



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE  
*Resolution No 01-01/2024*

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

**THAT** the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

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

Also attending the meeting: The Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Charles Taylor, Karen McIsaac, Marlene Pasch, Marjorie Pasch, Greg McMillan, Brian Langemeyer

Mr. Taylor asked if the final decision was made regarding the transfer station stickers. He was told that the decision was final and that they will receive a key tag in the coming weeks. Until the key tags are received, they can use the dump without stickers.

Mr. McMillan also inquired about the new transfer station tax and he especially wanted to know if the stickers were reimbursable. He was informed that no refund would be given for unused stickers.  
He also voiced his concerns for the new transfer station emplacement.

Mr. Langemeyer once again had concerns for the implantation of the transfer station tax.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
*Resolution no 02-01/2024*

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

**THAT** the agenda be adopted with the following modifications:

# 21 1) Fire Blanket                    2) Winter hours

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2023, MEETING  
*Resolution no 03-01/2024*

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

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2023, TRIENNIAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PROGRAM  
*Resolution no 04-01/2024*

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

**THAT** the minutes of the special meeting held on December 19, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2023, BUDGET MEETING  
*Resolution no 05-01/2024*

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

**THAT** the minutes of the special meeting held on December 19, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUDGET BY-LAW  
*Resolution no 06-01/2024*

**WHEREAS** the budget by-law was prepared by the Director General and presented to Council;  
**WHEREAS** a notice of motion was given at a special meeting of Council on December 19, 2023;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** the 2024 municipal budget by-law is adopted as presented.

CARRIED

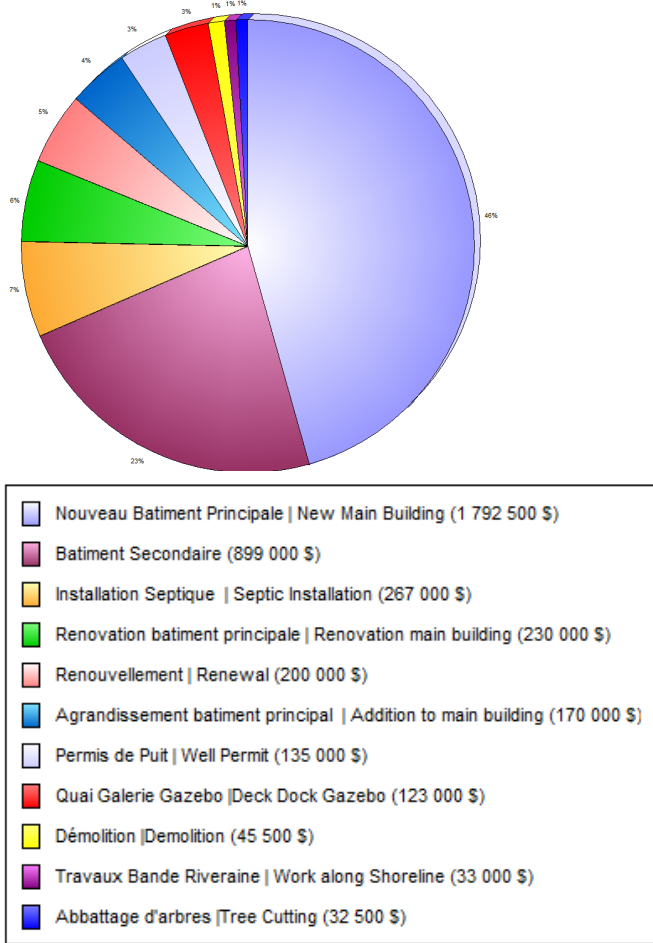
8. FOLLOW-UP

9. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) *Report – Charles Gallant*

2 permit have been issued this month for a total of 119 so far this year.  
I have sent 5 permits to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

We have closed the year 2023 with an increase of Building permits by 11% compared to last year with a total of 11 new Main buildings (Residences / Cottages). With the graphic below, we can see the different segments of declared value on permits delivered 3 927 000\$ for year 2023:



In addition, the Municipality of Thorne did deliver 10 Subdivision permit for year 2023 versus 11 subdivision permits for 2022, which seems to be stable.

2) *Cadastral plan*  
**Resolution no 07-01/2024**

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by D. STAFFORD 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 # 18227 dated November 6, 2023.

CARRIED

10. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) *Report*

A meeting will be scheduled with the Municipality of Otter Lake to discuss the agreement for the maintenance of Milliken and Stephen Roads.

11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Robert Wills*

The issue of slippery steps to the garbage bin will be addressed in two ways; the staff will sweep and salt the steps free of ice and snow, and if a client feels uncomfortable with the climb, they can ask the attendant to carry the garbage bags up and throw them into the bin. It should be remembered, that bags are to be twenty pounds or less, so that nobody is in danger of straining a muscle to carry them up the steps. Clients are not charged by the bag anymore, so don't bother overloading any one bag.

12. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Norma Charette*

No report this month

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Marsha Bean*

Operating line at \$ 640 000 due to \$ 453 000 for the paving of Johnson road.

Major bills paid

HKR consulting	\$ 16 057	Macewen petroleum	\$ 4 658
Mickey McGuire	\$ 82 201	Eurovia	\$ 453 820

We have a grant to cover most of the paving, I believe about \$ 415 000 plus we get 1/2 the taxes paid

Budget meeting finalized December 19- our costs has substantially increased for 2024. Noted areas salaries, additional gravel, and fire coverage costs.

We went with cost of living at roughly 4% for some areas but not all.

Mill rate raised from 63 to 68 plus garbage fee of 100 per residence. Tags are on order and will probably be sent out with tax bills. In meantime use up your tags. With every new implantation, there will be a transition period. We are

asking a lot from our tax base this year so we need to be vigilant with our expenditures and cutback or delay when it is feasible.

Some things were recently brought to my attention by a neighbor concerning the rink. \$ 9 500 was allowed in last year's budget to cover maintenance but we hired a maintenance man for the building and it is part of his job to clean and maintain the rink so that \$ 9 500 was never used but paid with maintenance persons salary. He also is responsible for boat storage and other odd jobs as assigned.

Last point - our fire budget for Pontiac north has increased tremendously, we pay 40% I request that this be paid quarterly with proof of spending, only fair in my opinion. Also any grants that Otter lake receives for fire department should help reduce our costs as well as theirs. We should also ensure that we are not paying fire chief a salary for a job, which in turn is farmed out to firefighters to do doubling our costs. Each month as in past, we should have a detail report along with associated costs from fire chief.

14. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Jammie-Lee Coursol*

The Christmas party for the kids was a great success. The kids really enjoyed Santa Normand. She would like to have a movie night on February 24, 2024. She is able to have a screen and projector free.

15. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Deborah Stafford*

With the fallen snow, the snowmobilers will be out. Please respect properties. DO NOT trespass on property that is not a designated area.

Ratepayers – if snowmobiles disrespect your property please contact the SQ and file a report.

Send an email to the PSDA requesting a copy of the sign permission from property owners.

16. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) *Fire chief's report*

**3 Calls this month from (911)**

911-065 Motor vehicle accident 2424 Rte. 303 station 4

911-066 Assistance to citizen ice rescue Dog in Water 9 Desormaux station 5.

911-067 Hydro-Quebec electric fire 417 Rte 366 station 4

**9 Emergency Medical calls from (Central Paramedic)**

Station 5 /8      Station 4 /1

**Fire and First Responder Training:**

December 21, 18:00-22:00 Medic /Firefighter get ready for winter equipment and truck.

**2 Special Events:**

S/E 231202-050 Tree Lighting memorial Park station 5.

S/E 231219-051 St-Marie Scholl Christmas Lunch (Santa)

**1 Burning Permit:**

**Maintenance of vehicle's**

Station 4: Danny Kluge did all regular maintenance on vehicle # 514, #214 and # 614.

Station 5: Guy Lafleur did all regular maintenance on vehicle # 115, # 215 and # 225.

**Special note:**

Starting January 2024 Danny Kluge will do the truck maintenance for both station.

17. DEEDS

6 deeds were received in the month of December for the amount of \$ 1 306.95.

18. OKTOBERFEST

1) *Truck Pull*

***Resolution no 08-01/2024***

**WHEREAS** Oktoberfest is currently preparing for their 2024 season;

**WHEREAS** attendees from the past several Oktoberfest event have requested they bring back the Truck & Tractor Pull;

**WHEREAS** they are asking for the support and approval to permit them to use the municipal track and have the employee assist in the event to water and maintain the track;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** The municipality will allow Oktoberfest to hold their annual truck pull event.

CARRIED

*Councillor N. Charette is against*

2) *Internet*

***Resolution no 09-01/2024***

**WHEREAS** Oktoberfest wishes to have ATM machine for their event;

**WHEREAS** a request was received asking permission to use the municipality's internet connection;

**WHEREAS** for security reasons we do not allow public to access our network;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** the municipality will allow access to the internet connection, however they will need their own Wi-Fi router and/or Wi-Fi points to broadcast the Wi-Fi.

CARRIED

19. PECUNIARY INTEREST FORMS  
The Pecuniary Interests forms for Councillors (Form SM 70) were deposited

20. MAYOR’S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING  
Discussed budget for the TNO  
Discussed youth council  
Discussed budgetary concerns of the MRC: FFR3, remuneration of elected officials, application of property assessment, fragmentation of PPJ property in Campbell’s Bay, recycling pickup at MRC offices.  
Discussion of funding of Fort William physical report  
Discussion of economic development: FFR3 and FFR2  
Discussion of public safety and SQ program (2024)  
Discussion purchase parcel of PPJ in Waltham

21. VARIA  
1) *Fire Blanket*  
Councillor R. Wills purchased fire blankets that serve to put out kitchen fires. He donated one to the municipality to put in the kitchen.  
2) *Winter hours*  
Councillors D. Stafford and J. Coursol mentioned that they are still against winter hours for the supervisor.

22. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD  
Mr. Taylor questioned the fire budget. He also inquired about the winter hours.  
  
Mr. McMillan complained about the transfer station not being sanded enough and that a brush pile should be considered at the new transfer station location. He also inquired about the Christmas dinner.

23. PAYMENT OF INVOICES  
**Resolution no 10-01/2024**  
  
It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by M. BEAN and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the invoices totaling \$ 161 172.87 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.

7518218 – HKR consultation	\$ 3 420.50	Hydro Québec	\$ 873.50
9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 1 888.44	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 107.36
Axè - CPA	\$ 4 493.59	Leders, Richard	\$ 201.24
Bell Mobility	\$ 67.74	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 752.98
Beneva	\$ 1 417.43	McGuire Mickey	\$ 41 100.89
BNC Trust	\$ 1 514.20	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 10 016.72
Caisse Desjardins	\$ 15 138.62	National Bank of Canada	\$ 3 581.76
COMBEQ	\$ 436.91	Payroll	\$ 31 040.98
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 384.66	Petty cash	\$ 120.65
Coursol, Jammie-Lee	\$ 216.00	PG Solutions	\$ 4 494.37
CRSBP de l’Outaouais	\$ 2 484.22	Pierre Morimanno	\$ 4 311.56
Deveau Avocats	\$ 1 074.52	Pontiac Journal	\$ 91.98
FQM	\$ 1 248.31	Pro Net Sports	\$ 399.41
FQM Assurances	\$ 23 045.87	SE Électrique	\$ 1 342.72
Gallant, Charles	\$ 57.34	Telebec	\$ 788.97
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	Villeneuve, Chantal	\$ 50.63

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this January 16, 2024.

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Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

24. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING  
**Resolution no 11-01/2024**

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

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

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on February 13, 2024

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Karen Kelly  
Mayor

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Stacy Lafleur  
Director General

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