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Information for Residents & Visitors to Thorne



'No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another'

Charles Dickens



THANK YOU TO ALL ESSENTIAL
SERVICE WORKERS!



Local News and Resources

Please be sure to check the municipality's website for
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) news and resources

Office Contact: 819-647-3206

thorne@mrcpontiac.qc.ca

<http://www.thorneque.ca/home.htm>

Regional Resources and Information

<http://www.mrcpontiac.qc.ca/en/covid-19-coronavirus-resources/>

Provincial Resources and Information

1-877-644-4545 (toll free)

www.quebec.ca

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Ça va bien aller!



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A Little Bit of Humour...



Did you Know?



The white-tailed deer is the most numerous of all of North America's large animals. Named for the stark white underside of its tail, the white-tailed deer makes its home in bushy forested areas.

The female deer or doe, will often leave her fawn unattended for hours at a time in search of food. The fawn's characteristic white dapples provide natural camouflage for the baby.

The male deer or buck, can grow to be 1m at the shoulder and in northern regions weigh up to 200kg! The distinguishing antlers of the buck are typically shed sometime between January and March, only to regrow for the following mating season.



McDowell Christmas Choir



A choir of students from McDowell Elementary School will be visiting the residents of CAP in Shawville on December 21st.

To donate a small gift to a resident, or to volunteer please contact Erin

erin_stjean@hotmail.com

(613) 294-1387



FIRE BAN INFORMATION



Please check the municipal and SOPFEU websites for the status of fire bans in the region. <https://sopfeu.qc.ca/en/>



Sugar Cookies

2 c sifted flour (all purpose)
 ½ t baking powder
 ½ t baking soda
 ½ t salt
 2/3 c butter or margarine
 1 c white sugar
 1 egg white – beaten
 2 T milk
 ½ t vanilla
 ½ t lemon extract

Icing
 1/3 c butter or margarine
 2 c sifted icing sugar
 1 egg white (whipped)
 1 t vanilla
 1 T milk



- Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together.
 - Cream butter or margarine with sugar. Blend in egg, milk & flavourings.
 - Blend in dry ingredients. Shape dough into a disk, wrap in saran, chill in fridge 2 hrs.
 - Roll 1/8" thick on lightly floured board (counter-top). Cut into desired shapes with floured cookie cutters. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 375F 10 –12 min.
- Icing: Cream butter and sugar. Add remaining ingredients and stir until desired consistency. Add food colouring if desired and decorate!

"A Stone School Christmas" Winter Arts and Crafts Market

Handmade pieces created for the holiday season by local artists and artisans.

28 Mill Street, Portage-du-Fort, QC

November 26, 27, December 3, 4 December 10, 11

Hours: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm



Santa Is Coming to Thorne!

Come see Santa in Shawville on Saturday
 December 10th at 11am!

Thorne Community Recreation Association
 777 rte 366, Shawville, QC

There will be hot dogs, and some yummy treats!

Contact Jammie - lee Thrun at 819-598-5097
 to book a time with santa



Transfer Station is Open
 Friday - Monday: 10am - 4pm

Address: 1905 Route 303 N, Shawville, QC J0X 2Y0
 Please check the municipal website for waste disposal and recycling information



3rd Annual Otter Lake/Thorne Angel Tree Project



Thanks to these local businesses for helping with this great project!
 There are more angels than ever this year! Asking for gifts and donations to be dropped off at your local municipality no later than December 15th.

Trees are located at: Bretzlaff's Store, Ladysmith Hotel,
 Beauchamp Store, Coin Picanoc and Dale's Home Home Building Centre
 for you to drop off your gifts. The deadline to drop off your Angel's gift is
 December 15th.



Contacts:

Phone - Otter Lake resident: 819-453-7075

Phone - Thorne resident: 819-647-8549

Email: angeltreeotterlakethorne@gmail.com



Quiz!



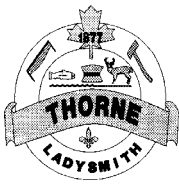
On the ___ day of Christmas my true love sent to me....

<p>A</p>	<p>B</p>	<p>C</p>
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Winter Arts and Crafts Market 11am-4pm Portage-du-Fort
4 Winter Arts and Crafts Market 11am-4pm Portage-du-Fort	5	6	7 Full Cold Moon	8	9	10 Santa Visits Thorne! 11am, Shawville
11	12	13	14	15 Angel Tree Project Gift Drop-Off Deadline 	16	17
18 Hanukkah Begins	19	20	21 Winter Solstice!	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah Ends	27	28	29	30	31
1 New Years Day	2	3		Full Cold Moon Also known as the Long Night Moon, December's moon is named for this month's long, chilly nights. A distinguishing feature of this month's moon is its high trajectory, which causes the Full Cold Moon to sit above the horizon for a longer period of time. 		
NEW MOON	FIRST QUARTER	FULL MOON	THIRD QUARTER			

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NOVEMBER

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE | 2022
REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
Resolution No 185-11/2022

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

THAT the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 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, Robert Charrette, Deborah Stafford.
Jammie Lee Coursol confirmed her absence.

Also attending the meeting: The Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD
Mike Hogan

Mr. Hogan requested a key for the main building when they store the boats instead of having the Mayor open the door. He mentioned that they wanted a key to access the main building in order to use the phone for an emergency.

The Mayor informed Council that she had offered to lend them her cell phone and they had refused.

Resolution No 186-11/2022

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

THAT there is no need to access the main building and that no keys will be given and the Mayor will continue to open the door.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Resolution No 187-11/2022

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following modifications:

10 2) Complaint
29 Hiring Committee

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2022, MEETING
Resolution No 188-11/2022

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 4, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUDGET MEETING
Resolution No 189-11/2022

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

THAT the budget meeting be held on December 7, 2022 at 7 pm.

CARRIED

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

7. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023
Resolution no 190-11/2022

WHEREAS WHEREAS Article 148 of the Quebec Municipal Code provides that council shall establish, before the beginning of each calendar year, a schedule of its regular meetings for the coming year, fixing the day and time of the beginning of each sitting;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the sessions will begin at 7:00 pm at the municipal hall located at 775, route 366, Thorne;

THAT the following schedule of regular meetings of Council be adopted for the year 2023:
January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5.

THAT a public notice of the contents of this calendar be published in accordance with the law governing the municipality.

CARRIED

8. FOLLOW-UP

9. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report
6 permits have been issued this month for 106 this year.

I have sent 5 permits to the MRC Evaluation department to be inspected.

I have prepared a list of priorities for the MRC Evaluation Department to conduct assessment inspections on closed Building Permit. I've have asked for certain files to have their values to be updated on the Municipal Roll before the new year so it don't generate any fiscal losses to the municipality of Thorne.

In addition, I have submitted 3 request to the Cadaster Reform concerning the road bed situation at 54 Johnson Road and the two Islands on Thorne Lake to have them assign a Cadastral designations since they are privately owned.

10. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report
The footing is done for the rink and is ready for the board installation.

The slab for the shelter at the transfer station is done and the contractor is waiting on some material to finish the infrastructure.

Mountain Road was graveled up to Vandusky road to ensure the plowing. 700 tons of gravel was used on that part of the road.

Due to a permanent resident living on Tubman Road, the road has to be repaired to allow the snowplowing. The ditching was done and a culvert was installed. The gravelling will be done on Monday.

The extension of the culvert on Greermount Road will be completed next week.

2) Complaint
Resolution No 191-11/2022

WHEREAS a complaint was received regarding a laneway that is not constructed properly;
WHEREAS the water running down the laneway is damaging the neighboring property;
WHEREAS pictures were taken to demonstrate the problem;

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

THAT a letter be sent to the land owner to make the proper repair to his laneway to rectify this situation.

CARRIED

11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report
Trip to Covanta; several mayors and councilors took a bus trip to visit and view the Covanta waste disposal plant near Durham, ON. The plant was much as I expected, a large loading bay, where trucks filled with household garbage dump into a hopper, which feeds into an extremely high-temperature furnace. The intense heat assures that all materials are thoroughly burned, and the exhaust gases pass through a boiler, and then are scrubbed and filtered, so that the chimneystack is very clean discharge. The boiler runs a steam turbine, which generates electricity, which is fed into the general power grid.

This system comes close to the ideal of waste disposal with minimum air and water pollution, and minimum final waste product, while giving steam-generated electrical power as a by-product. The water is close-cycled, so there is little water intake needed, and no over-heated water is discharged.

The system being proposed for location in Pontiac would be about double the capacity of the Durham plant. It will depend upon nearby population centers such as Ottawa and Gatineau to send their waste here, rather than sending to landfill.

This will be a big deal, involving co-operation of several municipalities, large and small, and it will be millions of dollars to set up and operate. The two sites under primary consideration for the project are; the former pulp mill site in Litchfield and the former iron mine site in Bristol.

12. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report this month.

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report
As of month end we are using \$ 13 000.00 of the operating
The following large bills were:
Public Security _ Policing \$ 57,952.00
McGrimmon \$ 4 568.00 and \$ 11 282.00
Permafib. \$ 59,374.00
Evelotec \$ 5 451.00
AXE accounting \$ 16,843.00
MacEwen \$ 5 694.00
Min Rev \$ 12,733.00

Not all tax receipts are in, we have not received any of our road grants 300k or excise grant 35k . Some of the amounts will be covered by a grants not yet applied for.

14. Dump ticket sales \$ 11 884.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
No report this month.
15. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE
1) Report
Residents, please watch your property. There have been many people that are trespassing on others properties in the area. There are people looking into people's windows. Lock your doors. Watch for people that do not belong in your area.
As our summer residents return to their homes, please keep an eye out for your neighbor's properties as they are watched at this time of year for burglaries.
You will see a lot of presence in the area as they are looking for a missing person. I am not referring to these people in my above message.
16. FIRE DEPARTMENT
1) Report Oct 1st to Oct 31st 2022
Calls from 911:
Two calls were received
Emergency Medical calls from Central Paramedic:
Three call were received
Special events:
SCBA tanks checked and filled for Thorne departament completed on the 6th of Oct By Daniel Kluge
I was asked by the SQ Sergeant Payent to meet with him and if possible a few other members (Ronnie and Lee) to help determine the best course of action for the Missing man from Ladysmith, we sat down and went through old maps. Spoke about different hypotheses ,advised them if they required our help that hey would need to put in a call to 911 or the municipality.
Halloween event #221031 : On Monday Oct 31st we will be taking out the emergency vehicles handing out candies , also making sure traffic is slowed down to ensure safety.
Practices:
Section Practice 30th of Oct
Medical training renewal of CPR cours given the 27th of Oct
Special activies and meetings:
Section Meeting Oct 18th 2022
Chiefs meeting 24th of Oct
Vehicle maintenance :
Section 4 maintenance was completed weekly by Daniel Kluge by for Vehicle 214,514 &614
17. TRANSFER STATION – COMPOSTING
The Director General presented a quote that was received by Joracan regarding the installation of an electric composter at the transfer station. The cost of this composter is \$ 87 421.85.
She also mentioned that she has spoken with the Ministry of environment regarding this installation and asked if this would be sufficient to continue receiving grant money. She was informed that either door-to-door pickup or providing the residence with a home composter is required in addition. In this case, it is not worth purchasing this composter. She will verify the price of buying home composters for all residents and also a quote to have the door-to-door pickup. A working session will be needed to discuss this thoroughly.
18. DEEDS
10 deeds were received in the month of September for the amount of \$ 7 892.35.
8 deeds were received in the month of October for the amount of \$ 7 371.96
19. PSDA
1) Road allowance
Resolution 192-11/2022
WHEREAS the PSDA sent to the Municipality a list of the portions of the municipal roadway they want to use for the upcoming snowmobile season;
WHEREAS they asked permission to install appropriate signs;
FOR THESE REASONS:
It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by R. BLASKIE and unanimously resolved;
THAT The municipality give permission to the association to use those roads for this year as long as patrollers are available on weekends to ensure the security of all users. Although the Municipality is granting the right of way on these roads, they are not exclusively for the club and that any ratepayer who needs access to this property may do so. Therefore, these roads are to be shared and caution is to be maintained at all times.
THAT a copy of the trail map and of the signed agreement with the home owners will be required.
CARRIED
2) Support
Resolution No. 193-11/2022
WHEREAS the PSDA sent to the Municipality a letter about supporting them thru advertisement;
WHEREAS they offer to get signs made with the municipal logo;
WHEREAS the cost for those signs are 5 for \$ 183.96, 10 for \$ 296.64 or 15 for \$ 382.87;

FOR THESE REASONS:

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

THAT council decided not to have any signs made by the PSDA.

CARRIED

20. INSURANCE RENEWAL
Resolution 194-11/2022

WHEREAS a renewal letter was sent from the insurance company
WHEREAS this letter was presented to council with recommendation to add some coverage from the company.

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

THAT the Municipality accept the renewal as is.

CARRIED

21. BUILDING
1) Rental
Resolution 195-11/2022

WHEREAS council wishes to change the rental price for the building;
WHEREAS an amendment will be done to resolution 158-09/2022;

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

THAT resolution 158/09/2022 be amended;
THAT the rental price for afternoon events will be \$ 100.00 and evening events will be \$ 350.00 without bar services and \$ 500.00 with the inclusion of the bar.

CARRIED

2) Well
Resolution 196-11/2022

WHEREAS the well equipment is fairly old and not working properly;
WHEREAS a quote was received to repair the system;
WHEREAS a grant is available to cover these costs:

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

THAT the municipality accepts the quote from Danny Fortin for the amount of \$ 11 160.00 plus taxes;
THAT the municipality applies the cost to the PRABAM grant.

CARRIED
3) Boat Storage
Resolution 197-11/2022

WHEREAS presently there is a fix price for vehicle storage (cars \$ 175.00, boats, pontoon \$ 250.00, fifth wheels \$ 300.00);
WHEREAS the municipality would like to charge per foot versus per vehicle;

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

THAT as of 2023, the price for the vehicle storage will be \$ 16.00 per linear foot;

CARRIED

22. HOLIDAYS
1) Office Closure
Resolution 198-11/2022

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

THAT the municipal office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd, 2022 to January 2, 2023 inclusively.

CARRIED

2) Employee Gathering
Resolution no 199-11/2021

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to have a Christmas dinner for the employees;
WHEREAS council feels that this is a good way to recognize the hard work performed during the year;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT council organizes a dinner for the councilors and employees.

CARRIED

23. REMEMBRANCE DAY
Resolution 200-11/2021

WHEREAS Council decided that Remembrance Day will be held on November 11, 2022, at 11 a.m.:

WHEREAS a light lunch will be served following the ceremony;
WHEREAS two quotes were received for the lunch;

FOR THESE REASONS:

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

THAT the municipality purchase the lunch at metro in Mansfield for the cost of \$ 264.92 tax included.

CARRIED

24. DONATION REQUEST
Resolution 201-11/2022

WHEREAS a donation request was received from the CLSC. They want to purchase an ultrasound machine for the emergency room at CLSC Mansfield. This machine will allow the identification of internal injuries and/or bleeding, which could save lives;
WHEREAS the cost of this equipment is over \$40,000;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality donates \$ 250.00 to help the CLSC achieve their goal.

CARRIED

25. BURSARY
Resolution 202-11/2022

WHEREAS council had decided to give a \$ 500.00 bursary to a graduate from ESSC;
WHEREAS this bursary is to help pay for post-secondary expenses;
WHEREAS the graduate will not be returning to school this year due to of a lack of finances as she is currently working to raise money for her future education;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality will give her a bursary of \$ 150.00.

CARRIED

26. COMPLAINT
A complaint was received from a ratepayer regarding the horseshoe pins currently installed behind the building. The road foreman will be advised and action will be taken to secure the area.

27. MAYOR’S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
3 meetings by zoom
MRC—couldn’t make the meeting R.Wills took my place.
Zoom meeting with MRC HR committee.
Meeting with S. Chatel re Tourist attraction Domes on Thorne Lake Rd.
Working session at office
Rd meeting
Interviews for maintenance man at Bldg.

28. VARIA

29. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Resolution 203-11/2022

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 74 741.82 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.

6375049 Canada inc. Serrurier	\$ 1 171.57	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 7 484.90
9113-9949 Québec inc. Blue Heron	\$ 14 721.88	McGuire, Mickey	\$ 4 739.86
9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 3 380.37	Metro	\$ 264.92
9907530 Canada Inc. Plomberie	\$ 784.00	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 7 990.17
Benson Auto Parts	\$ 871.29	Municipality of Campbell’s Bay	\$ 933.90
BNC Trust	\$ 1 635.44	Municipality of Clarendon	\$ 3 691.50
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 2 961.77	Municipality of Otter Lake	\$ 250.00
CJ’s Welding	\$ 45.99	National Bank of Canada	\$ 123.43
CLSC	\$ 250.00	Petty Cash	\$ 132.44
Deveau Avocats	\$ 1 109.79	Pontiac Journal	\$ 79.33
Gallant, Charles	\$ 88.45	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 1 018.34
Gravelle, Adréane	\$ 150.00	Salarie	\$ 16 241.52
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 293.13	SSQ	\$ 1 553.92
Hydro Qc	\$ 1 216.13	Telebec	\$ 591.08
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 80.52	W.A. Hodgins Store	\$ 895.18

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this November 1, 2022.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

30.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
Resolution No. 204-11/2022

It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by R. CHARETTE 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 December 6, 2022

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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