

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE
Regular Sitting held on January 14, 2014 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. Terence Murdock.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
J. Abbott/Miller, K. Kelly, M. Born, D. Stafford, E. Pasch, E. Dagenais/Schwartz
2. QUESTION PERIOD
Robert Wills and Marilee Delombard: concerns regarding recycling
Jerry and Jean Kluge
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
01-01/2014 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with these modifications: 30. Lot Subdivision, 31. Travel Guide 2014, 32. CLSC Flu Shot, 33. Intermunicipal fire Agreement, 34. MTQ Caution Light, 35. New Office Computers, 36. Phone List, 37. Municipal Event Calendar and 38. ATV Club
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2013 MEETING
02-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 3, 2013 with the typo corrections at: item 31.change for "resolved to pay for the Christmas supper for the fire department members, employees and councillors. This includes the food but no alcoholic beverages.
5. FOLLOW-UP
1) *Winterfest*
Update from the Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting concerning the Winterfest that will be held on February 9th, 2014 from 12 pm to 3 pm.
03-01/2014 It is moved by J. Abbott/Miller and unanimously resolved to authorize Councilor E. Dagenais-Schwartz to buy food, beverages and prizes for the Winterfest not to exceed \$500.00. The event will be posted on the Website and will be announced on Chip FM. Posters will be put up all around the municipality.
2) *PIQM Mada Program*
Councillor M. Born suggested forming a Senior's Committee and to obtain senior's input on different activities and programming.
3) *Outdoor Toilet*
Considering that the outdoor toilet has been repaired by the contractor;
Considering that after verification the water is not freezing anymore;
04-01/2014 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to pay the balance of the invoice to the contractor for the outdoor toilet.
05-01/2014 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to install an automatic door closure on the outdoor toilet doors. Councillor E. Pasch will get the automatic door closure.
4) *Murals Cards*
The Director General got quotes to have postcards and cards printed of the murals.
06-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to accept the quotes. The descriptions will be printed in English, French and German. Councilor J. Abbott/Miller will be responsible to distribute the cards to different locations. This is part of the FSTD grant.
5) *Tax Stuffer Brochure*
Discussion about the Tax Stuffer Brochure.
6. DEEDS
Six deeds were received for December 2013 in the amount of \$ 702.94.
7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT
The inspector's report was submitted.
In December 2013, 5 permits were issued, 1 inspection was made and no permits were sent to the MRC.
8. ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
Upon recommendations of the Planning Committee;
07-01/2014 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to refuse the request for a minor derogation on lot number 3 702 447/3 702 448 on Johnson Road, to reduce the front setback from 8 meters to 3 meters in order to build a shed on his property.
9. WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE
Recycling information will be sent with the 2014 tax bills.
08-01/2014 It is moved by J. Abbott/Miller and unanimously resolved to change the days and hours of the dump. Starting on March 1st 2014, the dump will be closed on Fridays and open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The hours will be from 8am – 4 pm all year round. This information will be put in the tax stuffer brochure, in the Journal du Pontiac, on the Website and posted at the Post Office, Store and the Municipal office. The sign at the entrance of the Dump site will be changed.

10. DEFINE COUNCIL SEAT SECTORS
The council seat sectors were defined.
11. AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
09-01/2014 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to propose Councilor D. Stafford to sit on the Agriculture Advisory Committee of the MRC Pontiac.
12. ADMQ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
10-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to renew the ADMQ membership for \$407.00 plus taxes and the insurance for \$ 226.00 including taxes.
13. THORNE NOTICE BOARD ADVERTISING
11-01/2013 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to purchase advertising and to have a monthly Mayor's message for an amount not to exceed \$600.00 annually in the Thorne Notice Board (TNB). A letter will be sent to the person responsible of the TNB.
14. NOMINATION OF AN APPOINTED COUNCILLOR IN REPLACEMENT OF A MUNICIPAL MAYOR AT THE MRC PONTIAC REGIONAL TABLE
WHEREAS Sec. 210.24 of an Act respecting municipal territorial organization states that if the mayor is absent, is unable or refuses to act, or if the office of mayor is vacant, the mayor shall be replaced on the council of the regional county municipality by a substitute designated by the council of the local municipality from among its members;
FOR THESE REASONS,
12-01/2014 It is proposed by M. Born and unanimously resolved to appoint, Councilor K. Kelly, to chair as representative of the Municipality of Thorne at the table of the Council of Mayors of the Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Pontiac in absence of the Mayor T. Murdock.
It is also resolved that Councilor K. Kelly will hold the power of vote at this regional table.
15. PAYMENT OF THE 911 SERVICES
This item was deferred to next council meeting. The DG will get more information.
16. FIRE DEPARTMENT
The Fire Chief's monthly report was submitted.
Discussion about the fire department practices.
Information about the smoke detectors will be sent with the tax bill and be put on the website.

The future of the old tanker truck was discussed. This item is differed to next council meeting.
17. PROCLAMATION – FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH
13-01/2014 It is moved by E. Dagenais/Schwartz and unanimously resolved to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Québec by proclaiming February "Heart Month". No donation will be given at this time.
18. CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE
CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE CHARTER REVIEW
SHOULD FOCUS ON REVENUE-GENERATION, NOT ADDITIONAL CUTS
WHEREAS the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.
WHEREAS Canada Post is preparing for the review by campaigning for major service cuts.
WHEREAS Canada Post has already dramatically cut service by closing or downsizing public post offices, eliminating rural mailbox delivery and removing street letter collection boxes.
Whereas Canada Post and the federal government should do everything in its power to prevent additional cuts during the upcoming review, and instead deal with financial issues by adding revenue-generating services like many other post offices around the world, including lucrative financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.
14-01/2014 *It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved that* the Municipality of Thorne write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request that the government consider innovative ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter review, including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

Improve the Canadian Postal Service Charter
WHEREAS the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.
Whereas the public has a right to have input on matters involving its publicly owned post office.
WHEREAS the current Charter has a number of serious problems that need fixing.
WHEREAS the government could use the Charter review to reduce our public post office's obligation to provide service (instead of improving the Charter) and even lay the groundwork for privatizing or deregulating Canada Post.
15-01/2014 *It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved that* the Municipality of Thorne write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request 1) that the upcoming review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter be open to public input and 2) that the Charter be improved by:
 - Ensuring that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices
 - Eliminating the exceptions to the moratorium
 - Extending the consultation process over possible closures and making the process and moratorium more transparent
 - Establishing an independent Canada Post ombudsperson to report on Canada Post's performance in meeting Charter expectations
 - Establishing a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network (closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders.

19. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
Jean-Claude Rivest, President of the Chamber of Commerce, is asking each Chamber members what are the top 5 things needed for their business. Councillors can email their concerns to the Chamber.
20. FLAGS
16-01/2014 It is moved by E. Dagenais/Schwartz and unanimously resolved to purchase Canada and Quebec flags to install at the entrance of the municipal office and inside. Council M. Born will get the flags in Ottawa.
21. PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE NEWS PAPER
17-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to put a public notice in the Journal du Pontiac for the 2014 Council Meeting dates. No add will be put this year for the Pontiac Bus Safety Campaign.
22. ROUTE 366 EAST PAVEMENT
18-01/2014 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to send a request letter to the Municipality of La Pêche asking them to put pressure upon the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) for the paving of the Route 366 East between the municipalities of Thorne and Lac des Loups. A copy will be sent to the MTQ.
23. COMPLAINTS OVERHARVESTING
19-01/2014 The municipality received a letter from a ratepayer concerning tree cutting on Yach road; An inspection was made by the MRC Pontiac inspector and the Municipality of Thorne inspector; It is moved by E. Dagenais/Schwartz and unanimously resolved to send a letter to the complainant stating that the Municipality will not take action considering that the MRC has advised that there was no abusive cutting.
24. MAYORS REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
Mayor reported on the MRC monthly meeting. He mentioned that the by-laws will be revised.
25. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING
26. REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
20-01/2014 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to nominate Councilor M. Born as the Councilor Responsible of the Revitalization Committee.
27. FAMILY POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
21-01/2014 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to nominate Councilor J. Abbott/Miller as the Councilor Responsible for Family Issues.
28. CORRESPONDENCE
22-01/2014 A) Shawville request for the Arena
It is moved by M. Born and resolved that no donation will be given to the Shawville arena. E. Pasch was in favor of the donation
29. VARIA
30. LOT SUBDIVISION
23-01/2014 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Thorne approves the cadastral plan for lots as described in the technical description given by Michel Fortin, surveyor, under minutes # 24 776 dated December 13, 2013.
31. ADVERTISEMENT TRAVEL GUIDE 2014
24-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and resolved to publish the same ad as last year in the Travel Guide 2014 for the amount of \$ 234.60 plus taxes.
32. CLSC FLU SHOT
25-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to request to the CLSC to have a flu shot clinic in Thorne next fall.
33. INTERMUNICIPAL FIRE AGREEMENT
26-01/2014 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to have a list of qualified firemen by the fire chief and have it sent to all the municipalities that we have agreements with.
34. CAUTION LIGHT ON ROUTE 303
27-01/2014 It is moved by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to send a letter to the MTQ that a caution light be installed at the intersection of Route 303 and 366 given the safety concerns.
35. NEW OFFICE COMPUTERS
28-01/2014 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to purchase new computers for the office at Wepc and to hold a backup at the fire hall.
36. PHONE LIST
The DG will prepare a phone list of the Council and municipal employees.
37. MUNICIPAL EVENT CALENDAR
29-01/2014 It is moved by M. Born and unanimously resolved to establish and maintain a Municipal Event Calendar that reflects all pertinent meetings or events of concern of the Municipality and/or the MRC.
Councilor E. Dagenais/Schwartz was asked to plan seniors get together on Wednesday afternoon. This activity should be differed to TCRA.

38. ATV CLUB
Differed to next council meeting.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES
30-01/2014 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that invoices totaling \$ 84,304.29 be paid.
Certificate of Authority of Funds.

I, the undersigned, Annie Beauregard, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne certify that there are credits available to pay the expenses listed above.

3477835 Canada Inc.	\$ 34,310.82
6653634 Canada Inc.	\$ 13,993.51
Benson Auto Parts	\$ 507.96
Roy Bretzlaff	\$ 30.00
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 968.94
COMBEQ	\$ 333.43
Erfle, Karl	\$ 30.00
FQM	\$ 757.37
Gerard Labelle, CGA inc.	\$ 2,759.40
Great West, Compagnie d'assurance	\$ 856.78
Hydro-Québec	\$ 1,354.33
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 19.80
Lapointe Beaulieu	\$ 877.89
MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 1,130.21
Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 3,358.00
MRC Pontiac	\$ 233.75
National Bank of Canada	\$ 848.39
Petro Pontiac	\$ 1,492.60
Petty Cash	\$ 61.24
PG Solutions	\$ 2,155.78
Pontiac Journal	\$ 74.73
Pontiac Printshop	\$ 289.89
Telebec Ltee	\$ 430.46
Thorne Fire Dep.	\$ 711.10
WEpc.ca	\$ 1,126.76
Pay cheques	\$ 15,590.83

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this January 14, 2014

Annie Beauregard, Director General

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
31-01/2014 It is moved by E. Dagenais/Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on February 11, 2014

Terence Murdock
Mayor

Annie Beauregard
Director General

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