



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
Resolution no 65-05/2023

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

THAT the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, May 2, 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
Confirmed absence: Deborah Stafford, Jammie Lee Coursol

Also attending the meeting: The Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Norma Charette, Sharron Hodgins, Marlene Pasch, Marjorie.Pasch, Karen McIsaac, Charles Taylor, Lizanne Erskine, Jen Montague, Norma Wheeler

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Resolution no 66-05/2023

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modifications:

- 19 1) Mobilization device
- 20) Oktoberfest

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2023, MEETING
Resolution 67-05/2022

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 4, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. FOLLOW-UP

6. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report – Charles Gallant

12 permits have been issued this month for 20 this year.

I have sent 11 permits to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

We are currently on the Trailer/Camper without Permits situation and doing follow-ups with request for removal of non-conforming installation throughout the Municipality. More particularly to the recent installations of the camper on Theodore where we will request from council authorization to obtain Legal Services in the matter. We have already sent two registered letters for the removal of the said camper to the property owner. The owner and I had come to agreement for the removal of the camper before the winter, which has not been done yet.

We are also trying to proceed and locate the property owner on Christian to clean up the property and conform to the 2017-003 Zoning Bylaws. We have sent multiple requests for the property owner to conform to Municipal guidelines without any improvements in the matter.

2) Legal services

Resolution 68-05/2022

WHEREAS following many written and verbal notices for clean-up of property;
WHEREAS these notices are not being obeyed;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the by-law officer is permitted to communicate with the lawyer to obtain legal services.

CARRIED

7. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor R.Blaskie*

Complaints were received concerning the stairs at the dump. One complaint was that the first step was too high. The road employee added gravel to rectify this issue.

Complaints for Johnson road were received. They will temporarily patch the hole with crush stone. We will use the remaining money from the TECQ grant to pave a section of this road.

There was washout on Frederick, Greermount, Bryson and Wall road. They will be changing the culverts. We will hire a contractor with a shovel to remove the old piers and install the new culverts.

It took several days to clean up from the storm.

Beavers are busy and are blocking culverts. Rick took his own log truck to unblock certain culverts.

Rick will communicate with Jeff Erwin to know when he would be available to go verify the dump truck that Bob Erwin has for sale.

List of job for this summer: Build up and gravel on part of Fierobin and Bryson road, gravel and ditch Cawood and Paving of Johnson.

There is only 4 000 tons left of gravel.

2) *Road labor*

Resolution 69-05/2022

WHEREAS an extra laborer is needed to help on road work during the summer;
WHEREAS the maintenance employee is able to split his hours between both positions;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality accept that the maintenance employee occupies both positions.

CARRIED

3) *Tender posting (Grader)*

Resolution 70-05/2023

WHEREAS the actual grader has a lot of hours;
WHEREAS big repairs will be needed shortly;
WHEREAS a tender was prepared by the Director General and road foremen;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the tender be posted on the SEAO website for bids.

CARRIED

4) *Quotes cleanup of property*

Resolution 71-05/2023

WHEREAS two houses in town have burnt;
WHEREAS one of these properties had no estate;
WHEREAS this is unsafe for our residents, therefore the municipality will need to have the grounds cleaned;
WHEREAS two quotes have been received;
Blue Heron \$ 5 600.00 plus tax
Mickey McGuire \$ 4 950.00 plus tax

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality accept the quote received from Mickey McGuire.

CARRIED

5) *Road improvement grant*

Resolution 72-05/2023

WHEREAS every year a Municipal Road Improvement Help Program is available;
WHEREAS the municipality uses this money to improve certain roads;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the municipality applied for the Municipal Road Improvement Help Program of \$ 60 000 for the improvement of our municipal roads.

THAT the municipality gives permission to the DG to sign all documents pertaining to this grant.

CARRIED

8.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor R.Wills*

New developments at the Transfer Station! At last, the electrical power has been installed; the telephone is there but not yet connected.

The shed roof over the garbage and metal bins now has a wide set of steps to get up to the height of the high bins we use in summer, when the garbage flow increases dramatically.

A reminder, to users of the transfer station; garbage bags are to be no more than twenty pounds each, the amount that can be easily lifted over the side of the bin. If you cannot lift your bags yourself, the attendant will help you, but we should not ask them to lift heavy loads. If it is too heavy for you, it will be heavy for them, too.

Estimates of the service life of the Lachute Landfill are diminishing, so it is becoming more important to reduce garbage flow, by re-using, recycling, and redirecting organic waste out of the garbage stream.

9. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) *Report*

No report this month

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor M.Bean*

May 1, 2023- not using any operating funds have cash balance in account of \$200k.

Major bills paid through our account

Last snow removal	\$ 38,878.27
Hayes manufacturing	\$ 3 626.49
WePc	\$ 5794.44
McEwen	\$ 3 655.25
Payroll deduction	\$ 10 559.00

In our annual budget we allotted receipt of \$50,000 for transfer duties but to date have received \$ 89 630.00

Major allotment for expenditure as per our budget other than MRC, policing and office all appear to be on track

For roads we allotted \$ 50,000, for equipment rentals and brushing, gravel \$ 25,000. we are only starting to use these amounts and the 25k is not expected to cover all gravel requirements.

In our TECQ grant, 2019 - 2023 we have approx. 450k left to spend. To date the rink that is expected to be finished shortly at cost of 75k was included with past allotments for this grant as well as the government mandated changes to the disposal site...THE DUMP... for 57k roughly. ALL work must be done by RBQ licenses. In our govt mandate we needed to have a cement pad and the bins were to be covered with a roof, which added costs to project. We decided that stairs should be added as not to lift the bags to shoulder height. Dump attendants were consulted in making the initial plan.

The balance of the TECQ grant is expected to be spent redoing Johnson road. We applied for a grant of 700k last year to do this work but we're refused by the ministry.

We also need another newer grader, which we are currently looking for and deciding on.

2) *Financing Grader*

Resolution 73-05/2023

WHEREAS resolution No. 71-05/2023 authorizes that the grader be financed by a 5-year lease with a \$1.00 purchase option;

WHEREAS a lease structure has been proposed by Rexcap Financial Services ("REXCAP") in a proposal dated April 17, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto for your reference for a budgeted amount of \$336,950.00 plus taxes;

WHEREAS REXCAP, à titre de courtier / agent, place ses risques financiers avec les grandes banques canadiennes se spécialisant dans les transactions de crédit-bail et sélectionne celle qui offre les meilleurs tarifs et conditions de location sur le marché pour les municipalités;

WHEREAS REXCAP has identified the Royal Bank of Canada as the most competitive in the market based on its cost base at an indicative rate of 6.08%;

WHEREAS in accordance with Rexcap's proposal, the final rental rate will be set 10 days prior to the delivery date of the grader based on the above formula and the final price determined following the award of the grader to the bidder;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the financing will be officially awarded to REXCAP and Royal Bank of Canada acting as contractual lessor and that the DG, S. Lafleur be duly designated to act on behalf of the municipality to sign all required lease documents related to this transaction.

CARRIED

11. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor J.Coursol*

No report this month

2) *Recreation Committee*

This subject will be deferred to the next meeting.

12.

PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) *Report – Councilor D.Stafford*

There is a need for more security on weekends due to atv's/dirt bikes not respecting the roads. There have been complaints that they are driving recklessly on Bryson road and have no respect for the residents that live on it. Someone is going to get hurt or worse. Please send a letter to the SQ as well as the ATV club. It only takes a few to ruin it for the others.

13.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

April 01, to April 30, 2023

Calls this month from (911)

There were (5) calls

911- 008 Route 366 near 944 Wire down.
911-010 55 Johnston Rd wire down across main road.
911-012 82 Bryson rd. wire down
911-013 60 Tubman rd. wire down main road.
911-014 2467 Route 303 Tree on Transformer.

Special Events:

There were (04)

230405-015 Security Civil Information, file open for Both Station Pontiac North "Ice Storm Freezing rain".
230413-016 Security Civil Information, file open for Both Station Pontiac North "Water Level Flood".
230425-017 Firefighter 1 course completed Thorne member Dwight Prophet "Payment as per Thorne Budget 2023".

Special Meeting 01-2023

April 17, 19:00 Hosted by Julien Gagnon Mrc Pontiac Fire Coordinator.
Re: Safety Covert Plan Thorne- Otter lake Municipality.

Special Meeting 02-2023

April 18, 09:00 ZOOM meeting with Emilie Trudel MSP update on water level.

Maintenance of vehicle's

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

2) *Accident Intervention*

Resolution 74-05/2023

WHEREAS for more than 5 years the municipalities of the MRC des Collines- La Pêche and the municipality of Bryson and Portage-du Fort have establish and adopted a by-law for traffic accident interventions;

WHEREAS the municipality must pay the costs incurred for the emergency services deployment;

WHEREAS section 4 of the municipal power act, the Quebec gouvernement has designated the municipalities as responsible for safety on their own territories;

DISPITE THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will not be charging intervention fees to non-residents of Thorne during a traffic accident;

CARRIED

3) *Fire Cover Plan*

Resolution 75-05/2023

WHEREAS the regional council, in its resolution C.M. 2016-02-07, mandated the public security and emergency preparedness coordinator (coordinator) of the Pontiac MRC to prepare a revised fire safety cover plan (revised plan);

WHEREAS revised plan was prepared and presented to the fire safety committee (CSI);

WHEREAS the CSI recommended that, the Regional council approve the revised plan as presented;

WHEREAS the implementation plan was presented to the members of council.

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality adopt the implementation plan.

CARRIED

4) *Mobilization time*

Resolution 76-05/2023

WHEREAS the MRC is requesting information from your municipality/fire department in order to create an optimization map for the renewal of its fire safety cover plan;

WHEREAS Each municipality will be required to indicate the minimum number of firefighters available for each station, depending on time of the week, including their mobilization time;

WHEREAS these figures are a goal that your fire department needs to meet in fire calls 90% of the time also be used to ensure that a minimum number of firefighters is mobilized at the initial alert for building fires;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality adopt the mobilization time table.

CARRIED

14. DEEDS

Eight deeds were received in the month of April for the amount of \$ 2 622.37.

15. SALE OF IMMOBABLES

1) *List of property to be sold*

Resolution 77-05/2023

WHEREAS The Secretary-Treasurer submits to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes due to the municipality, as of *September 14, 2023*, to satisfy the requirements of Section 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

FOR THIS REASON:

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

THAT the said statement be and is hereby approved by Council and that the Secretary-Treasurer, Director General take the necessary steps to have the Regional County Municipality (RCM) of Pontiac sell all the immovable in the municipality for which the property taxes have not been paid.

CARRIED

2) *Representative mandate - To authorize the Secretary-Treasurer or a representative to bid on the acquisition of certain properties put up for sale for non-payment of taxes*

Resolution No. 78-05/2023

WHEREAS that the Municipality of Thorne may bid on and acquire immovable put up for sale for unpaid municipal taxes in accordance with Section 1038 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS that certain buildings will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes and this, according to the resolution bearing the number 77-05/2023;

WHEREAS that Council deems it appropriate to authorize the secretary-treasurer, Director general to bid on and purchase certain properties put up for sale for non-payment of taxes;

FOR THESE REASONS:

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

THAT In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, this Council authorizes the secretary-treasurer, Director General to bid for and in the name of the Municipality properties that are the object of the sale for non-payment of taxes to be held on September 14, 2023, and this, up to the amount of taxes, capital, interest and fees.

CARRIED

16. FORESTRY RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 79-05/2023

WHEREAS the in March 2020, the National Assembly of Québec adopted amendments to the Act respecting municipal taxation to add a new category of forest immovable allowing the municipality to modulate the tax rate within a range between 66% and 100% of the basic rate, in order to encourage the development of private forests.

WHEREAS this new category of buildings includes wooded properties whose management is governed by a forest management plan written by a forestry engineer.

WHEREAS this ensures, among other things, that silvicultural interventions are carried out in accordance with forest science, the regulation in force and sound forest management practices.

WHEREAS by reducing the municipal tax burden on forest producers, municipalities promote professional supervision and sound management of private woodlots, encourage sylviculture on their territory, and support the forest management and wood processing industry.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Thorne would like to support this initiative but does not feel these tax credits should be taken out of the general funds of the municipality.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Thorne believes these credits should be treated like the MAPAQ credits, credits are issued by the municipality on agricultural properties when they meet specific criteria and the municipality is then refunded by the MAPAQ for said credits.

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the Municipality of Thorne requests the MFFP to consider reimbursing Québec municipalities for credits they are issuing to forest producers that are taking the proper steps to develop their private forests, similar to the MAPAQ. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Mme Maïté Blanchette Vézina (Ministre des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts), MP for Pontiac André Fortin, MRC Pontiac and all local municipalities.

CARRIED

17. NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA
Resolution No. 80-05/2023

WHEREAS Natural Resources Canada is in the process of developing an Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) system for at-risk regions of Canada;
WHEREAS the system will use a specially designed network of seismic sensors to provide seconds to tens of seconds of warning in the event of a major earthquake, allowing protective actions to be taken;
WHEREAS to establish an adequate network of sensor stations, they need suitable and willing hosts for the stations. It has come to their attention that the Thorne Fire hall is ideally located for the EEW network in the region;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT council will allow Natural Resources Canada install a EEW system in the fire hall at no cost to the municipality;

CARRIED

18. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
Pro Mayor took my place this monthly meeting.

Concerning Land tax sales for 2023
Finding out the cost of public transportation for the Pontiac and where it goes,
Fee for filing an application of property assessment.
Report of financial report.
Report of financing programs from 06/01 to 12/31
Still talking about renewable energy

19. VARIA

1) Mobility devices

Councillor R. Wills mentioned that a mobility device could be installed in the building for wheel chair accessibility.

He will get more information and bring it to council.

20. OKTOBERFEST
Resolution No.81 -05/2023

WHEREAS the Oktoberfest committee requested the use of the council and Oma's room for the vendors;
WHEREAS they requested buying an extra, electric stove for the kitchen;
WHEREAS they inquired about the possibility of having a steam table on the counter and wants to know if the plug is adequate;
WHEREAS they would like to know if the shed beside the truck pull track is equipped with a 120V outlet (15 amp) service;
WHEREAS they wish to erect a shelter for the BBQ that will be dismantle after the event;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the use of the rooms will still be available for them this year. Council will allow them to purchase a stove but we will not be responsible for any damage to the equipment, an electrician will be hired to check the plugs for the steam table and the shed as for the shelter council will check with the fire coordinator to ensure it is legal.

CARRIED

21. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Resolution No. 82-05/2023

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

THAT the invoices totalling \$ 45 684.93 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	\$ 3 019.17	Hydro Québec	\$ 845.32
Bell Mobility	\$ 67.74	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 107.36
Beneva	\$ 1 770.38	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 3 235.90
Benson AutoPart	\$ 448.43	Micro B	\$ 43.00
BNC Trust	\$1 893.88	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 8 286.07
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 209.01	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 687.50
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 009.91	National Bank of Canada	\$ 365.65
Canadian Tire	\$ 120.69	Payroll	\$ 17 476.24

Darwin Stephen Trucking	\$ 402.41	Pontiac Journal	\$ 120.72
Equilube	\$ 311.53	RICOH	\$ 542.92
Gallant, Charles	\$ 117.73	Telebec	\$ 591.31
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 012.06		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this May 2, 2023.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

28.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
Resolution No. 83 -05/2023

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on June 6, 2023

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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