

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE
Regular Sitting held on January 12, 2016 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. Terence Murdock.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
E. Dagenais-Schwartz, M. Born, E. Pasch, D. Stafford
Absent : K. Kelly and J. Abbott-Miller

Stacy Lafleur, Rick Leders, Pierre Champoux
2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD
Norma Charette, Mark Killoran, Marelee Delombard

Marelee Delombard said that she heard that the letter sent in by Paula Armstrong and herself concerning the excessive tree cutting was to be disregarded as a new Forestry By-Law is being put in place by the MRC. She would request that the letter be accepted and taken into account because it is an example of what not to do. She also stated that if a permit would have been needed this would have prevented the situation.
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
01-01/2016 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 MEETING
02-01/2016 It is moved by M. Born seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8th, 2015 as presented.
5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22ND, 2015 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
03-01/2016 It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the special budget meeting held on December 22nd, 2015 as presented.
6. FOLLOW-UP
7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT
The inspector read his report. He mentioned that 74 permits were issued in 2015.
8. CADASTRAL PLAN
04-01/2016 *Lot 3 852 433*
It is moved by M. Born seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Michel Fortin, surveyor, under minutes # 26580 dated September 25th, 2015.

05-01/2016 *Lot 3 703 334*
It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by André Durocher, surveyor, under minutes # 22 377 dated October 6, 2015.
9. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT
The Road Foreman read his report.
10. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month
11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month
12. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
The DG informed everyone present that the public consultation for the re-usage of zones 15 and 16 will be held on February 10th, 2016 at 7 pm.
13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month
14. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor E. Dagenais-Schwartz informed everyone present that the Family Fun Day will be held on February 21st, 2016 from 12 pm to 3 pm.

06-01/2016 It is moved by M. Born seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved that \$ 500 will be allotted for this event.
15. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month
16. DEEDS
8 deeds have been received during the month of November for a total amount of \$ 4 565.80.
17. FIRE DEPARTMENT
1) *Fire Chief Report*
The Fire Chief Report was deposited.

The DG informed Council that the Fire Department will have their practice at the pit on Sunday January 17th, 2016 between 8 and 11 am and that they will be practicing with burning cars.

18. PONTIAC ARTIST'S ASSOCIATION
WHEREAS the Pontiac Artist Association sent a request for a sponsorship;
WHEREAS this association promotes art and contributes to the cultural life of our community;
THEREFORE;
- 07-01/2016** It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to sponsor the Association for the Bronze level in the amount of \$ 60.00.
19. PECUNIARY INTEREST FORMS
The Pecuniary Interests forms for Councillors (Form SM 70) were submitted.
20. CANADA SUMMER JOB PROGRAM
WHEREAS the Canada Summer Job program is available;
WHEREAS the municipality would like to apply for the grant;
WHEREAS the application must be filled out between January 4th and February 26th, 2016;
THEREFORE;
- 08-01/2016** It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz seconded by M. Born and unanimously resolved to give permission to the Director General to complete and submit an application for a student that would be helping the road crew.
21. TAX STUFFER
The Director General asked council to forward her any information that they would like published and sent out with the 2016 bills.
22. SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES
09-01/2016 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Dagenais and unanimously resolved to begin the process of putting immovable properties on sale for non-payment of taxes. The Director General will send a registered letter to all ratepayers who owe taxes from the last three years. The MRC will be informed by February 22th, 2016.
23. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET BY-LAW 01-2016
10-01/2016 It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to adopt the budget By-Law number 01-2016 that introduced setting the general tax rate, setting the interest rate and also setting the tariffs for recycling and trailers.
24. TREE CUTTING
This subject was discussed in the visitors section.
25. TRAVEL GUIDE AD
11-01/2016 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that the municipality publish the travel guide ad in the Equity again this year.
26. NEW TRUCK
WHEREAS the municipal truck is not in good condition;
WHEREAS it would cost too much money to have everything fixed;
WHEREAS the municipality wishes to purchase a new truck;
WHEREAS money has been budgeted for this purchase;
THEREFORE;
- 12-01/2016** It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to prepare and send out the tenders.
- WHEREAS** the tender must be extremely detailed;
WHEREAS the municipality received a quote of \$ 250 plus tax from a consultant to help with the process;
THEREFORE;
- 13-01/2016** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to hire Ghyslain Robert as A consultant.
27. SNOWPLOW CONTRACT
The municipality received an email from Ben Young stating that they are perfectly fine with the fluctuation of the total cost according to the per unit pricing (price per km) within the guidelines of +- 10 %. For the roads that have been recently added to the snowplowing contract however because of Yach Hill which requires special attention and easily takes a load of sand per trip, they would like the municipality to pay an additional \$ 10 000.
- 14-01/2016** It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the municipality will not alter the contract and that no extra amount will be given.
28. GAS TAX GRANT
The mayor informed council that the money from the gas tax has to be year-marked. He suggests that, with the recommendation of the accountant this money should be put aside for a new building.
He suggests that with the 20% that could be used at the discretion of the municipality, a new rink could be built with a cement base. This new rink could then be used year round.
- 15-01/2016** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that 20 % of the gas tax grant be used for recreation purposes such as building a new rink.
- 16-01/2016** It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the remaining of the grant be used to build a new municipal building, a garage and a Firehall.

29. TAX BILLS
The DG informed Council that many tax bill amounts are very low and it costs the municipality more to send them out than the amount owing.
- 17-01/2016** It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that all tax bills under \$ 10 be written off.
30. ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT
- 18-01/2016** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that Council approve the expenditures for work performed on municipal roads for the subsidized amount of \$ 25 088.71, accordance with the Department of Transportation requirements.
31. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
No report this month
32. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING
The Forestry By-Law has been presented to Municipal Affairs (Mamot).
33. VARIA
34. ADMQ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
19-01/2016 It is moved by E. Pasch seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to renew the ADMQ membership for \$ 432.00 plus taxes and the insurance for \$ 294.00 including taxes.
35. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
20-01/2016 It is moved by M. Born seconded by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that the invoices totaling \$ 132 453.71 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.	\$ 87841.54	Lapointe Beaulieu Avocats	\$1 992.55
Bell Mobilité	\$ 40.70	MacEwen	\$ 491.26
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 842.15	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 4 135.14
Brigade de Feu Volontaire inc.	\$ 400.00	MRC Pontiac	\$ 507.18
Campbell's Bay Polaris	\$ 13.04	National Bank of Canada	\$ 1 158.20
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 1 674.71	Petro Pontiac	\$ 697.04
Canadian Tire	\$ 62.03	Pontiac Journal	\$ 74.73
Champoux Pierre	\$ 435.82	RFS Canada	\$ 359.46
Deveau Avocats	\$ 2 704.23	Spectralite / SignoPlus	\$ 491.12
Educ Expert	\$ 9 565.92	Standard Life	\$ 417.68
Excel Radio	\$ 1 618.85	Telebec	\$ 448.44
Gerard Labelle CPA inc.	\$ 734.69	Villeneuve Chantal	\$ 19.80
Hydro Québec	\$ 742.58	Salaries	\$ 14 880.06
Lafleur Stacy	\$ 39.60		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this January 12th, 2016

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

36. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
21-01/2016 It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on February 9th, 2016

Terence Murdock
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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