

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE
Regular Sitting held on June 9, 2015 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. Terence Murdock.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

J. Abbott/Miller, K. Kelly, E. Dagenais-Schwartz, E. Pasch, M. Born
D. Stafford submitted her absence

Stacy Lafleur, Rick Leders, Pierre Champoux

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Norma Charette, Marlene Pasch, Brenda Papineau, Gilles Ouimet, Joyce Mcclery, Bob Black, Gerda Erfle, Roy Bretzlaff, Randy Born, Thorne Lake Association

Mr. Mark Killoran thanked Council for putting the Thorne Lake rezoning on the agenda and asked that it be an agenda item until this issue is resolved. He also presented Council with additional signatures for the petition.

Mr. Robert Wills advised Council that Mountain Road has never been so well maintained.

Mrs. Bonnie Quanburry had inquiries about the expenses and wanted to know how the municipality would be paying for the new backhoe. Councillor Born advised that it was a lease to purchase arrangement Rick Leders advised that the almost thirty year old backhoe required approximately \$ 21,000.00 in repairs and the Road Committee decided that it was more feasible to invest money into a new backhoe.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

98-06/2015

It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with the following modifications:
Add under Varia : Mamrot

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12TH, 2015 MEETING

99-06/2015

It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12th, 2015 with the following modifications:

Under visitors add Sharon Hodgins

Under Varia change FQM for FCM

Under payment of invoice add:

Councillors questioned the invoice for the leveling of the property at the pit from Morin Sable et Gravier. The mayor advised Council that article 573.2 of the City and Town Act entitles him to make such decisions.

5. THORNE LAKE RE-USAGE

Councillor K. Kelly informed the public that there will be a meeting held on June 10th, 2015 with Council and the planning committee to discuss this issue.

6. FOLLOW-UP

1) *Beaver*

The Road Foremen informed Council that the road crew had the beaver dams under control. He suggests that the municipality wait until fall to re-evaluate the situation.

2) *Inspector's hours*

The Director General informed Council that the Inspector was going to be working from the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and will be on call for the remaining of the week.

The inspector stated that he is also available on weekends.

3) *Heritage program*

Councillor K. Kelly had certain ideas for the old Hodgins Post Office and Meecham Lake. The Mayor asked for these ideas to be put on paper.

7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1) *Inspectors Report*

25 permits have been issued since April.

8. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Road Foreman read his report.

Mr.Leders mentioned that there was approximately 3000 tons of gravel (30 loads) remaining at the pit.

1) *Road Foremen's position*

WHEREAS the Road Foreman retired on May 22nd, 2015;

WHEREAS a new Foreman is needed;

WHEREAS Richard Leders has the most seniority and the most experience with the machinery;

THEREFORE;

100-06/2015

It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved that Mr. Richard Leders be promoted to Foremen.

2) *Road Foreman contract*

WHEREAS Council reviewed the Road Foremen's contract during a committee meeting;

WHEREAS the contract was presented to all Councillors;

THEREFORE;

101-06/2015

It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to adopt the contract as presented.

9. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

No report has been submitted this month.

10. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
COMPOSTING GRANT
- WHEREAS** the government adopted the Québec Policy on Residual Materials Management (PQGMR);
- CONSIDERING** that in the 2011-2015 action plan of the PQGMR, the government's strategy is to banish organic material from disposal sites by 2020;
- WHEREAS** the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change (MDDELCC) established the program to assist with domestic and community composters (Aide aux composteurs domestiques et communautaires - ACDC);
- CONSIDERING** that, for a grant to the ACDC, an eligible municipality must provide information to MDDELCC by completing the required application form;
- CONSIDERING** that the framework of the ACDC calls for a municipal resolution to this effect, a resolution is sought.
- FOR THESE REASONS,**
- 102-06/2015** It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the municipality:
1. agree to respect the ACDC, particularly its accountability elements;
 2. authorizes the Environmental Coordinator of the MRC or (title of another person in your municipality), in her absence, to transmit the information to the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against climate change required for registration, respect and the proper functioning of the ACDC.
11. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor K. Kelly went to the MRC to obtain information on the proper procedures regarding the Thorne Lake re-usage.
12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT
A committee meeting was held on May 26th, 2015. Discussions about the bursary requirements were held. The requirements will be posted in the Pontiac Journal and on the website.
- Councillor M. Born attended the FCM conference in Edmonton. She will have a full report for the upcoming meeting in July.
13. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor E. Dagenais-Schwartz informed Council that a meeting will be schedule within the next week to finalise the Family Fun Day.
14. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT
No report has been submitted this month.
15. WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE
1) *Outhouse at dump*
- WHEREAS** the municipality had the outhouse at the dump pumped by HD Tent and Toilet Rentals;
- WHEREAS** the outhouse is in poor condition;
- WHEREAS** HD Tent and Toilet Rentals are willing to install a new toilet and pump it once a month;
- THEREFORE;**
- 103-06/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that a new toilet be installed at the dump and that it be pumped once a month for the amount of \$ 90.
16. FIRE DEPARTMENT
1) *Fire Chief Report*
The Fire Chief Report was deposited.
- 2) *Tanker Equipment*
- WHEREAS** the tanker will need to be equipped with new hoses, nozzles and adapters;
- WHEREAS** a quote was received from Boivin & Gauvin inc.;
- THEREFORE;**
- 104-06/2015** It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Boivin & Gauvin inc. for the amount of \$ 3 480.61 taxes included.
- 3) *Resignation Fireman*
- WHEREAS** the municipality received a resignation letter from one fireman;
- WHEREAS** this fireman resigned for personal reasons;
- THEREFORE;**
- 105-06/2015** It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to accept his resignation.
17. DEEDS
7 deeds were received during the month of April for a total amount of \$ 1 350.30 and 2 deeds for the month of May for \$ 0.

18. LAWYER
WHEREAS the Municipality has to invest an important amount of money in the construction or enlargement of the buildings situated on part of lot 21-B, range 5, Township of Thorne, belonging, on title, to the Thorne Community Recreation Association (TCRA) ;
WHEREAS the Municipality had a meeting with its lawyers on May 28th 2015;
WHEREAS there exists a solution allowing the Municipality and the TCRA to reach their common objectives;
WHEREAS an agreement will need to be negotiated between the parties;
WHEREAS there is good reason to mandate the lawyers of the municipality so that they can undertake discussions with the lawyer of the TCRA, and so that any acceptable offer be presented to Council;
THEREFORE:
- 106-06/2015** It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved that Council mandate Deveau Avocats to negotiate with the lawyer of the TCRA in order to try to reach an acceptable agreement for both parties, complying with the laws governing both parties, in the public's best interest, and to present to the Council any project of agreement to that effect;
19. ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT
WHEREAS every year a Municipal Road Improvement Help Program is available;
WHEREAS the municipality could use the monies to improve certain roads;
THEREFORE;
- 107-06/2015** It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to apply for the Municipal Road Improvement Help Program for \$100 000 for the improvement of Greermount Road and give permission to the DG to sign all documents relating to the grant.
20. 2014 GAS TAX
WHEREAS the municipality has read the guide on the procedure for payment of the government contribution under the program of the gas tax and the contribution of Quebec (TECQ) for the years 2010 to 2013;
WHEREAS the municipality must comply with the terms that apply to this guide in order to receive the government contribution which was confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy;
THEREFORE;
- 108-06/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that:
The Municipality is committed to comply with the terms that apply to this guide;
The municipality agrees to be solely responsible and absolve the Canadian and Quebec governments as well as their minister, officials, employees and agents from any liability for claims, demands, losses, damages and costs of any kind with respect to an injury to a person, the death of the latter, damage to property or loss of the goods attributed, deliberate or arising directly or indirectly from investments made through the transfer of the financial assistance received in the TECQ part of the 2010-2013 program;
The municipality approves the content and allows sending the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy final account of the surrender with the addition of work on Bryson road Pasch, Rennix and Johnson;
The Municipality is committed to achieving the minimum threshold for capital municipal infrastructures fixed at \$ 28 per resident per year, or a total of \$ 112 per person for all four years of the program;
The municipality agrees to inform the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy of any such amendment to the programming work approved by this resolution.
21. GRAVEL CRUSHING
WHEREAS the municipality only has approximately 3000 tons of crushed gravel at the pit;
WHEREAS more gravel will be needed to repair the roads;
WHEREAS a quote was received by Morin Sable & Gravier enr.;
WHEREAS the material will only have to be paid monthly on an as use basis;
THEREFORE;
- 109-06/2015** It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to accept Morin Sable & Gravier enr. quote to crush approximately 4 000 to 6 000 metric tons for the amount of \$ 3.35 plus taxes per ton.
22. MURALS
The Director General informed Council that the last mural was done and that they had to decide where this mural would be installed.
This subject was transferred to the Recreation Committee.
23. TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES
WHEREAS the taxes on lots # 3 702 569, 3 702 286, 3 702 025, 3 702 816 were not paid;
WHEREAS these lots were put up for sale during the sale of movables for non-payment of taxes;
WHEREAS these lots were not sold;
WHEREAS these lots were awarded to the municipality;
WHEREAS these lots have to be transferred into the municipality's name;
THEREFORE;
- 110-06/2015** It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to give signing authority to the Mayor and the Director General for all necessary documents.

24. BURSARY
WHEREAS the municipality will be giving a \$ 500 student bursary;
WHEREAS requirements were put in place and presented to Council;

THEREFORE;

- 111-06/2015** It is moved by M. Born and resolved to accept the requirements as presented and to post them in the Pontiac Journal and on the Website.

Councillor K. Kelly was not in favor because she thinks that it should only be for the permanent residents of Thorne. Mayor Murdock advised that all taxpayers must be eligible and to do otherwise would place the Municipality in jeopardy because it would be discriminatory to do otherwise.

25. REQUEST FROM RATEPAYER

Two requests were received by a ratepayer. The first one was that he is starting an agricultural business on his property and asks for an exemption of taxes for 3 years and the second request was to contest is assessment and that he wants the municipality conduct a new evaluation of his property by paying an independent expert.

The Director General informed Council that she had spoken to the Municipal Affairs about these issues and they said that no exemption of taxes exists for new businesses and that the owner has to pay his own evaluator.

It was decided by Council to refer him to the MRC.

26. MAYORS REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

The Mayor informed Council that Big Lac Dumont will have an entrance, a good drivable road through Trout Bay.

27. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING

28. VARIA

1) MAMROT

The Director General informed Council that Municipal Affairs wishes to meet with Council and that a date must be determined. It was decided that the DG fix a date with the MAMROT.

29. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

- 112-06/2015** It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved that the invoices totaling \$ 113 368.77 be paid.

Certificate of Authority of Funds.

I, the undersigned, Stacy Lafleur, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne, certify that there are credits available to pay the expenses listed below.

3477835 Canada Inc.	\$ 2 901.81	Ken's Auto Service	\$ 399.99
Aréo-Feu	\$ 815.66	Ladouceur, Daniel	\$ 58.95
Bell Mobilité	\$ 49.33	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 144.00
Benson Auto Parts	\$ 52.22	Lapointe & Beaulieu	\$ 88.50
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 2 834.71	M & R Feeds	\$ 91.64
Canadian Tire	\$ 73.51	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 370.19
Champoux Pierre	\$ 328.76	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 6 329.07
CMP Mayer Equipements	\$ 6 169.57	MRC Pontiac	\$ 59 065.52
Deveau Avocats	\$ 500.00	National Bank of Canada	\$ 35.58
Dubeau, Steven	\$ 135.45	Petty cash	\$ 83.35
Educ Expert	\$ 1 310.72	Pontiac Journal	\$ 264.44
Excel Radio	\$ 985.34	Robert, Ghyslain	\$ 1 264.73
Extincteurs L&S 2006	\$ 118.42	Spcestralite / SignoPlus	\$ 53.40
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 689.85	Standard Life	\$ 1 584.26
Groupe Ultima inc.	\$ 376.00	Telebec	\$ 330.99
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 2069.55	Turcotte, Andrew	\$ 14.85
Hugh Tracy	\$ 33.22	Vaughan Bastien Tire Service	\$ 135.66
Hydro Québec	\$ 1 011.01	WePc	\$ 126.47
J.R. Brisson	\$ 591.97	Salary	\$ 19 880.08

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this June 9th, 2015

 Stacy Lafleur, Director General

30. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

- 113-06/2015** It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on July 14th, 2015

 Terence Murdock
 Mayor

 Stacy Lafleur
 Director General

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