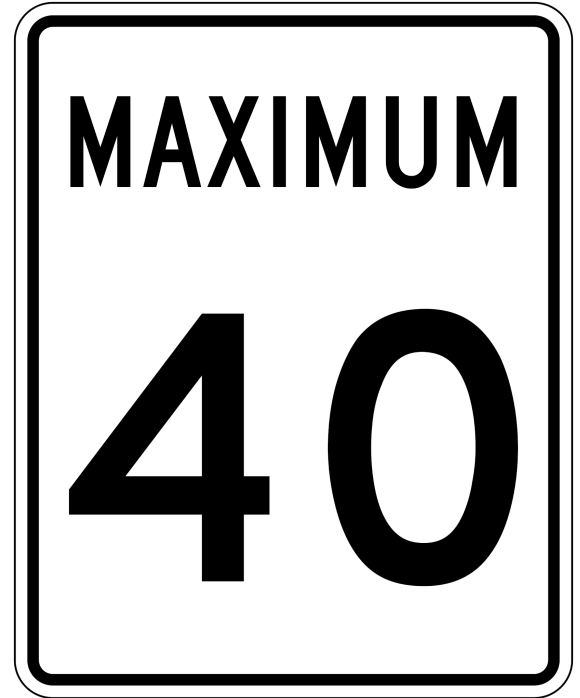
Comparable communities such as Thornbury, Kimberley, and Eugenia have implemented 40km/h speed limits to address similar traffic concerns.



2025-1 Reduce Speed Limit Staff recommendations

***Staff recommend that speed reductions and enforcement measures should be considered comprehensively instead of on an individual basis. Before formal recommendations are made, consideration should include a review by the Police Services Board and the Town's Operations Department.

The Ask: Reduce the Speed on Marsh Street and Clark Street within the Village of Clarksburg from 50km to 40km/hr.



2025-2

Enact Traffic Calming Measures

Clarksburg Village has long needed traffic to slow down as there are no lights, nor pedestrian crosswalks currently. Strategies designed to reduce vehicle speeds and volumes, will enhance safety and create more livable environments.

This was not fully responded to in the staff recommendations and was added to reduction of the speed limit.

The Ask: Enact traffic calming measures throughout the village.



2025-4

Increase parking

Clarksburg Village struggles with parking throughout the day due to increased interest in the Marsh Street Centre activities and businesses in town increased patronage.



2025-4

Increase parking: staff recommendations

In summary, there are various options that could be considered to increase the supply of parking in Clarksburg. To avoid making one-off decisions, staff recommend that Council reprioritize the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan and support the recommendation to complete a parking management strategy for Clarksburg and Thornbury.

The Ask: Council please support the staff recommendation to pursue a Transportation Study and thereby implement an informed parking management strategy for Clarksburg.



For Council's Consideration

The Clarksburg Village Association (CVA), with the support of the Marsh Street Centre, respectfully requests Council's partnership to secure additional public parking in Clarksburg and to collaborate on funding, delivery, and ongoing operations.

Background

- Clarksburg continues to face an ongoing shortage of public parking that affects residents, visitors, local businesses, the arts community, agricultural customers, postal services, and access to medical offices.
- Seasonal tourism and year-round community use strain existing capacity, impacting safety, accessibility, and economic activity.
- A modest increase in spaces (20–30) would materially improve day-to-day function in the village core and support local commerce and cultural programming.

Requested Municipal Actions

1. **Site identification & acquisition approach**
Partner with the Association and Marsh Street Centre to identify and secure suitable locations for 20–30 public parking spaces, including evaluation of long-term lease, purchase, easements, or shared-use agreements.
2. **Funding & grants**
Provide staff support to prepare and submit grant applications to upper- and lower-tier governments and relevant programs; issue letters of support as needed.
3. **Explore all funding avenues**
Work with the Association to explore municipal, Grey County, provincial, and federal funding sources (including cost-sharing and capital contributions).
4. **Donation receipting**
Where appropriate, accept designated donations for the project and issue official income-tax receipts in accordance with municipal policies and CRA rules, with funds dedicated to the acquisition/development of a Clarksburg public parking facility.
5. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
Collaboratively develop an MOU among the Town, the CVA, and the Marsh Street Centre addressing: cost-sharing, winter control (snow removal), seasonal upkeep, and annual maintenance.
6. **Risk, insurance & paid-parking option**
If paid parking is contemplated, include in the MOU an insurance and liability framework, roles and responsibilities, enforcement approach, and any required by-law considerations.

2025-5

Public washroom amenities

Although porta-potties have been placed in Clarksburg - These are not adequate. As business owners, we are asked regularly for the use of our washrooms, and when redirected- “temporary washroom facilities ” to be used full time don’t cut it. It also does not support the atmosphere that Clarksburg would like to portray. Please also note that the winter poses further difficulties.

We understand the difficulties surrounding zoning and infrastructure but ask that a more aesthetically appropriate solution be considered such as the semi-permanent example included in the addendum.

Project	Clarksburg Washroom Facility
Year Approved	2023
Budget	\$300,000
Funding	Grant
Spent to Date	\$0
Project Manager	Director of Community Services
Current Status	This project was subject to the Town receiving a grant to help cover the cost. No grants were available throughout the year. Staff will continue to look and apply for grants to support the project. If Council wishes to proceed with this project immediately, then funding will be required in lieu of grant funds.
Last Year's Update	Release RFP in Q2 for installation by end of Q4.
Expected Completion	N/A

2025-5

Public washroom amenities

Specific Locations for Public Washrooms

[Little River Park](#)

Located by the Thornbury Pier and Harbour, this park offers a public washroom and is within walking distance of the downtown area.

[Thornbury Municipal Harbour](#)

The Harbour Master's Building and the surrounding area provide public washrooms, as well as showers for boaters.

[L.E. Shore Memorial Library](#)

The library has a family washroom, but the main public washrooms are closed for renovation as of August 2025, with temporary facilities available.

[Cedar Grove Park](#)

This park, close to Town Hall, features a small pavilion, picnic tables, and public washrooms.

2025-5

Public washroom amenities staff recommendations

Based on this request, staff recommend that Council direct staff to work with the CVA to review options and to present the options back to Council for consideration through the 2026 budget process.

The Ask: To prioritize the creation of permanent public washroom amenities in parity with Thornbury. Ensure a working committee is created with the CVA to address this issue.

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2025-6

Increase directional wayfinding signage

Clarksburg Village is a hidden gem. Wayfinding signage can encourage people to explore a part of the Town of Blue Mountains area that they may not have known about. There are many wonderful businesses and landmarks within the village of which even many locals are not aware..

The Ask: To ensure that with the new signage for the Town of the Blue Mountains, there will be **timely, increased directional/wayfinding signage to the village of Clarksburg and its businesses.**



2025-7

Infrastructure funding parity

The available data indicates that Thornbury has been the focus of substantial **infrastructure investments**, particularly in wastewater treatment and road reconstruction projects. Clarksburg, while receiving support for **community enhancements**, has not seen comparable levels of infrastructure spending in recent years.

In the past, there has not been parity with Thornbury with regards to infrastructure projects awarded from TBM. We feel that this needs to be addressed moving forward.

The staff report did not respond directly to this ask and chose to highlight monies totalling under \$20,000 and flower watering- which while appreciate does not respond to the ask.

The Ask: Keep some parity with Thornbury with infrastructure projects awarded from TBM.



Highlights from the 2024 Capital Budget

- \$1.2M to replace a front-line emergency response vehicle for the Fire Department
- \$6M for the engineering of Thornbury West Reconstruction Phase 2
- \$13.3M to replace the Craigleith Fire Hall and renovate the current building for Operations and Community Services
- \$16M to replace the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall
- \$30.6M for the renovations at the Craigleith and Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station and the forcemain to the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant

- **Infrastructure and Capital Projects:**

- Ravenna Roads Depot.
- Moreau Park Redevelopment.
- East Side Water Class EA.
- Wastewater Collection Master Plan.
- Street Tree Inventory.
- Thornbury WWTP Expansion.
- Substandard Watermain Replacement.
- Lakewood Drive Reconstruction.
- Peel Street North Reconstruction.
- Arrowhead Road Reconstruction.

	2024	2025	2026
Clarksburg Parking	\$6,186	\$6,186	\$6,186
<i>Transferred In</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Capital Spend</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Operating Spend</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ending Balance	\$6,186	\$6,186	\$6,186

Thank you

