



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Resolution 93-08/2024

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

THAT the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

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

Also attending the meeting: Assistant Director General CHANTAL VILLENEUVE

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Lynn Blazek, Chantal Preston, Judy Hancock, Emma Hancock, Lynne Douglas, bob Landry, Karen McIssac, Pierre Sparling, Norma Wheeler, Katherine Stewart, Miriam Sutorious-Lavoie, David Lavoie, Micheal Froster, Marlene Pasch, Laurie Anne Casselman, Jean Casselman, Charles Haines

Mrs Blazek requested having 2 properties cleaned on Route 303. She was advised that Municipality does not own the properties.

Mrs. Hancock suggested sending information pamphlets regarding milfoil to the ratepayers and calling the ministry to request having our lakes tested.

Mrs. Dunlop asked if the 911 by law would be approved, she was advised that it was on the agenda. She also wanted an update regarding the letter sent for the improvement of cell service.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 94-08/2024

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modifications;

7. 2) Key tag replacements
17. Hydro post

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2024, MEETING

Resolution 95-08/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report –

No report this month

2) Cadastral Plan

Resolution no 96-08/2024

It is moved by R.BLASKIE 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 # 36171 dated July 18, 2024.

CARRIED

3) Interviews results

Resolution no 97-08/2024

WHEREAS the By-Law Officer resigned;
WHEREAS the job posting was published twice;
WHEREAS three interviews were conducted;

FOR THESE REASONS

It is moved by R.BLASKIE seconded by J.COURSOL and unanimously resolved

THAT the most qualified candidate, Kathleen Gauthier, is hereby appointed to the position of By-Law Officer as of August 14th 2024.

CARRIED

6. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councillor R.Blaskie*

Significant progress has been made on the gravelling of Mountain and Bryson Roads. A total of over 5,000 tons of gravel have been applied to these roadways, enhancing their durability and overall driving conditions. This substantial amount of gravel will contribute to improved road stability and reduced wear over time.

The dump truck, which is crucial for transporting gravel and other materials, has been successfully repaired and is now operational. This maintenance ensures that we can continue to efficiently manage and transport materials for ongoing and future roadwork projects.

The grass cutting initiative is underway, with approximately 50% of the work completed. This task is essential for maintaining clear visibility along the roads and preventing overgrowth that could impede road safety and aesthetics. The remaining 50% of the grass cutting is scheduled to be finished in the coming weeks.

Plans are in place to begin work on Tubman Road in the next few weeks. This will involve similar maintenance activities, including gravelling and potentially additional grass cutting, to ensure the road meets safety and quality standards. The specific start date and detailed schedule will be communicated once finalized.

2) *Snow plow tender*

Resolution no 98-08/2024

WHEREAS the municipality issued a tender for snowplowing services for the years 2024 to 2027;
WHEREAS the municipality received one bid;

Mickey McGuire Construction Ltd. - \$ 738,328.35 (taxes included) for a 3-year contract;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

THAT the municipality accepts the bid from Mickey McGuire Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$ 738,328.35 (taxes included) for a 3-year period.

CARRIED

7.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councillor R. Wills*

The new Waste Management co-ordinator for the MRC has compiled a report on the past three years' of garbage and recycling efforts within the municipalities and the MRC.

The overall tonnage has increased slightly each year from 2021~2023.

Significantly, Thorne residents are the second-lowest per capita producers of garbage and recycling, with Fort Coulonge being highest, and Alleyn & Cawood being the lowest. This could be thought of as a feather in our cap, although it's not clear what factor makes Thorne be in that position.

There is a page in the report concerning recovery rates of recyclables, and Thorne is in the middle of the pack in that regard, with a recovery rate of 21.5 %.

Our absolute tonnage of garbage (ordures) was 102 in 2021, down to 97 in 2022, then back up to 105 in 2023, while tonnage of recyclables increased each year, 11, 22, 28 tonnes respectively.

Only Sheenboro and Chichester have gone steadily down in garbage production each of those years. Fort Coulonge went up then back down in the same period.

Totals for the MRC during this period have declined from 290, 270, and 261.

There will be a meeting of the MRC Waste Management committee next Monday, at which we may learn more relevant statistics, as well as hints of future demands from the Quebec Government. We may also learn what Shawville and Clarendon will do about a transfer station, since they were using the McGrimmon site as their station, and FiloGreen in Litchfield has won the contract starting this fall.

2) *Key tag – replacement fee*

Resolution 99-08/2024

WHEREAS multiple requests for lost key tags have been received;
WHEREAS a fee will be charged;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT ratepayers will receive one free replacement key tags and all additional key tags will have a \$ 5 fee.

CARRIED

8.

LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councillor N. Charette*

No report this month

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
 Operating line remains at 380k with only a small portion of tax revenues to come in.
 Major bills Inter Outaouais \$ 17 380, Multi route \$ 8 359, O'Malley \$ 2 906 Stephen's trucking \$ 8 733,
 McGrimmon \$ 4 381, Mickey \$ 2 586, Min rev and Canada rev \$ 9 581 and \$ 3 729, MRC \$ 88 467 and Grader
 finance \$ 6 463.
 We have exceeded budget in gravel costs , budget 30k spent 67 and maintenance and repairs budget 25k spent 62k.
 In order to get that operating down we need to look closely at 2025 budget. Also I am not sure what grants are
 coming
 We also need to discuss winter hours or winter hours and duties expected.

10. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol
 For next year's recreation budget instead of making a large donation to the new RA, we should look into giving them
 smaller portions throughout the year when they have planned activities.
 The Assistant Director General advised council that we unfortunately have not been approved for the grant for the
 basket ball nets and pickle ball courts.

11. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE
1) Report – Councillor D.Stafford
 As per last month's report please continue to keep a mindful eye out for yours and your neighbors properties. There
 have been many reports of strangers trespassing on properties in the area. Anything suspicious please report to the
 Police.

12. FIRE DEPARTMENT
1) Fire chief's report – Denis Chaussé

10 Emergency Calls from 911

<u>911-044:</u> Location: Otter Lake Incident: Animal attack Station 5	<u>911-045:</u> Location: Meecham Lake Incident: Water Rescue Station 4
<u>911-046:</u> Location: 460, Belmont lot 67 Incident: Electric fire Station 5	<u>911-047:</u> Location: 394 Tessier Incident: Electric fire Station 5
<u>911-048:</u> Location : 2309 route 303 Incident: Motor vehicle accident Station 5	<u>911-049:</u> Location: TNO Incident: Off Road Rescue Station 5
<u>911-050:</u> Location: 2083 route 303 Incident: Motor vehicle accident Station 4	<u>911-051:</u> Location: 4 chemin Picanoc Incident: Electric Fire Station 5
<u>911-052:</u> Location: Route 366 Incident: Motor vehicle accident Station 4	<u>911-053:</u> Location: 2170 route 303 Incident: Car fire Station 4

15 Emergency Medical Calls from Central Paramedic

Station 4: 6
 Station 5: 9

Fire and First Responder Training

Date: July 5 Time: 9 am – Noon Note: Mandatory CPR training form CISSSO	Date: July 9 Time: 8 am – 11 am Note: Practice # 12 Farm lake Rescue Boat
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Date: July 14 Time: 8 am – Noon Note: Practice # 13 Station 4 and 5	Date: July 25 Time: 9 am – 11 am Note: Farm Lake Run Boat unit # 18-05
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Date: July 22 - 29
 Monthly officer training Station 4 and 5

4 Special Events

Event ID: S/E240701-027 Location: Station 4 and 5 Event : Canada Day celebration	Event ID: S/E240710-028 Location: Station 4 and 5 Event: Inspection of Fire Alarms
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Event ID: S/E240712-029 Location: Otter Lake Event : SQ assistance	Event ID: S/E240724-030 Location: 136 chemin Lepack Event: Assistance municipal inspector
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Section Meeting

Date: June 11
Time: 7 pm – 10 pm
Location: Station 5
Participants: Station 4 and Station 5

Maintenance of Vehicles
Stations: Station 4 and Station 5
Responsible Person: Danny Kluge

Maintenance of Extraction Tools
Weekly by a Certified Member
July 10: Natasha St-Aubin & Daniel Lance
July 15: Russell Lance & Guy Lafleur
July 21: Randy Richard & Miranda Kluge
July 30: Miranda Kluge & Ronnie Vadneau

Equipment maintenance :
Ronnie Vadneau & Miranda Kluge

2) Notice of Motion - By-Law traffic accident charges

A notice of motion has been given by Councillors J.COURSOL and D.STAFFORD that at the regular meeting of council on September 10, 2024, By-laws # 2024-03 concerning the charge for an intervention of the Fire Department and First responders following a traffic accident or other intervention preventing or fighting a vehicle fire will be adopted.

13. DEEDS
Two deeds were received in July, totaling \$ 455.50.

14. ATTRIBUTION OF A MANDATE FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO DEVEAU DUFOUR MOTTET AVOCATS S.E.N.C.R.L. - OUTAOUAIS
Resolution 100-08/2024

WHEREAS in anticipation of its fiscal year, the municipality of Thome accepted the offer of legal services from Deveau Dufour Mottet Avocats s.e.n.c.r.l. – Outaouais to fulfill the tasks needed;

WHEREAS the offer of services of July 15th, 2024, prepared for this purpose by Deveau Dufour Mottet Avocats s.e.n.c.r.l. – Outaouais;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

THAT council accepts the offer of legal services submitted by Deveau Dufour Mottet Avocats s.e.n.c.r.l. – Outaouais, which is described as follows:

- **Services offered :** Telephone consultation with unlimited number of hours;
- **Persons authorized to consult :** The Mayor, Director general and the urbanism director;
- **Contract duration :** 1 year from the date of adoption of the resolution;
- **Fixed cost :** \$1,000.00 per year, plus taxes;
- **All other mandates requested :** Hourly rate of \$275.00 ;
- **Honorary fees for the collection of taxes :** 15% of the amount recovered, plus taxes and disbursements, this does not include the execution procedures.

CARRIED

15. OKTOBERFEST
1) Contract
Council has decided to have a special meeting after discussing the work needed for the track with Oktoberfest.

16. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
No report this month.

17. VARIA
1) Hydro post
The assistant director general will get quotes to have the hydro post repaired or replaced.

18. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Resolution 100-08/2024

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 167 442.60 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.

4332440 Canada inc.	\$ 3 355.57	Leders, Richard	\$ 10.29
9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 6 040.55	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 672.80
Bell Mobility	\$ 39.64	Médial Services	\$ 559.82
Beneva	\$ 1 438.52	Mickey McGuire	\$ 19 551.00
Benson	\$ 252.72	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 8 146.53
BNC Trust	\$ 1 866.14	Morin Sable et Gravier	\$ 70 710.77
Brandt	\$ 1 756.13	Mystical creation	\$ 3 225.00
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 220.68	National Bank	\$ 37.20
Canadian Tire	\$ 63.19	O'Malley's Equipment	\$ 79.26
Dale's home hardware	\$ 57.42	Payroll	\$ 24 232.03
Darwin Stephens Trucking	\$ 3 104.33	Petro Pontiac	\$ 261.02
Deveau Avocats	\$ 522.14	Petty cash	\$ 76.00
Enseigne Pontiac	\$ 171.15	Pièce de camions	\$ 271.01
Erwin	\$ 9 772.88	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 231.79
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	RICOH	\$ 195.77
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 11.04	RJS	\$ 2 492.46
Hydro QC	\$ 1 672.89	Snyders Equipmen	\$ 1 442.65

Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$ 350.00	Telebec	\$ 570.87
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 80.52	Villeneuve, Chantal	\$ 43.12

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this August 13, 2024.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

19.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mrs. Preston handed in a petition to amend the winter roads maintenance by-law. She suggested making a change to the section that states we need proof of permanent residency to plow the road or to find an alternative solution to keeping Yach road for the coming years.

Mrs. Blazek wanted to know if we had any update regarding the septic grant.

Mrs. Lowry had questions regarding the boat launch on Johnsons lake.

20.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution 101-08/2024

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on September 10, 2024

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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