

**MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE**  
Regular Sitting held on September 8, 2015 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 7:10 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Pro-Mayor, Mrs. Karen Kelly.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

E. Dagenais-Schwartz, E. Pasch, D. Stafford, J. Abbott-Miller  
M. Born confirmed her absence  
T. Murdock was absent

Stacy Lafleur, Rick Leders, Pierre Champoux

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Rasalind Bruce, Darl & Brenda Garlough, Mark Killoran, Pat St-Louis, Bonnie Quanbury, Robert Wills, Donna St-Louis, Marlene Pasch, Judy Hancock, Robert & Norma Charette, James Hancock, Brenda Papineau, Gilles Ouimet.

Mr. Garlough wanted to know the results of the survey that had been sent out to the residents of zones 15 and 16 concerning the re-usage. He also asked if any actions will be taken. The DG informed him that 84 residents accepted the request and 6 residents denied the request.

Mr. Garlough questioned the septic system on the property located at 84, Thorne Lake Road. The Pro-Mayor K. Kelly asked the inspector to send a letter to the owner concerning this issue.

Mr. Killoran asked for a brief summary of the Land Use Committee meeting. K. Kelly informed him that the meeting was an information session to discuss the best way to go about this re-usage. She also mentioned that another Land Use Committee meeting will be schedule in the next two weeks. The Thorne Lake Association will be notified and also will Mrs. Greenshield.

Mr. Killoran asked if a recommendation from the Planning Committee was going to be submitted to Council. K. Kelly assured him that a recommendation was going to be submitted and the Council will vote regarding this issue.

He also wanted to know the position of Council and Mrs. K. Kelly advised him that it was by a re-usage but it depends on the vote from Council.

Mrs. Quanbury is extremely concerned about the financial situation of the Municipality. She stated that if the spending continued the municipality is looking at a 17 % tax increase. The DG is pleased to report that our municipality's accountability is currently in a surplus and the monies spent for the purchases made by the municipality were planned expenses and included in the budget allocation.

Mrs. Charette stated that she would hate to see a tax increase because of the stupid Fire Truck and backhoe that the municipality did not need.

Mr. Ouimet asked what Council's intention was concerning the Fire Truck. Councillor E. Pasch mentioned that he had met with Mr. Ouimet and Councillor K. Kelly to discuss the use of the Bretzlaff Building until mid-April or until everything is settled. A meeting with the TCRA, Fire Department and Council is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 pm.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**138-09/2015**

It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with the following modifications:

# 27 Remembrance Day  
# 28 Declarations – Seniors Day  
#29 Toilet at dump

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 MEETING

**139-09/2015**

It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with the following modifications:

# 11: add name of the bursary recipients  
# 19: add "if funding was found because it was not budgeted for"  
# 23: add name of the Councillors  
# 29: add Councillors E. Pasch comment about the street lights

5. FOLLOW-UP

No follow up this month

6. INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1) Inspector's Report  
The Inspector read his report.

Councillor K. Kelly asked the inspector if he had verified the property on Schwartz Road where there was potentially digging being done near the stream and he said that everything was ok that the stream was far back. Mr. Champoux stated that he would go verify again.

7. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT  
The Road Foreman read his report.
- In his report he mentioned that Otter Lake was going to maintain Milliken Road during the summer months and that Thorne would plow it during the winter months.
- He also asked Council if they could buy the gravel from Campbell's Bay Cement as it is a lot closer to haul.
8. GRAVEL FOR GREERMOUNT ROAD
- WHEREAS** the municipality received a \$ 25 000 grant to repair Greermount Road;  
**WHEREAS** the Road Foreman believes there would be advantages to purchasing the gravel from Campbell's Bay Cement since it is closer than our pit;  
**WHEREAS** the cost of the gravel is \$ 8.50 a ton and we need between 1500 and 2000 tons:
- THEREFORE:**  
**140-09/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to purchase the gravel from Campbell's Bay Cement at the cost of \$ 8.50 a ton.
9. DRY HYDRANT 2015
- WHEREAS** a dry hydrant will be install on Johnson Road;  
**WHEREAS** the Road Foreman informed Council that he could not install it at this location with our backhoe because it cannot reach far enough;  
**WHEREAS** he suggests we call Doug Zacharias to see if he would be available do to it for us since he has already installed one for the municipality;
- THEREFORE**  
**141-09/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to call Doug Zacharias.
- The Pro-Mayor asked the Road Foreman to put up a soft shoulder sign on Greermount Road where the road was widened.
10. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT  
Councillor E. Pasch read his report.
- In his report, he mentions the Road Committee meeting that was held on August 21st, 2015 and the meeting with the Road Committee in Otter Lake on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 concerning the maintenance of Milliken Road. We will need to add 0.6 km to our snow contract.
- He also mentioned that the Road crew wages and the Fire Truck storage have been discussed.
11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
No report this month.
12. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT  
K. Kelly wishes to have a meeting within the next two weeks.
13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
The employee's contracts were discussed during a committee meeting on September 7, 2015.
14. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT  
No report this month.
15. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT  
No report this month.
16. DRY HYDRANT 2016
- WHEREAS** the municipal workers are now able to install hydrants with the new backhoe;  
**WHEREAS** we do not need to hire someone outside to install it which will save money;  
**WHEREAS** the municipality can now install two for the cost of one;
- THEREFORE:**  
**142-09/2015** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to install two dry hydrants in 2016.
17. FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 1) *Fire Chief Report*  
The Fire Chief Report was read by D. Stafford.
- 2) *Fire Truck Storage*  
A meeting will be held on Monday September 14, 2015 at 7 pm.
18. DEEDS  
4 deeds have been received during the month of August for a total amount of \$ 380.00.
19. EMPLOYESS CONTRACTS
- WHEREAS** all employee's contract have been reviewed;  
**WHEREAS** modifications were made by Council;  
**WHEREAS** the Administration Committee recommended that our employees receive their raises as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015;
- THEREFORE**  
**143-09/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the contracts be accepted.

K. Kelly asks the DG to verify the boot allowance with our accountant.

20. OKTOBERFEST

**WHEREAS** each year the annual Oktoberfest festival is held in October;  
**WHEREAS** the Oktoberfest Committee requested that Council give them permission to:

- Exceed the noise By-Law
- Hold the annual parade
- Have access to the Council Chambers
- Hold the annual fireworks
- Have the Fire truck
- Use of the grader

**THEREFORE:**

**144-09/2015** It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved that the municipality give permission and support the Oktoberfest Committee's requests for the weekend of October 2, 3 and 4.

The DG was asked to verify with the Mayor and see if he would be available to represent the municipality during the opening ceremonies on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 pm.

Council would like a letter to be sent to the Oktoberfest Committee advising them that their requests have been accepted.

21. WORKING SESSION – OCTOBER 3

Councillor J. Abbott-Miller and the DG will be attending the working session on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

22. HAUT-BOIS SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST

**WHEREAS** the Hauts-Bois School Board is having a bicycle rally on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015;  
**WHEREAS** they requested permission from Council to pass through town:

**THEREFORE:**

**145-09/2015** It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by J. Abbott-Miller and unanimously resolved to give permission and to send a letter of approval to the School Board.

23. LAWYER

**WHEREAS** the nonconformity of the property identified as roll 1371-04-3301 in regards to the Planning By-Laws of the Municipality;  
**WHEREAS** the owner of the said property neglects or refuses to abide by the Planning By-Laws of the Municipality in order for his property to be in accordance with the Planning By-Laws, even though a legal notice was sent to him by the Municipality's lawyers;

**THEREFORE:**

It is moved by ..... and unanimously resolved that Council mandate the study Deveau Avocats to take all the legal proceedings in order for the property identified as roll 1371-04-3301 to be in accordance with the Municipality's Planning By-Laws.

**146-09/2015** It is moved by J. Abbott-Miller seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved not to accept the resolution mentioned above. Our lawyer stated that this is a civil matter and that the municipality should send him a fine before bringing this issue to Court.

24. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

25. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING

26. VARIA

27. REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Pro-Mayor informed Council that Councilor M. Born would look after the organization of the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

**147-09/2015** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to host a Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 beginning at 10:45 am. The municipality will cover all expenses for food and beverages however it is not to exceed \$ 100.

Councillor E. Pasch will speak to Mark Keller to stand on guard and Councilor M. Born will request the presence of regiment.

28. SENIOR'S DECLARATION DAY

This subject is deferred to the next Council meeting.

29. TOILET AT DUMP

Councillor E. Dagenais-Schwartz asked if there were other options that could save money. The Councillors believe that having the toilet pumped once a month is excessive.

Councillor J. Abbott-Miller will seek information for the purchase of a toilet.

This subject will be brought to the upcoming Council meeting in October.

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PAYMENT OF INVOICES

It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that the invoices totaling \$ 41 783.46 be paid.

Certificate of Authority of Funds.

I, the undersigned, Stacy Lafleur, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne, certify that there are credits available to pay the expenses listed below.

3477835 Canada Inc.	\$ 1941.89	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 59.40
Bell Mobilité	\$ 40.70	Leders, Richard	\$ 64.35
Benson Auto Parts	\$ 163.74	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 1 409.78
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 7 519.25	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 4 254.19
Brigade de Feu Volontaire inc.	\$ 108.00	MRC Pontiac	\$ 280.89
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 1 727.55	National Bank of Canada	\$ 132.91
Champoux Pierre	\$ 303.33	Standard Life	\$ 1 196.31
Deveau Avocats	\$ 4 474.12	Studio Colleen	\$ 46.00
Dubeau, Steven	\$ 168.30	Telebec	\$ 449.13
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 689.85	Villeneuve, Chantal	\$ 19.80
Hydro Québec	\$ 742.58	WePc.ca	\$ 149.47
Ken's Auto Service	\$ 211.27	Salary	\$ 15 000.95

Councillor D. Stafford questioned the lawyer's invoice. The DG read the professional services that were rendered for the invoice. In the invoice it states that a conversation with a ratepayer has been charged to the municipality. The DG was asked to look into this.

The DG was asked by Councillor K. Kelly to find out if it's legal to put a cap on the monies spent for lawyer fees.

Councillor K. Kelly questioned the Telebec invoice. She believes that it was very costly. The DG informed her that it is a commercial line and that they cannot do much about this.

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Stacy Lafleur, Director General

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ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Terence Murdock  
Mayor

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Stacy Lafleur  
Director General

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