



MARCH

**MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE | 2024
REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES**

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Resolution 26-03/2024

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, March 12, 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

Also attending the meeting: Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Marjorie Pasch, Marlene Pasch, Darl Garlough, Sandy Down, Wayne Smith, Karen McIsaac, James Fletcher, Donna Leveris, Grant Hodgins, Trina Inglis, Sharron Hodgins, Jen Montague, Brian Langemeyer, Jo Ellen Cushing, Danny Sylvestre, Janna Lee Cushing, Scott Savard, Stéphanie Lamoureux, Geoffrey Cushing, Mel Bean

Mr. Garlough mentioned his discontent about the increase in taxes.

Mr. Bean asked if it was possible to contact the MTQ to repair the section of Route 303 coming into town.

Mr. Fletcher questioned the municipality giving gravel to the MRC to fix part of Mountain Road to access Nelson Lake.

Mrs. Inglis asked council to vote against the installation of an incinerator in the Pontiac and amend resolution 110-07/2023.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 27-03/2024

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modifications:

17. 2) Recycling
- 3) Incinerator

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2022 financial statements were presented by the financial auditor Simon Thibault.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024, MEETING

Resolution 28-03/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 13, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING

Resolution 29-03/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on February 29, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL BY-LAW

Resolution 30-03/2024

WHEREAS the remuneration for elected official by-law was updated;
WHEREAS a notice of motion was given at the February meeting;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT by-law number 2024-02 concerning the remuneration for elected officials is adopted as presented.

CARRIED

8. FOLLOW-UP

9. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report – Charles Gallant

Five permits have been issued this month for five so far this year.
I have sent one permit to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

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

I have also attended a meeting with all the Municipal inspectors from other townships of the MRC of Pontiac and other MRC officials to discuss some various situations arising and some new regulations in the works.

10. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R.Blaskie

The grader was out on various roads on March 5 and 6.

Some repairs were done on Mountain Road.

The supervisors will contact the mechanic from Brandt to inspect the grader. The municipal employees are not qualified to do the inspection on their own. There is too much electronic parts.

The supervisor will be working on the dump truck to get it ready for his safety.

Will be working on preparing the gravel crushing tender.

Gravel is expected to be spread this summer on: First part of Cawood, Mountain, Greermount and Thorne Lake.

Some repairs will also be done on the backhoe.

11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R. Wills

Waste transfer station workers are keeping a tally of the number of bags of garbage and of recycling. So far, there has been a sharp uptake in the number of bags, but we will have to wait for the bills from McGrimmon, to know if it is more garbage, or just smaller bags. We pay by the ton, not the number of bags, so we will see if people are reducing the amount of garbage produced.

Until we can institute a drop-off for organic matter, households should consider setting up a compost heap, and keep the food waste separate from other waste materials. Any serious gardener can make use of organic matter, and that is a major part of the weight and ends problem with waste disposal.

12. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor N. Charette

No report this month

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor M. Bean

Operating line at month end was at 859,000. We have requested an increase of 300,000 to cover any shortfall to make total authorization 1.3m. Increase is requested to cover any shortfall while we wait for following grants to come in 459k Johnson Road, 297k, which is received annually, and 25k road grant. Total grants expected 775k, which should bring opr down to 84k, which should be covered by the first coupon of taxes.

We have two long-term debts for road improvements.

366 Cluffs hill 436k remaining

Johnson is portion of road 118k

Both of these are covered over a 10-year period capital and interest so zero cost to the municipality.

We also have the grader loan of 249k covered by our cash flow at 5621 pm plus interest.

Major bills are McGuire snow removal 41100,

Dignard 11,194

ADMQ. 3383

Victoria shipping 4056.

14. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol

Councillor Coursol wanted to thank Todd for the great job he did on the skating rink.

She also mentioned she was very happy that a committee was formed to create events for the community.

2) Committee insurance

Resolution 31-03/2024

WHEREAS the recreational committee has to have their own insurance;

WHEREAS the cost would be over \$ 1000 a year;

WHEREAS the reduce the cost, the municipality has the option to add the committee on the municipal insurance;

WHEREAS a quote of \$ 350 was received by our insurance;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will add the committee on our insurance policy;

THAT committee will have to reimburse the \$ 350 or the amount will be reduced on the yearly donation.

CARRIED

15. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor D.Stafford
Councillor D. Stafford had no report.

The Mayor added that following a CSI meeting at the MRC, no changes have been made for the patrolling of the SQ.

Council wishes that a letter be sent to the SQ requesting more presence in Thorne.

16.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) *Fire chief's report – Denis Chaussé*

There were 5 911 call

911-05 Motor Vehicle Accident Involves Cardiac Arrest 160 Johnson

911-06 Motor Vehicle Accident Extraction 936 Rte.366

911-07 Electric fire 119 Rte.303

911-08 Trees down on wires 59 Mitchell rd.

911-09 Assistance citizen 4 Picanoc Rd fire hazard

There were seven emergency medical call

Station 4 3

Station 5 4

Fire and First Responder Training:

Practice # 01.February 11, 2024, station 4 SCBA Training.

Practice # 02.February 21, 2024, station 5 Extraction Tools n # 225.

There were three Special Events:

S/E240201-07 Winter activity 08:15 – 14:00 R.J center St-Marie School. Station 5

S/E240222-08 Annual SCBA Test Station 4. Station 5.

S/E240227-09 Assistance to Public re: Medic information. Station 5

No Burning Permit was issued:

Special meeting:

Chief Association meeting was held on Thursday, February 22 at the MRC Pontiac with Julien Gagnon Coordinator. Subject training FF1, Pumper, Officer, Municipality Security cover plan and assistance to police. Our next meeting has been scheduled for May 23.

Special note:

From Julien Gagnon Fire Department Coordinator MRC Pontiac

Please be advised that effective immediately, the Pontiac North Fire Department is now responding to Jaws of Life's call on their territory. MRC des Collines 911 deployment protocols have been changed.

The Shawville-Clarendon and Campbell's Bay-Litchfield will no longer be auto-deployed for accident calls in Otter Lake and Thorne.

Maintenance of vehicles

Station 4 and 5: Danny Kluge did all regular maintenance on vehicles.

17.

TRANSFER STATION

1) *Extra Key tags*

Resolution 32-03/2024

WHEREAS ratepayers are given one key tag per residence;

WHEREAS some ratepayers are requesting a second one;

DESPITE THESE REASONS,

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

THAT no extra key tags will be given.

J. Coursol was against and thought that they should be given the option to purchase an extra key tag.

CARRIED

2) **MODERNIZATION OF SELECTIVE COLLECTION - RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

Since October 24, 2022, Éco Entreprise Québec (ÉEQ) has been the management organization designated by the Quebec government to develop, implement and financially support selective collection throughout the territory, in accordance with the *Règlement portant sur un système de collecte sélective de certaines matières résiduelles*.

Within the framework of this extended producer responsibility (EPR), ÉEQ will establish a new partnership with municipal organizations in order to harmonize collection practices, simplify the citizen's act and reduce the number of parties involved.

ÉEQ has identified the MRC Pontiac as a signatory to the contractual partnership agreement for the collection and transportation of recyclable materials for the entire territory.

The MRC Pontiac wishes to delegate the collection and transportation operations to the municipalities concerned.

Council requested that this project be explained by the representative of the MRC Pontiac.

3) *Incinerator*

Resolution 33-03/2024

WHEREAS a resolution was adopted in July 2023 supporting the installation of an incinerator in the Pontiac;

WHEREAS a good part of Thorne ratepayers are against this project and wish, that council amend their resolution;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT resolution 110-07/2023 be amended;

THAT the Municipality of Thorne does not support establishing an energy-from-waste facility in the Pontiac, serving the Outaouais, the City of Ottawa and Renfrew County.

CARRIED

18. DEEDS
Seven deeds were received in the month of February for \$ 1 268.00.

19. INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA
Resolution no 34-03/2024

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no discrimination may be exercised on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;
WHEREAS Quebec is a society open to all, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBTQ+) people and all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the plurality of gender identities and expressions;
WHEREAS despite recent efforts for greater inclusion of LGBT people, homophobia and transphobia remain present in society;
WHEREAS May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, which is celebrated in many countries and is the result of a Quebec initiative led by Fondation Émergence since 2003;
WHEREAS there is a need to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT May 17 is proclaimed INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA and that the day is marked as such.

CARRIED

20. PONTIAC BURSARIES
Resolution no 35-03/2024

WHEREAS the municipality received a request for a donation from the Pontiac Scholarship Fund;
WHEREAS these bursaries are given to students from the Pontiac to help with their education;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the municipality donate \$ 250 to the Pontiac Scholarship Fund.

CARRIED

21. MCDOWELL HOME AND SCHOOL GROUP
Resolution no 36-03/2024

WHEREAS the municipality received a request from McDowell Home and School group;
WHEREAS the group of parents of children who attend Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School in Shawville do fundraising campaigns to obtain funds to better life at the school;
WHEREAS all donation received is used to plan fun events at the school and to make necessary purchases for the schoolyard, classrooms and the school itself;
WHEREAS they asked for donated items or services for their Spring Fair Facebook Auction or to sponsor them with monetary donation;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the municipality donate \$ 100 to the McDowell Home and School group.

CARRIED

22. WEPC QUOTES
1) Website
Resolution 37-03/2024

WHEREAS we are having issues with the posting on our website with our actual provider;
WHEREAS it cost \$ 1 100 for 2024 for the upkeep of the website;
WHEREAS a quote was received from WePc for the amount of \$ 55 an hour or ½ hour for \$ 27.50;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality considers this offer for next year.

CARRIED

2) Video Conference
Resolution 38-03/2024

WHEREAS ratepayers requested that the meeting be available via video conference (Zoom);
WHEREAS a quote was received by WePc for the installation and equipment required;
WHEREAS the amount is \$ 2 983.60;

DESPITE THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will not set up for the video conference due to elevated costs.

CARRIED

23. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

New contractor for tax sales
Residential service re Picanoc ends April 15
EEQ May adoption of by-law call for tenders
PPJ tractor repair \$2100.00
Looking into shipping garbage to Gatineau and then to Lachute

24. VARIA

25. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

26. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Resolution 39-03/2024

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 177 948.13 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	\$ 2 203.23	Laurentide Ressources	\$ 210.54
Alliance Ressources humaine	\$ 732.97	MacEwen Petroleum.	\$ 3 104.13
Bell Mobility	\$ 41.64	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 10 603.57
Beneva	\$ 1 439.89	MRC	\$ 88 125.51
BNC Trust	\$ 2 490.96	National bank	\$ 3 534.05
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 4 098.57	Ottawa Valley Oxygen	\$ 327.69
Dale's Home Building Centre	\$ 110.32	Payroll	\$ 23 938.03
Darwin Stephen	\$ 574.88	Petty Cash	\$ 215.80
Deveau Avocats	\$ 2 930.15	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 771.03
Gallant, Charles	\$ 32.83	Revenue Qc	\$ 406.90
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	SAAQ	\$ 9 799.04
HKR Consulting	\$ 15 151.02	Scully, Clarence	\$ 67.78
Hydro-Québec	\$ 1 001.68	Telebec	\$ 424.42
J.R. Brisson	\$ 2 336.11	Villeneuve, Chantal	\$ 21.56
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 107.36	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 433.20
Association Récréative Ladysmith	\$ 500.00		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this March 12, 2024.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

27. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution 40-03/2024

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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