



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Resolution 12-02/2024

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

THAT The regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, February 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, Marsha Bean, Robert Blaskie, Norma Charrette
Jammie-Lee Coursol and Deborah Stafford confirmed their absence.

Also attending the meeting: The Assistant Director General CHANTAL VILLENEUVE

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Marjorie Pasch, Marlene Pasch, Greg MacMillan, Charlie Taylor, Sharron Hodgins, Karen McIssac, Christine Anderson, Grant Hodgins, Trina Inglis, Jo Ellen Cushing, Jeffrey Cushing, Jen Montague, Brian Langemeyer

Mrs. Pasch questioned why the rink has been closed Monday and was informed that the unpredictable weather has made it very challenging to upkeep.

Mr. MacMillan once again mentioned the councillor's absences during regular meetings and important budget meetings. He was informed that a bylaw is being prepared to rectify this situation. He stated his concerns with the transfer station and all changes that have been made. MacMillan questioned the non-functioning street lights, he was reassured that the requests have been sent. He requested that the road foreman clear tree branches from the road signs and also questioned the inspectors hours.

Mrs. Inglis had complaints regarding the attendant's attitude and closing early of the transfer station, she suggested purchasing signs for the stairs. She was informed that the signs have been purchased and should all be installed by next weekend. It was also suggested to perhaps have the hours changed during the summer months. She also voiced her concerns regarding the incinerator.

Mrs. Anderson gave a presentation for *Friends of the Pontiac* showing her disagreement with the incinerator.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 13-02/2024

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modification:

11. 2) Committee donation

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2023, MEETING

Resolution 14-02/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 09, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. FOLLOW-UP

6. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report – Charles Gallant

No permits have been issued so far this year.

One permit has been sent to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

We have been receiving many inquiries regarding the construction of new Residences and Cottages within the Municipality of Thorne. In addition, we have received information from the MRC regarding the new land-use planning.

We have also been getting many complaints regarding neighbours pushing snow upon neighbouring property. The practice is not permitted under the Civil Code and every property owners must manage their snow on their own properties as it could be viewed as public nuisances.

7. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R.Blaskie

An agreement was signed with the Municipality of Otter Lake for the maintenance of Milliken Road.

The road supervisor is keeping an eye on culverts that are not fully frozen.

It was mentioned that private roads will not have additional grading.

8. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R.Wills

The storage container for electronic waste is now in place, but guidelines for its use are not clarified as yet. This is a new regime, dictated from the province, in response to a fear of identity theft from discarded electronic devices.

Once this protocol has been instituted, discarded electronic items will not be available for repurposing by locals, the way bits of metal scrap can be. The large-screen televisions, like most electronic devices these days, are much more plastic than metal, so the metal recycling bin is a less than ideal way of disposing of them.

The cost of the container was about \$3500.

9. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor N.Charette

No report this month

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor M.Bean

Our operating line is at approx 800k, this is due to the fact our final payment of grants not yet received for Johnson's lake road of approx 420k.

Plus GST and PST will be applied for to further reduce outstanding debt.

Our tax bills will go out with increase in MIL rate of .63 to .68 plus the 100.00. For dump fees.

At the meeting Chantal prepared and had ready a form showing what other municipalities are charging for their services which were available for the public. Last year our dump costs were in excess of 100k....The fee should reduce our shortfall somewhat by 65k.

11. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor J.Coursol

The date and time will be confirmed later for the movie night.

2) Committee donation

Resolution 15-02/2024

WHEREAS the municipality help to form a recreational committee;

WHEREAS all expenses for the registration and legalization were paid by the municipality;

WHEREAS the municipality has put money for recreation in the budget:

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will donate \$ 500.00 for the year 2024 to help with activities that will be held in the community;

CARRIED

12. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor D.Stafford

No report this month.

13. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) Fire chief's report

There were four calls this month (911)

911-01 690 Rte. 301 Electric wires on tree visible flames.

911-02 126 Rte. 303 Chimney Fire

911-03 MVA Accident Martineau /Stephen Rte 301.

911-04 130 Schwartz Carbone monoxide intoxication.

There were twelve emergency medical calls. Station 4 (04) Station 5 (08)

Fire and First Responder Training:

Mandatory CPR Training for firefighters Date: 24, 28, and 31 January Instructor Lt Caroline Gagné.

There were six special Events:

S/E240114-01 Assistance Municipal Station 5 for Major Water problem on Martineau.

S/E240115-02 Jaw of life course November 2023 paid members Randy Richard, Miranda Kluge Russell Lance.

S/E240124-03 Emergency Plan revised with the owner of ESCAPADE HUSKIMO Sylvain Drapeau.

S/E240131-04 Mandatory CPR Training for all firefighters.

S/E240129-05 Fire Inspection assistance to Mrc Pontiac 4 Picanoc Unit # 4.

S/E240129-06 Public Safety Station 4 main entrance obstructed by snow, D.G transfer file and evidence to the SQ for action.

No Burning Permit was issued

Special meeting: January 23, from 10:00 – 11:45

Revision of the Civil security Plan at Station 4

Maintenance of vehicles

Danny Kluge did all regular maintenance on vehicles.

2) Civil Security Plan

Resolution 16-02/2024

WHEREAS local municipalities are responsible for civil protection on their territory under the Civil Protection Act (RLRQ, c. S 2.3);

WHEREAS the municipality is exposed to various natural and anthropogenic hazards that may cause disasters;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of Thorne recognizes that the Municipality may be affected by a disaster at any time;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council sees the importance of preparing for disasters that may occur on its territory;

WHEREAS this preparation must be kept operational and regularly monitored by the municipal council;

WHEREAS the measures put in place by the municipality and recorded in the civil protection plan comply with the provisions of the Regulation respecting alert and mobilization procedures and minimum emergency measures to protect the safety of persons and property in the event of a disaster;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the revised municipal Civil Security plan prepared by the municipal administration coordinator be adopted;
THAT Chantal Villeneuve is appointed responsible for updating and revising the civil protection plan.

This resolution repeals any civil protection plan previously adopted by the municipality as well as any previous nomination concerning the person designated to update or revise this plan.

CARRIED

14. TRANSFER STATION

1) Container

The container was purchased for the storage of the electronics.

2) *Contract – Go Recycle et EPRA*

A contract was signed with Go Recycle for the pickup of all refrigerant appliances and one contract with EPRA for the pickup of all electronics.

As of February 9, 2024 all, refrigerant and electronic have to be separated from the metal bin.

3) *Key tags*

All key tags have been mailed and will now be required when entering the transfer station.

15. DEEDS

3 deeds were received in the month of January for the amount of \$ 57.62.

16. ADMQ

As stated in the Director General and Director General assistant contracts, both employees will be attending the ADMQ congress from June 11 to 14, 2024.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW REMUNERATION ELECTED OFFICIAL

A notice of motion has been given by councillors N.CHARETTE and R.WILLS that at the regular meeting of the council on March 12, 2024, by-laws # 2024-02 concerning the remuneration of elected officials will be adopted.

18. INTERACT TERMINAL

Resolution 17-02/2024

WHEREAS more and more ratepayer are asking to pay debit;
WHEREAS 2 quotes were received for either the renting or purchasing of terminals;
WHEREAS the municipality accepts e-transfers;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will not be purchasing a debit/interact machine.

CARRIED

19. RATEPAYERS REQUESTS

1) Dunlop Road

A request was received by the ratepayers of Dunlop Road, requesting the paving of the municipal portion of Dunlop Road.

2) Dump stickers

Resolution 18-02/2024

WHEREAS several requests have been received requesting the revision of the decision for the reimbursement of the transfer station stickers;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by R.BLASKIE seconded by N.CHARETTE and unanimously resolved

THAT all unused transfer station stickers be returned for reimbursement.

CARRIED

20. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Resolution 19-02/2024

WHEREAS the chamber hopes to provide more support, education and leadership to help our local economy improve and thrive;
WHEREAS this can only be done through funds raised by membership as well has major fundraising such as the upcoming Black Tie Gala;
WHEREAS a request was sent asking if a representative from Thorne would be present for the cost of \$ 75 plus tax for the ticket;
WHEREAS they also request that the municipality consider joining the Chamber for the upcoming year and membership starts at \$ 75;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT no councillors will be attending the event;

THAT the municipality will not purchase a membership for 2024.

CARRIED

21. MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A resolution was adopted in May 2023 allowing Natural Resources Canada to install a EEW system to detect the presence of earthquakes. The contract was received and the work should start soon.

22. FUNDRAISER

Resolution 20-02/2024

WHEREAS École Secondaire Sieur de Coulonge started a new firefighter training program;
WHEREAS a request was received seeking donation for the purchase of shirts;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will not be giving a monetary donation.

CARRIED

23. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

Discussion of Assessment Fonciere
Mandate of letter to citizen from RPGL
Discussion of sales for taxes
Financial report given
Discussion of video re winter tourism
Monies for tourism Mansfield and Pontefract outdoor rec area
FFR4 for monies for vitalization agreement
Checking for Stone school update
Support mandate re regional planner position

24. VARIA

25. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Taylor questioned the Fire budget.

Mrs. Inglis suggested having the meeting available through zoom. The office will verify cost and bring it to the next meeting. She also questioned the mayor's approval of the incinerator business plan.

Mr. MacMillan asked if a new sweeper or sweeper company would be considered for the 2024 spring. He also informed the council of the new pavement lifting on Johnson Road.

26. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Resolution 21-02/2024

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 101 783.12 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.

2267080291 / Daniel Belair	\$ 704.57	Hayes Manufacturing.	\$ 202.77
8093318 Canada inc	\$ 1 100.00	Hydro-Québec	\$ 1 492.47
9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 2 930.72	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 133.59
ADMQ	\$ 3 383.34	Les Éditions Wilson & Lafleur	\$ 1 086.75
Bell Mobility	\$ 67.88	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 3 628.35
Beneva	\$ 1 462.37	Mickey McGuire	\$ 41 100.89
Benson	\$ 262.00	Ministrie du Revenu du Québec	\$ 3 969.65
BNC Trust	\$ 874.38	MRC	\$ 617.20
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 1 555.69	National bank	\$ 897.27
Dale's Home Building Centre	\$ 79.59	Payroll	\$ 14 489.87
Deveau Avocats	\$ 444.95	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 351.08
Dignard, Thibault	\$ 11 194.57	RICOH	\$ 229.80
Erwin Mobile Repair	\$ 362.17	Telebec	\$ 843.66
Gallant, Charles	\$ 40.18	Victoria Shipping Containers	\$ 4 056.70
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	W.A. Hodgins	\$ 87.74
Médial Services Conseils	\$ 504.53	Alliance Ressources humaines	\$ 1 437.19

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

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

27. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution 22-02/2024

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on March 12, 2024

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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