

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
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. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
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. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13th, 2025, MEETING
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. ROAD COMMITTEE
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. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
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	Payroll deductions \$ 10,500 and \$ 11 309
Dignard Thibault. (financial statement preparation) \$ 3 275	McEwen. \$ 5 309
Gerard Labelle \$ 2 414 x 2	Filogreen \$ 2 286
McGuire \$ 48 758 (snow removal contract)	Brandt tractor \$ 2 765
John Deer grader \$ 6 463 x 2	MRC \$ 85 785
WEPC \$ 8 119 (due to necessary equipment upgrades, monitors and cameras)	
Mun of Otter Lake quarterly instalment for 40% fire coverage 32719	

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 wheelchairs

CARRIED

16. AMENDMENT OF CADASTRAL PLAN FOR ROAD PLACEMENT
Resolution no 76-06/2025

WHEREAS the Municipality of Thorne has reviewed the current cadastral plan affecting Garner Road under minutes of 19915 June 4th 2025;

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.

18. VARIA
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;

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 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
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
2	Battleshield Industries Limited	\$	2 221.93	19	Hugues, Todd	\$	45.25
3	Beneva	\$	2 221.08	20	Hydro Québec	\$	2 295.25
4	Benson	\$	330.29	21	Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$	400.00
5	BNC Trust	\$	1 531.96	22	MacEwen Petroleum	\$	2 297.55
6	Brandt	\$	1 565.23	23	Ménard, Jessica	\$	80.52
7	Campbell's Polaris	\$	1 023.17	24	Ministre du revenu du Québec	\$	8 637.52
8	Canada Custom and Revenue	\$	3 302.91	25	Ministère de la Sécurité publique	\$	64 942.00
9	CRSBPO	\$	2 068.84	26	Multi Route	\$	8 508.15
10	Custom Tree Service	\$	2 989.35	27	National Bank	\$	2 181.45
11	Darwin Stephen Trucking	\$	2 759.41	28	O'Malley's Equipment	\$	88.49
12	Deveau Avocats	\$	1 580.91	29	Ottawa Valley Oxygen LTD	\$	179.30
13	Dubeau, Steve	\$	189.25	30	Payroll	\$	28 010.79
14	Enseignes Pontiacs	\$	853.01	31	Petty Cash	\$	112.65
15	Fillogreen	\$	6 309.51	32	Pontiac Printshop	\$	273.18
16	Gauthier, Katleen	\$	71.61	33	Telmatik	\$	288.73
17	Gerard Labelle, CPA inc	\$	2 414.48	34	Shawville Fair	\$	100.00
				35	Telebec Ltee	\$	473.62

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

Jessica Ménard, Director General

CARRIED

20. QUESTION PERIOD
Our mayor and members of the council were able to address the questions raised by the citizens in attendance.

21. 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
Mayor

Jessica Ménard
Director General

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