REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES

1. <u>OPENING AND ATTENDANCE</u>

Resolution No 68-06/2025

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, June 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

Present is Robert Wills, Norma Charette, Jammie-Lee Coursol, Marsha Bean and Robert Blaskie

Absent: Deborah Stafford

Also, present Director General: Jessica Ménard

2. <u>VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD</u>

Present: S. Renaud, C. Anderson, J. Burke, K. Mc Isaac, N. Roy, J. King, T. Blaskie, M. Nauxin, T. Lambert

Questions: Our mayor and members of the council were able to address the questions raised by the citizens in attendance.

3. <u>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</u>

Resolution no 69-06/2025

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

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. <u>ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13th, 2025, MEETING</u>

Resolution no 70 -06/2025

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 13th, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 29th, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING

Resolution no 71-06/2025

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

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on May 29th, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. <u>ROAD COMMITTEE</u>

1) Report – Robert Blaskie

1. Gravel Application

Graveling of municipal roads is underway. The following roads have been completed so far:

- Crawford Road
- A portion of Johnson Road

Next on the schedule are:

- Route 366
- Thorne Lake Road
- The remaining section of Johnson Road

2. Culvert Orders

Our Foreman has placed an order for culverts to support upcoming drainage improvements and replacements as needed.

3. Grading Operations

Grading has begun on roads not maintained during the winter months, including:

- Yach Road
- Schwartz Road
- Himmelman Road

4. Signage Visibility

Overgrown branches around road signs along Route 366 have been cleared to improve visibility and safety.

5. Thorne Lake Road – Jeffreys Hill

Due to safety concerns, the deteriorated asphalt on Jeffreys Hill (Thorne Lake Road) will be removed and replaced with gravel.

6. Route 366 - Cluff's Hill

On Cluff's Hill (Route 366), the road edge is starting to deteriorate. We will reinforce the edge using crushed asphalt to prevent further damage.

7. Future Paving – Route 366

The committee will be looking into using the TECQ grant to help fund paving of Route 366, including the removal of large bumps and paving targeted sections to improve overall road quality.

7. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Robert Wills

The recycling bins are usually nearly full by the time the contractors come to pick them up. We might consider buying an additional bin or two. Our crew does value-added sorting, by extracting glass bottles and beer/pop cans, which are higher value items than the plastic and cardboard packaging.

Reminder; formed structural plastic items do not belong in the recycling bins. Those will mess up the recycling process, and we may be fined if that is included in the recycling. If you are in doubt, our attendant knows the guidelines.

The crew that delivers and hauls away the garbage bin pushed it too far, and smashed the northeast corner of the shed. It's not critical damage, but it certainly doesn't make the shed better. I hope the contractor will come good for the damage.

Since we pay for all waste services by the tonne, not the bag, the present system of accounting is taking up extra energy to produce irrelevant statistics. The extra weight of organic material is one of several reasons to stop including it in the garbage bin. There will come as time, in all probability that we will not be able to accept and ship garbage with organic matter included. I think that the best way to deal with this eventuality is to compost at home. If you have the space and basic handy-person skills, a compost cage can be built inexpensively. If you are short of space, a Green Cone can put you on track to compost self-sufficiency. If enough householders want to purchase Green Cones, we can make a volume purchase at a discount price. (Single price is \$220) If you wait until the municipality is mandated to create a compost facility, it will be more expensive, because we'll have to comply with provincial standards which are not based in rural reality. And you will still have to sort all waste material into three or four waste streams, and haul them to the transfer station. If you choose to really procrastinate, you can wait for the MRC to set up door-to-door collection, which will mean hiring a crew, buying a truck and fuel, and you will still be required to do all that sorting, plus storing the organics for a week or two at a time. At great expense, I might add.

8. <u>LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE</u>

1) Report – Norma Charette

The by-law officer:

- Issued 18 permits since the last council meeting, plus 1 subdivision for resolution.
- Responded to taxpayer inquiries and provided information via phone, email, and in-person consultations.
- Successful participation by all CCU Committee members, course is now completed and a meeting will be scheduled shortly for a minor derogation.
- Gave a gentle reminder to MRC in order to respond on our applicability of the demolition by-law passed by council in 2023, determining whether it remains valid or requires amending.
- In the process of updating the Draft shipping containers Once completed updating I will send to council for another review by council before sending to lawyer.
- Creating numbering sequencing and ordering new civic numbers.
- Letter for resolution for amended project plan of Garner Road.
- Requested information from MTQ in regards to repairs to the bridge on Thorne Lake Road.

2) Cadastral Plan

Resolution no72-06/2025

WHEREAS a cadastral plan has been received;

WHEREAS the by-law officer of Thorne has reviewed the cadastral plan for the lots described in the technical

description provided by Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes # 19919, dated May 27, 2025;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan as presented.

CARRIED

3) Cadastral Plan

Resolution no73-06/2025

WHEREAS a cadastral plan has been received;

WHEREAS the by-law officer of Thorne has reviewed the cadastral plan for the lots described in the technical

description provided by Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes 19915, dated June 4th, 2025;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan as presented.

CARRIED

9.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1)Report - M. Bean

Our auditor is still finishing the balance sheet adjustments. We are unable to do follow up until all records are up to date.

For April and May we receive the final payment from TECQ grant \$ 197 000 and also TVQ \$ 47 000, which paid off our operating line which has not been totally cleared for some time.

Major expenses paid for April and May

Hydro \$ 2 763 Dignard Thibault. (financial statement preparation) \$ 3 275

Gerard Labelle \$ 2 414 x 2 McGuire \$ 48 758 (snow removal contract)

John Deer grader \$ 6 463 x 2

McEwen. \$ 5 309 Filogreen \$ 2 286 Brandt tractor \$ 2 765 MRC \$ 85 785

Payroll deductions \$ 10,500 and \$ 11 309

WEPC \$ 8 119 (due to necessary equipment upgrades, monitors and cameras)

Mun of Otter Lake quarterly instalment for 40% fire coverage 32719

The new book exchange continues to be a work in progress. Community input is greatly appreciated, suggestions on what you would like to see. Additionally, is you have any gently used books to donate we would appreciate them. One suggestion made was to have a Card table and puzzle area for hot afternoons.

10. <u>RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE</u>

1) Report – Jammie-Lee Coursol

Our association is currently exploring the idea of creating a float for Canada Day, along with planning a few other activities. We should have more details confirmed shortly.

In addition, I'd like to start gathering quotes to estimate the cost for the municipality to equip our library room as a comfortable space for hosting future reading events for children.

11. <u>PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE</u>

1) Report – Deborah Stafford

As of July 1st, Thorne Fire Department will be entering a service agreement with the Shawville/Clarendon Fire Department. This important collaboration follows numerous productive meetings and represents a significant opportunity for our community. It is important to note that this is not an amalgamation, but a service arrangement designed to ensure continued fire protection for our residents. While this partnership is in place, Thorne will be actively working to rebuild our Fire Department to its full strength and capacity.

Our fire fighters are deeply committed and proud of the service they provide. We have always had a strong fire department, and that has been possible because of the ongoing support from our ratepayers.

We would also like to inform the community that any equipment or materials purchased from now on will remain the property of the Municipality of Thorne. Looking ahead, Thorne is also exploring the development of a First Responders unit to further enhance emergency response capabilities in our area.

Rest assured, in the event of a 911 call, ambulance services will continue to respond as needed.

We are confident in the future and committed to protecting our community.

12. <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>

Report – Denis Chaussé

There were 5 call (911)

911-014 381 Picanoc Road Motor vehicle accident Injury Extraction Road Close Po	ower line station 5
911-015 Chemin Lac de la Plage Motors véhicule accident Injuries	station 5
911-016 317 Red Pine Electric Fire/Bush Fire near House and Garage	station 5
911-017 Thomas Lake TNO assistance for Firefighter requested by 911	station 5
911-018 1995 Rte.301 multiple explosions over heard,	Station 4

There were 08 Emergency Medical calls from (Central Paramedic)

Station 4 (01)

Station 5 (07)

Fire and First Responder Training:

May 22, Practice # 08 at station 5 total 14 members ladders at the R.J center.

Special Events:

S/E250529-011 SCBA Air packs station 4 & station 5 - 3 month replacement Shawville.

Section meeting:

May 20 from 18:00-22:00 at Station 5 fire hall.

Formation 2025

01-2025 Formation Firefighter course 1.

02-2025 Formation CISSSO Medic /Responder.

Maintenance of vehicles

Station 4 and 5: Regular maintenance of vehicles by Danny Kluke

Included Side by Side rescue vehicle 11-05

Included rescue Boat 18-05

Maintenance of Extraction tools verified by certified members Station 4 and 5.

Done by / Ronnie Vadneau, Russell Lance

13. <u>DEEDS</u>

9 deeds were received in the month of May for the amount of \$4 285.00.

14. <u>OKTOBERFEST REQUEST – USING OUR RINK</u>

Resolution no 74 -06/2025

WHEREAS the Oktoberfest Festival is a valued community event that encourages local participation and

celebration;

WHEREAS the organizers have requested use of the municipal rink to host various family-friendly games

such as bean bag toss and inflatable bowling;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne approves the use of the municipal rink for Oktoberfest festival

activities, including but not limited to bean bag toss and inflatable bowling, subject to any applicable municipal policies and safety requirements.

CARRIED

15. <u>GRANT – LOISIR SPORT OUTAOUAIS</u>

Resolution No 75-06/2025

WHEREAS the Municipality of Thorne recognizes the importance of investing in recreational infrastructure

to promote community wellness, inclusivity, and active living;

WHEREAS a grant in the amount of \$75,000 is available to support recreational upgrades and enhancements

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT

the Municipality of Thorne authorizes the application for and use of the \$75,000 grant for the following projects:

- Installation of pickleball lines and net;
- Purchase and installation of two (2) basketball nets;
- Purchase and installation of a new play structure for children;
- Installation of an accessible picnic table designed to accommodate individuals using

CARRIED

16. AMENDMENT OF CADASTRAL PLAN FOR ROAD PLACEMENT

Resolution no 76-06/2025

the Municipality of Thorne has reviewed the current cadastral plan affecting Garner Road under minutes of 19915 June $4^{\rm th}$ 2025; WHEREAS

WHEREAS it has been determined that an amendment to the cadastral plan is necessary to

accurately reflect the intended or existing placement of the roadway on Garner Road;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne approves the amendment of the cadastral plan to update and adjust the

road placement on Garner Road.

THAT the necessary documentation be prepared and submitted to the appropriate land registry and

cadastral authorities to formalize the amendment;

THAT the municipal staff be authorized to coordinate with surveyors, planners, and any relevant

stakeholders to carry out this amendment in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

CARRIED

17. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

Mayor - Karen Kelly

Youth council made a report

Resolutions

'; Cell coverage, fire prevention. Pontiac Journal (award night), SAAQ re designated employees. Opening bank account re FFR funds, Mrc to become member's of Tricentris, money donated to Fort Coulonge and Shawville, Annual report re FFR2 fund.

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1. Quotes for seating area for library

Resolution no 77-06-2025

WHEREAS the municipality is interested in promoting literacy and community engagement through

children's reading events;

WHEREAS the current library space could benefit from a more comfortable and inviting seating area to better

accommodate such events;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne can seek quotes for furnishing a cozy and functional seating area in

the library

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 78-06/2025

WHEREAS 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 79-06/2025;

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 J. COURSOL seconded by N. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

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 11, 2025, and this, up to the amount of taxes, capital, interest and fees.

CARRIED

3. List of property to be sold

Resolution 79-06/2025

WHEREAS

The Secretary-Treasurer submits to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes due to the municipality, as of September 11, 2025, to satisfy the requirements of Section 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

FOR THIS REASON:

It is moved by R. WILLS seconded by N. CHARETTE 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

19. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Mayor

20.

21.

Resolution no 80-06/2025

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$151 096,21 are paid.

I, the undersigned, JESSICA MÉNARD, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne, certify that there are funds available to pay the expenses listed below.

1	9828745 Canada inc. / McGrimmons	\$	561.74	18	Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 366.09
-	Battleshield Industries Limited	\$	2 221.93		Hugues, Todd	\$ 45.25
3	Beneva	\$	2 221.08		Hydro Québec	\$ 2 295.25
4	Benson	\$	330.29		Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$ 400.00
-	BNC Trust	\$	1 531.96		MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 297.55
_	Brandt	\$	1 565.23		Ménard, Jessica	\$ 80.52
_	Campbell's Polaris	\$	1 023.17		Ministre du revenu du Québec	\$ 8 637.52
-	Canada Custom and Revenue	\$	3 302.91		Ministère de la Sécurité publique	\$ 64 942.00
-	CRSBPO	\$	2 068.84		Multi Route	\$ 8 508.15
		-		27	National Bank	\$ 2 181.45
-	Custom Tree Service	\$	2 989.35	28	O'Malley's Equipment	\$ 88.49
-	Darwin Stephen Trucking	\$	2 759.41	29	Ottawa Valley Oxygen LTD	\$ 179.30
12	Deveau Avocats	\$	1 580.91	30	Payroll	\$ 28 010.79
13	Dubeau, Steve	\$	189.25	31	Petty Cash	\$ 112.65
14	Enseignes Pontiacs	\$	853.01	32	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 273.18
15	Fillogreen	\$	6 309.51	33	Telmatik	\$ 288.73
16	Gauthier, Katleen	\$	71.61	34	Shawville Fair	\$ 100.00
17	Gerard Labelle, CPA inc	\$	2 414.48	35	Telebec Ltee	\$ 473.62

Whereof, this certificate is given in Thorne, this JUNE 10TH, 2025

Jessica Ménard, Director General
CARRIED
<u>QUESTION PERIOD</u> Our mayor and members of the council were able to address the questions raised by the citizens in attendance
ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING Resolution no 81-06/2025
It is moved by N. CHARETTE seconded by R.BLASKIE and unanimously resolved;
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
CARRIED
Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on JULY 08 TH, 2025
Karen Kelly Jessica Ménard

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Director General