



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
Resolution 84-06/2023

It is moved by R.BLASKIE seconded by R.WILLS and unanimously resolved;

THAT the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

Present is Robert Wills, Marsha Bean, Robert Blaskie, Deborah Stafford, Jammie Lee Coursol, Norma Charette

Also attending the meeting: The assistant Director General CHANTAL VILLENEUVE

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Marjorie Pasch, Marlene Pasch, Charles Taylor, Karen Dunlop, Micheal Martin, Jen Montague, Mike Hogan

Mrs. Marjorie Pasch questioned when the boards for the rink would be installed. She was advised that it will be completed this week.

Mr. Taylor had questions regarding the burnt buildings in town. He was advised that we are working with our lawyer to receive a judgement to complete the work.

Mr. Hogan questioned the dumping at the gravel pit and asked when this would be cleaned up.

3. JANE TOLLER – PRESENTATION ENERGY FROM WASTE

Mrs. Toller did not show up for her presentation.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 85-06/2023

It is moved by J.COURSOL seconded by D.STAFFORD and unanimously resolved;

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modifications:

20. Varia: Dump Tickets

21. FQM Congress

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2023, MEETING

Resolution 86-06/2023

It is moved by M.BEAN seconded by R.WILLS and unanimously resolved;

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 2, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. FOLLOW-UP

7. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) *Report – Charles Gallant*

27 permits have been issued this month for a total of 47 this year.

I have sent 6 permits to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

We are still on the Trailer/Camper without Permits situation and doing follow-ups with request for removal of non-conforming installation throughout the Municipality. We have inspected one of the trailer to see that it is in storage and is in the process of being repaired and will not be used on the property eventually. The second Camper/trailer does not want to remove any of its installation and wants to contest the decision of the Municipality to have him remove the said Camper/trailer.

We have located the property owner on Ch. Christian will be sending a registered letter to clean up the property and conform to the current Municipal 2017-003 Zoning Bylaws.

We have received the new aerial view taken in 2022 on the Web Roll Gonet platform only available with the reserved access at the moment. In which we have observed that a few property registering as vacant property with some buildings on them. We will be conducting site visits to determine whether if these building are in fact there, and not assessed on the Municipal Roll.

2) *Cadastral plans*

Resolution no 87-06/2023

It is moved by M.BEAN seconded by R.BLASKIE and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes # 17605 dated May 17, 2023.

CARRIED

3) *Cadastral plans*
Resolution no 88-06/2023

It is moved by R.WILLS seconded by M.BEAN and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Michel Fortin, surveyor, under minutes # 33578 dated April 25, 2023.

CARRIED

4) *Cadastral plans*
Resolution no 89-06/2023

It is moved by R.BLASKIE seconded by R.WILLS and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Michel Fortin, surveyor, under minutes # 34057 dated May 5, 2023.

CARRIED

8.

ROAD COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor R. Blaskie*

Some of the sweeping is done. Waiting to get some rain before finishing. A decision needs to be made as to purchasing a water tank or contracting the sweeping.

It was discussed at the road committee working session to hire one more employee for the road department.

There is between 1000 to 1500 tons of gravel left. Morin will be coming soon to crush more.

The road foremen was able to negotiate the price of the dump truck to \$ 40 000 instead of \$ 45 000. After inspection, some small repairs have to be done before we purchase the truck.

The tender for the grader were open last week.

With the money from the road maintenance grant, 2 ½ gravel will be purchased and spread on Fierobin road.

2) *Ratepayers request – Grading*
Resolution 90-06/2023

WHEREAS a request was received asking if the municipality could grade an access way to properties and the ratepayers would pay additional fees for this service;

WHEREAS the municipality gives one free grading to private roads;

WHEREAS the roads must be listed on the register de la Toponymy;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by J.COURSOL seconded by M.BEAN and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality will not grade access ways.

CARRIED

3) *Tender Grader*
Resolution 91-06/2023

WHEREAS a tender was published on the SEAO website;

WHEREAS we received one bid of \$ 331 128.00 tax included from Brandt Tractor Ltd;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by N.CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality accepts the bid from Brandt.

THAT the municipality allow the Director General to sign all pertinent document relating to this tender.

CARRIED

4) *Road employee*
Resolution 92-06/2023

WHEREAS the municipality only have two workers for the road maintenance;

WHEREAS at minimum one more qualified person with experience with heavy machinery is needed;

WHEREAS with the lack of employees, jobs are not being accomplished on time;

WHEREAS a job posting was presented at the road committee meeting

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by J.COURSOL seconded by D.STAFFORD and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality will hire an additional seasonal employee.

THAT the job posting can be published in both journals and the website;

THAT the interviews will be held the last week of June by Carrefour Jeunesse.

CARRIED

5) *Road Sweeping*
Resolution 93-06/2023

WHEREAS the municipality does not have the proper equipment to water the roads prior to sweeping;
WHEREAS this can only be completed when the ground is wet;
WHEREAS the municipality would need to purchase a water tank to spray prior to sweeping in 2024;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by M.BEAN and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality purchase a 1460 gallon tank from the lowest quote Bretzlaff Store for \$3595 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

9. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor R.Wills*

Business is brisk at the transfer station, in garbage, recycling and scrap metal.

The space between the bins makes a convenient place to set items that are imminently reusable, so that they have a last chance to be reclaimed, before shipping off to be crushed, ground, and reconfigured.

The garbage bin is smelly, indicating that we're overdue to get organic composting underway. A group is mounting an expedition to the composting facility in Renfrew County, to scope out possibilities for a similar operation here.

As we all know, the forest is very dry, so be extra careful about fire or sparks.

10. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) *Report –*

No report this month.

Mayor K.Kelly appointed Councillor N.Charette to the land use planning committee.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor M.Bean*

We are not using our operating line and have 280+ on deposit which will cover this months large payable list. We have not received any of our grant monies and not expected until end of year or early 2024.

Next tax coupons to come in by July 1 about 220k

Large expenditures coming is crushing of gravel, purchase of equipment, truck and grader. Truck will probably come from cashflow but grader will be long term financing via lease.

2) *Process with the FQM and the UMQ – Delays in financial statement filing*
Resolution 94-06/2023

WHEREAS the municipalities of Quebec must transmit to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing no later than May 15 of each year, the financial report and the report of the external auditor;
WHEREAS this reporting is essential for all municipalities and cities in Quebec, first towards citizens, then for the MAMH because it is used to establish the amounts to which municipalities are entitled through various programs and/or subsidies;
WHEREAS a delay in transmitting the financial statements is frowned upon by the government, which can in certain cases delay compensations in lieu of taxes or QST refunds, depriving municipalities of liquidity;
WHEREAS lagging municipalities are often viewed poorly by financial markets, which could also result in “higher borrowing costs”;
WHEREAS the Commission municipale du Québec, which filed a report in March 2022 dedicated to the transmission of financial reports, indicates that the latest municipalities have less than 1,000 inhabitants;
WHEREAS the municipalities most affected are indeed going through an unprecedented crisis with municipal management at the end of its rope, exhausted, with retirements where hiring a replacement becomes a delicate operation;
WHEREAS the smallest municipalities in the region often cannot count on competent personnel in matters of municipal accounting and that in this context, the work of auditors and auditors becomes more complex;
WHEREAS of the 216 municipalities deemed non-compliant, more than 70 have less than 1,000 inhabitants reflecting this harsh reality;
WHEREAS certain regions of Quebec seem to be more affected than others, in particular Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie and Îles-de-la-Madelaine, Estrie, Chaudière-Appalaches, Outaouais and Montérégie;
WHEREAS in its March 2022 report, the Commission municipale never took into account the availability of auditing firms or their presence in the regions;
WHEREAS in addition to the shortcoming related to the presence of accounting firms in rural areas, they must currently combine with a shortage of qualified labor with the result that they have to put an end to many business;
WHEREAS many small municipalities that have experienced the replacement of a general manager creating an impact on accounting management, are neglected by accounting firms, which prefer to focus on larger and more stable municipalities;
WHEREAS some municipalities are without a firm of auditors and accountants;
WHEREAS in this context, the MAMH should not penalize municipalities neglected by accounting firms because they are not responsible for the delay;
WHEREAS conversely, the majority of municipalities that have been able to produce and transmit their financial statements on time have suffered a marked increase in the rates of auditors, often almost double the costs usually charged.

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by J.COURSOL and unanimously resolved that:

- THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne asks the FQM and the UMQ to include this major subject on the agenda of the next Annual Congress;
- THAT** the FQM and the UMQ are debating this unprecedented crisis with the MAMH in order to find a solution so that the smallest municipalities receive treatment that corresponds to their situation and reality, so that they are no longer penalized for not find no accounting firms;
- THAT** the FQM and the UMQ are urgently looking into this problem affecting rural municipalities by offering them an alternative or appropriate accounting support;
- THAT** the Municipality of Thorne sends this resolution to all the municipalities targeted and qualified as “latecomers” in the March 2022 report, asking them to send this resolution to the FQM and the UMQ;
- THAT** the Municipality of Thorne also forwards this resolution to the MRC of Pontiac for supports it in its approach with the FQM and the UMQ.

CARRIED

12. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councilor J. Coursol

Councillor J.Coursol confirmed that she is preparing a family fun day for the month of July with multiple activities. She also questioned when the swings will be removed as they are dangerous.

2) Family Fun day

Resolution 95-06/2023

- WHEREAS** the family fun day will take place on July 22nd 2023;
- WHEREAS** several activities are planned (Face painting, bouncy castles, BBQ...);
- WHEREAS** no recreation committee has yet been formed;

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by R.WILLS seconded by D.STAFFORD and unanimously resolved;

THAT the municipality will allot \$700.00 for this event.

CARRIED

3) Recreation Committee

After posting our request for volunteers for the recreation committee we received 4 applicants. Councillor J.Coursol will be working with this committee to prepare activities throughout the year.

13. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councilor D. Stafford

As it is cottage season once again - we ask that everyone be diligent and check to see what the rules are for the municipality when you are here. There are fire ban signs at the entrances to the municipality. It is also posted on the webpage. At this time there are no fires allowed, this includes fireworks.

Atv's please follow the guidelines set out, at this time the trails are closed as per the groups.

14. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) Fire chief's report – Denis Chaussé

May 01, to May 31, 2023

There were 4 911 calls:

- 911-026 Intersection of Route 303 and Johnson Lake Rd open fire tires burning on main road
- 911-027 Route 303 and Route 366 motor vehicle injury
- 911-028 108 Johnson road electric wire down on main rd.
- 911-029 Route 366 & Schock road wires and Hydro post down road close for 5 hours From 303 to Schock.

There were one emergency Medical calls from (Central Paramedic)

There were two Special Events:

- 230509-020 As per Budget refill SCBA tanks.
- 230528-022 Complete Fire Band announcement by SOPFEU on May 28 at 7:00pm until further notice.

Special Meeting

None

Practice:

Sunday May 07 from 08:00-12:00

Maintenance of vehicle's

Danny Kluge did all regular maintenance on vehicle # 514, #214 and # 614 also this month unit # 18-05 Rescue Boats.

15. TRANSFER STATION

1) Cameras

Resolution 96-06/2023

- WHEREAS** the municipality has gotten items stolen multiple times;
- WHEREAS** several people have dropped off loads of garbage when the transfer station was closed;
- WHEREAS** security measures need to be taken;

FOR THIS REASON:

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by J.COURSOL and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the director general will contact WEpc to get a quote for a camera system.

CARRIED

2) *Solar system*
Resolution 97-06/2023

WHEREAS hydro is now installed at the transfer station;
WHEREAS the solar system is no longer needed and much of the system was stolen;
WHEREAS councilor R. Wills would like to buy the charge controller;

FOR THIS REASON:

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by R.BLASKIE and unanimously resolved:

THAT the charger will be given to Mr. Wills free of charge.

CARRIED

3) *Air conditioner unit*
Resolution 98-06/2023

WHEREAS since we now have hydro at the transfer station
WHEREAS the attendant is requesting the installation of an air conditioner for the summer months;
WHEREAS the temperature is often over 30 degrees in the area;

FOR THIS REASON:

It is moved by J.COURSOL seconded by M.BEAN and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the municipality purchase an air conditioner for the transfer station with a budget not exceeding \$300.00.

CARRIED

16. MANDATE TO LAWYERS – PROPERTY CLEAN UP
Resolution 99-06/2023

WHEREAS the property at 2156 Route 303 in the Municipality of Thorne was burned down on October 10, 2022;
WHEREAS the debris following the fire and still on the premises of the property is in such a condition that it may endanger the safety of persons, that the work required to ensure the safety of persons must be carried out or that the construction rendered inaccessible, and this, in accordance with Section 4.4 of Construction By-Law 2002-005;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by M.BEAN seconded by N.CHARETTE and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the council mandates the firm of Deveau Avocats to institute and file the necessary legal proceedings in Superior Court, in order to obtain from the Court the orders required to this effect with regard to the owner of the property identified as matricule 84045-1369-52-3601, renovated lot 3 702 600 of the Quebec cadastre, requesting the clean-up of the premises following the fire, in order to remove all nuisance elements found on the premises, including the debris of the property following the fire, and to ensure the safety of persons.

CARRIED

17. DEEDS
The deeds were not received in time for the meeting.

18. REQUEST – MUNICIPALITY OF LA PÊCHE
Resolution 100-06/2023

WHEREAS the municipality of la peche asked if we would grade and possibly complete snow removal services for sections of Fierobin and Pasch road;
WHEREAS both these roads equal to approximately 9 kilometers;
WHEREAS with our lack of employees and abundance of jobs this is not feasible;

FOR THESE REASONS:

It is moved by J.COURSOL seconded by N.CHARETTE and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the municipality will not accept the request to grade these portions of these roads;
THAT the municipality of La Peche contact Mickey Mcguire regarding the snow plowing of these roads.
CARRIED

19. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

R. Wills represented me at the meeting
Discussed the new Fire safety plan via Julien
Talked about the flooding along the Ottawa river.
New admin website design
New Mrc logo
Relocation of off road rescue to Pontiac North

2023 Grass cutting contract and waterway agreement
Management of TNO situations
Release of book(by Students) and art exhibit 12 noon June 9/2023 at MRC.
Discussed Economic development

20. VARIA

1) Dump tickets

Councillor J.Coursol advised everyone present that the store had no available tickets this weekend. She suggested selling tickets at the transfer station. Another suggestion was adding the fees to the tax bills.

21. FQM CONGRES

No councilors wish to attend.

22. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Resolution No. 101-06/2023

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by M.BEAN and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the invoices totalling \$ 202 880.97 are paid.

I, the undersigned, STACY LAFLEUR, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne, certify that there are funds available to pay the expenses listed below.

9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 6 568.88	Leders, Richard	\$ 25.97
Bell Mobility	\$ 67.74	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 4 580.78
Beneva	\$ 1 770.38	McGuire, Mickey	\$2 242.02
Benson AutoPart	\$ 51.98	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 8 615.90
BNC Trust	\$1 925.36	MRC	\$ 80 895.84
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 052.82	National Bank of Canada	\$ 767.74
Darwin Stephen Trucking	\$ 402.41	Payroll	\$ 24 283.43
Gallant, Charles	\$ 104.31	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 162.12
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 012.0	Sécurité Publique	\$ 60 599.00
Hetek solutions inc	\$ 287.44	SE électrique	\$ 265.03
Hugues, Todd	\$ 56.73	Telebec	\$ 591.22
Hydro Québec	\$ 1 888.10	Vauthan Bastien	\$ 1 531.34
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 132.37		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this June 6, 2023.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

23. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution No. 06/2023

It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by R.BLASKIE and unanimously resolved that:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on July 4, 2023

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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