

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE
Regular Sitting held on November 6th, 2018 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mrs. Karen Kelly.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
Robert Wills, Marsha Bean, Deborah Stafford, Robert Charette

Jammie-Lee Coursol, Megane Bretzlaff were absent (Motivated)

Stacy Lafleur, Director General, Denis Chaussé (interim Fire Chief)
2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD
Gilles Ouimet, Susan Ouimet, Marjorie Pasch, Mike Hogan
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
154-11/2018 It is moved by M. Bean seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with the following modification:

32.Rural Digital Infrastructure
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2ND, 2018 MEETING
155-11/2018 It is moved by R. Charette seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 2nd, 2018 as presented.
5. FOLLOW-UP
6. FUND RAISING PRESENTATION – ST-JOSEPH MANOR
A presentation was given by the Director General of the St-Joseph Manor. They wish to build an addition to the manor in order to accommodate more seniors and therefore seeking donations.

156-11/2018 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved to donate \$ 500 towards this project and also discuss the possibility of donating the same amount for the following 3 years.

The interim Fire Chief mentioned that he would speak to both Fire Departments (Thorne and Otter Lake) for funding as well.
7. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT
The by-law officer's report was deposited and read by the Mayor.

157-11/2018 1) *Cadastral Plan*
It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by R. Charette 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 # 24 100 dated September 5th, 2018.

158-11/2018 2) *Cadastral Plan*
It is moved by R. Wills seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Noémie Lebel, surveyor, under minutes # 601 dated October 16th, 2018.
8. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT
The road workers will grade all roads before the frost.

Councillor D. Stafford asked about the possibility of adding a stop sign at the corner of Stephen and Garner Road.
9. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month
10. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor R. Wills requested copies of the recyclable list. He was advised that the list was posted on the website.
11. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
The Mayor informed Council that the MRC is still in the process of development of a land use project.
12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor M. Bean read her report.
13. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT
No report this month.
14. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor D. Stafford informed the public that a presentation was given in Otter Lake by the CNESST on security measures that should be taken after a structural fire.

She also suggested sending letters to the firemen that do not show up for practices and meetings.
15. WASTE MANAGEMENT - LAWYER
WHEREAS the Municipality has received a complaint from the CNESST;
WHEREAS the Municipality participated in a mediation session on October 3rd, 2018, regarding the said complaint;
WHEREAS an agreement was concluded on October 3rd, 2018, subject to its ratification by the municipal council;
THEREFORE:

- 159-11/2018** It is moved by R. Wills seconded by M.Bean and unanimously resolved that:
Council accepts and ratifies the transaction intervened on October 3rd, 2018 with the transfer station employee as presented during a council working session;
The mayor and director general are authorized to sign, for and on behalf of the Municipality, the said transaction
16. FIRE DEPARTMENT
1) *Fire Chief Report*
Denis Chaussé (interim Chief) advised everyone present that he would be taking over the responsibility as chief of the Thorne Fire Department. He mentioned that he had asked the previous chief to help him gain knowledge of the files. He is waiting for a response. He spoke with S. Dresselt to organise a meeting with the officer for the Budget and also mentioned that both fire departments would start practicing together after hunting season. He stated that both Mayor and Dg will be advised before any decisions are finalized.
- 2) Intentions of the municipality following the presentation of the study for the sharing of the fire safety services of the MRC of Pontiac
- WHEREAS** the MRC has conducted a study on the feasibility of integrating fire safety services on its territory;
WHEREAS Julien Gagnon, public and civil security coordinator at the MRC Pontiac, gave the municipal council the presentation of the result of this study on August 28th, 2018;
WHEREAS the municipal council has studied the various possible scenarios of integration as well as the real needs in fire safety of its municipality;
- 160-11/2018** It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to declare that the Municipality of Thorne is open to the possibility of integrating with the Otter Lake Fire department.
17. DEEDS
6 deeds have been received during the month of September for a total amount of \$ 4 642.52.
18. ADOPTION OF THE OPEN AIR BURNING BY-LAW
WHEREAS Council revised the Open Air Burning By-Law;
WHEREAS a notice of motion was given at the October meeting;
- THEREFORE;**
161-11/2018 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved to adopt the Open Air Burning By-Law number 010-2018.
19. OFF ROAD VEHICLES BY-LAW
The Mayor informed Council and the Fire Chief that a resolution or by-law will be prepared for the off road vehicles.
20. SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
The Mayor asked if the snowmobile association had responded to our request in October. The Dg advised her that they had not yet replied.
21. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
162-11/2018 It is moved by D. Stafford and seconded by R. Wills and unanimously resolved to close the office for the Christmas holidays from December 24th, 2018 to January 4th, 2018 inclusively. As per the employee contracts, the numbers of paid holidays following the MRC calendar will be equivalent. The office will be opened on January 8th, 2019.
22. TCRA
1) *Remembrance Day*
The Mayor mentioned that the Remembrance Day Celebration will be shared between the Municipality and the TCRA.
- 3) *Heating*
The Mayor suggested compensating the amount of \$ 250 to the TCRA for heating cost during the month of October.
- 163-11/2018** It is moved by D. Stafford and seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved to pay the TCRA the amount of \$ 250.
23. OFFICE RENOVATION
The Mayor informed Council about the cost for renovations. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the CNESST obliges us to rectify certain aspects in our municipal infrastructure. This included upgrading and creating a safer environment for all employees.
24. EQUITY RENEWAL
164-11-2018 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by R. Wills and unanimously resolved to renew the yearly subscription for the Equity in the amount of \$34.49 taxes included.
25. VALLEY HERITAGE RADIO
A request was received asking if the Municipality would be interested in their Season's Greetings Promotion. The 15 second greeting will run 2 times per day (a total of 16 occasions) from December 19 to 26, 2018, and will be packaged with one other non-competing organization or business. The cost for this package is \$150 plus HST, for a total of \$169.50.
- 165-11/2018** It is moved by M. Bean seconded by R. Charette and unanimously resolved not to accept this promotion.
26. PONTIAC ARTISTS 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;**
166-11/2018 It is moved by M. Bean seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to sponsor the Association for the Bronze level in the amount of \$ 60.00.
27. BURSARY
167-11/2018 It is moved by M. Bean seconded by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to give a \$ 500.00 bursary to Pontiac High since a graduate is from Thorne.

D. Stafford abstained from voting.

28. **168-11/2018** 2343 ROUTE 303
It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by R. Wills and unanimously resolved to send a letter to propose a mediation session between both parties.

29. GRANT – PIIRL
WHEREAS an intervention plan for road infrastructures was prepared by the MTQ in collaboration with the MRC;
WHEREAS the municipality is entitled to a grant to fix the roads identified in the plan;
WHEREAS the municipality received a quote for the amount of \$ 3000 from Cima + to assist us with the preparation of the application forms;

THEREFORE;
169-11/2018 It is moved by M. Bean seconded by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to accept this quote.

30. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
The Mayor read her report.

31. VARIA

32. RURAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

That, in the opinion of the House:

- (a) a reliable and accessible digital infrastructure – from broadband internet to wireless telecommunications and beyond – is essential and enables Canadians to seize new business opportunities, create jobs and connect with the global economy;
- (b) a reliable and accessible digital infrastructure, particularly wireless telecommunications infrastructure, plays a critical role in securing the health and safety of Canadians, notably during emergency situations caused by extreme weather events;
- (c) innovation occurs everywhere, in rural and remote regions just as much as in urban centres, and that all Canadians deserve an equal opportunity to succeed in the digital economy as a matter of fundamental fairness;
- (d) the government should
 - i. continue in its efforts to support Canadians, especially those in rural regions, in accessing the digital infrastructure they need to innovate, create economic opportunity and maintain public safety;
 - ii. examine the possibility of enabling further investments in rural digital infrastructure, including by reviewing the terms and conditions of the federal infrastructure program, Investing in Canada, to incentivize investments in rural connectivity by the private sector and by leveraging funds from other orders of government;
 - iii. continue to work with telecommunication companies, provinces, territories, municipalities, indigenous communities and relevant emergency response organizations to enhance rural connectivity and ensure maximum preparedness in emergency situations;
- (e) the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology should be instructed to undertake a comprehensive study on rural wireless infrastructure, focusing particularly on (i) the underlying causes of, and prospective solutions to the gaps in wireless infrastructure deployment in rural Canada, (ii) the regulatory role of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, (iii) the fiscal and regulatory approaches to incentivize more significant investments in rural wireless infrastructure; and report to the House at its earliest convenience; and
- (f) the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security should be instructed to undertake a comprehensive study on the public safety dimensions of wireless infrastructure deployment in rural Canada; and report to the House at its earliest convenience.

THEREFORE;
170-11/2018 It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved to support this motion.

33. **171-11/2018** PAYMENT OF INVOICES
It is moved by R. Charette seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved that the invoices totaling \$ 192 814.25 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.	\$ 1 204.89	Les entreprises MA-MI inc.	\$ 139 882.58
710 Excursions	\$ 646.73	MacEwen	\$ 804.76
Bell Mobilité	\$ 58.50	Magnalum (198) inc.	\$ 3 443.50
Benson Auto Parts	\$ 24.88	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 5 243.80
BNC Trust	\$ 895.76	MRC Pontiac	\$ 400.00
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 2 436.83	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 937.77
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 1 883.29	National Bank of Canada	\$ 3 338.93
Dale's Home Building Centre	\$ 150.57	Petro Pontiac	\$ 1 201.04
Deveau Avocats	\$ 262.14	Pontiac Artists association	\$ 60.00
Dubeau, Steven	\$ 64.19	Pontiac Journal	\$ 40.24
Equity	\$ 34.49	RFS Canada	\$ 361.31
Formules Municipales	\$ 103.35	Salaries	\$ 18 248.82
Gerard Labelle CPA inc.	\$ 846.22	SEAO-Constructo	\$ 3.74
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 33.17	Sharpe, Brock	\$ 18.45
HSBC	\$ 3 781.43	St-Joseph Manor	\$ 500.00
Hugh Tracy	\$ 11.50	TCRA	\$ 250.00
Hydro-Québec	\$ 755.45	TD	\$ 2 279.63

La Capitale	\$ 1 464.02	Telebec	\$ 462.64
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 179.63	Turcotte, Conner	\$ 500.00

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this November 6th, 2018

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

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172-11/2018

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It is moved by R. Wills and seconded by D. Stafford and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on December 4th, 2018

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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