



**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE | 2019**

REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Karen Kelly.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS: Robert Wills, Marsha Bean, Robert Charette, Deborah Stafford, Megane Bretzlaff, Jammie-Lee Coursol absent

The Director General STACY LAFLEUR is also present.

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Hogan

Mr. Hogan asked if Council was satisfied with the new building.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

***Resolution no 18-02/2019***

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by R. WILLS and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the agenda be accepted with the following modifications;

# 6 1) MTQ

# 28 FQM

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 MEETING

***Resolution no 19-02/2019***

It is moved by R. CHARETTE seconded by M. BEAN and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be accepted as written.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

***Resolution no 20-02/2019***

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the minutes of the special meeting held on January 22<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be accepted as written.

CARRIED

6. FOLLOW-UP

*1) MTQ*

The Director General informed Council that the MTQ had responded to the two requests sent by the municipality. Our first request was to have the speed limit reduced on Route 303 near civic number 2600. Our second request was to implement security measures for the intersection of Route 303 and 366. In both cases, the MTQ believes that these are non problematic areas and therefore no measures will be taken.

7. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

*1) Position*

The assistant Director General will with the help of the Road Foremen be performing the duties of the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

*2) COMBEQ*

***Resolution no 21-02/2019***

It is moved by R. WILLS seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the membership for the Combeq be renewed in the amount of \$ 431.16 taxes included.

CARRIED

8. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Mayor read the Road Foremen's report.

9. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor R. Wills asked if the snow banks can be lowered at the intersection of Thorne Lake Road and Route 303.

10. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor R. Wills has environmental concerns with the logging projects on the TPI lots and mining in the area.

11. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

No report this month.

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  
No report this month.

15. FIRE DEPARTMENT  
*1) Fire Chief Report*  
The fire chief's read his report.

*2) Radios*  
**Resolution no 22-02/2019**

**WHEREAS** the radios need to be moved to the new fire hall;  
**WHEREAS** an antenna and wires need to be installed;  
**WHEREAS** the outdoor light on the building needs to be repaired;

FOR THESE REASONS:

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the quote from CTM be accepted for the installation of wires and antenna in the amount of \$ 3 715.95.

**THAT** Council accepts the quote from Donald Hodgins inc. for the installation of the necessary wires for the radios and the replacement of the light on the front of the old fire hall.

CARRIED

16. DEEDS  
There was no deeds for the month of January.

17. ROAD GRANT - PAV  
**Resolution no 23 -02/2019**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Thorne is aware of the terms and conditions of the local Road Infrastructure Recovery (RIRL) component of the local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) ;  
**WHEREAS** the interventions referred to in the application for financial assistance are included in an intervention plan for which the MRC Pontiac has obtained a favorable opinion from the Ministry of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transportation Electrification.;  
**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Thorne wishes to submit an application for financial assistance to the Ministry for the performance of eligible work under the RIRL of the PAVL;  
**WHEREAS** only work done after the date on the letter of advertisement is eligible for financial assistance;  
**WHEREAS** the municipality of Thorne is committed to obtaining the necessary financing for the realization of the entire project, including the Ministry's share;  
**WHEREAS** the municipality of Thorne chooses to establish the source of calculation of the financial assistance according to the following option:  
 detailed estimate of the cost of the work;  
 the supply of services detailing the costs  
 the bid form of the selected contractor (call for tenders)

FOR THESE REASONS:

It is moved by R. CHARETTE seconded by R. WILLS and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the council of the Municipality of Thorne authorizes the submission of a request for financial assistance for the eligible works confirms its commitment to carry out the works according to the modes of application in force and recognizes that in case of non-compliance of these, the financial assistance will be terminated.

CARRIED

18. ADOPTION OF THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY ISOLATED ENVIRONMENT RESCUE  
**Resolution no 24-02/2019**

**WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac is committed to developing an off-road rescue program;  
**WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac has adopted a local emergency intervention protocol, which appoints 2 regional emergencies rescue teams;  
**WHEREAS** these teams may have to intervene in all the municipalities of the MRC;  
**WHEREAS** intermunicipal agreements will have to be signed to offer this service;  
**WHEREAS** it would be preferable for all municipalities to sign a common agreement to standardize interventions;  
**WHEREAS** the budget for these interventions will be managed by the MRC;  
**WHEREAS** a regional intermunicipal agreement has been presented to the Municipal Council;

FOR THESE REASONS:

It is moved by R. WILLS seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne adopts the submitted agreement.

**THAT** the Municipal Council authorizes the director general and the mayor to sign any document related to the agreement on behalf of the municipality of Thorne.

CARRIED

19. CHIP FM MEMBERSHIP  
*Resolution no 25-02/2019*

It is moved by R. CHARETTE seconded by M. BEAN and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne will not pay a membership for Chip Fm.

CARRIED

20. MORATORIUM ON FORESTRY ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC LAND  
*Resolution no 26-02/2019*

**WHEREAS** the Pontiac economy was characterized as mono-industrial;  
**WHEREAS** the forest industry for Pontiac contractors has been almost zero for almost 15 years;  
**WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac has for several years been considered one of the poorest MRCs in Quebec;  
**WHEREAS** on March 6th, 2017, the Government of Québec announced the creation of a tactical intervention group with the mandate to promote the economic development of the MRC Pontiac;  
**WHEREAS** a number of viable and lucrative business plans from local forest contractors have been presented to the various government bodies;  
**WHEREAS** the precarious economy of the region makes it difficult for local entrepreneurs to attract investors;  
**WHEREAS** a number of forestry contractors are trying to get back on their feet and resume their activities (Industries in Davidson, Litchfield, Shawville ...) but have used up their monetary resources during this fight;  
**WHEREAS** residents of the region are frustrated by the fact that the natural resources of their forests are cut, transported and processed elsewhere;  
**WHEREAS** former local sawmill workers must now travel up to almost 100km each morning and evening to work in their field;  
**WHEREAS** certain groups of residents have approached the Municipality with ideas and plans of protests for 'foreign' forestry activities;

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by R. Wills seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne requests the Government of Quebec to establish a special status for the MRC Pontiac allowing a lightening of the provincial investment rules and any other relief allowing the revival of the Pontiac forest industry;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne request that the Government of Quebec declare a moratorium on forestry activities on public lands throughout the Pontiac until the forest industry in Pontiac can revive.

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne requests the support of the MRC Pontiac and all its municipalities;

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Economy and Innovation, the Minister Delegate for Regional Economic Development, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks, the Minister of the Family and Responsible of the Outaouais, the Member of Parliament for Pontiac, the MRC Pontiac and all its municipalities.

CARRIED

21. FIRE ARM REGISTRY  
*Resolution no 27 -02/2018*

**WHEREAS** the former Premier of Quebec, Mr. Philippe Couillard forced in June 2016 the creation of the register SIAF (Registration Service of Firearms of Quebec) by not allowing the free vote of his deputies;  
**WHEREAS** the law on the registration of unrestricted firearms in Quebec came into force on January 29, 2018, stating that firearms must be registered by the end of January 2019 at the latest;  
**WHEREAS** the implementation of this register (\$ 17 million for the establishment and \$ 5 million annually for the operation) does not provide any concrete security measures to combat the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;  
**WHEREAS** the SIAF tends to demonize firearms and honest owners with the required federal permits, but completely ignores criminals procuring weapons on the black market;  
**WHEREAS** on December 20, 2018, one month before the deadline, 82% of Quebec's weapons (1.6 million) are still not registered;  
**WHEREAS** the SIAF project is likely to suffer the same fate as the Canadian firearms Registry (from \$ 2 million to \$ 2 billion), given weak results so far;  
**WHEREAS** abandoning the registry would release significant amounts that could be used for a better cause (in mental health, for example);

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by D. Stafford seconded by M. Bean and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne invites the other Quebec municipalities to ask the MPs, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec and the Prime Minister to backtrack on the law on the registration of firearms without restriction;  
**THAT** the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Thorne express its solidarity with hunters, sport shooters, collectors and citizens who consider this register intrusive and ineffective;

**THAT** the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Thorne request the Government of Quebec to concretely support initiatives against the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

**THAT** the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Thorne propose to the Quebec government to put in place necessary information and education programs to curb the stigmatization of firearms and the demonization of their owners.

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec, the Minister of the Family and responsible for the Outaouais, the Pontiac MP, the MRC Pontiac and all its municipalities.

CARRIED

22. NEWSLETTER  
The newsletter was presented to Council and they were asked to send their recommendations or/and corrections to the office. This will be mailed out with the tax bills.

23. RECYCLING PICK-UP  
*Resolution no 28 -02/2019*

**WHEREAS** the municipality wishes to change the provider for the recycling pick-up;  
**WHEREAS** a quote was received by Evolu-Tic, a company that services many municipalities in the Pontiac;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne change providers for our recycling pick up.

CARRIED

24. OFFICE HOURS  
*Resolution no 29-02/2019*

**WHEREAS** the municipal office is open 4 days a week (Tuesday to Friday);  
**WHEREAS** Council wishes to have the office open 5 days a week;  
**WHEREAS** Council has received complaints regarding Monday closures;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by D. STAFFORD and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne office will be opened on Monday's starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

CARRIED

25. TRAVEL GUIDE  
*Resolution no30 -02/2019*

It is moved by R. CHARETTE seconded by M. BEAN and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality will not be posting an ad in the travel guide.

CARRIED

26. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING  
Mayor Karen Kelly read her report.

She mentioned that some by-laws are being reviewed at the MRC level. She also informed Council that the administrative assistant for the MRC comities will be retiring and that the MRC is in the process of hiring for that position.

27. VARIA

28. FQM – GAS TAX  
*Resolution no 31 -02/2018*

**WHEREAS** the federal government has revised the categories of projects eligible for the Gas Tax Fund and excluded certain municipal projects such as city halls, fire stations, municipal garages and warehouses;

**WHEREAS** all of this work was eligible in the first agreement that ended on December 31, 2018;

**WHEREAS** this decision does not acknowledge the competence of governments for the municipalities in the province of Quebec to plan and decide the construction and improvement of equipment in their community;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are the best placed governments to prioritize the work of their communities;

**WHEREAS** several projects of municipalities in the province of Quebec are questioned because of the decision of the federal government;

**WHEREAS** many municipalities in Quebec that do not have infrastructure such as a water and sewer system will not be able to use their reserved envelope because the projects they planned are no longer accepted;

**WHEREAS** the federal government should be asked to reconsider its decision and reintroduce municipal buildings into the list of eligible projects;

**WHEREAS** the federal government should be asked to add significant infrastructure such as retention structures to this list;

**WHEREAS** the federal government should be asked to make eligible expenditures for "in house" work, that is, the cost of municipal employees assigned to a project;

**WHEREAS** Quebec government intervened on several occasions to ask the federal government to reconsider its position;

**WHEREAS** the president of the Quebec Federation of Municipalities (FQM), Mr. Jacques Demers, intervened with the federal government, by sending a letter on January 22, 2019;

**WHEREAS** the FQM asked its members to intervene with the federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honorable François-Phillipe Champagne, and the federal member of our constituency to ask the federal government to reconsider its position;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the Municipality of Thorne support the Quebec Federation of Municipalities (FQM) in its approach to the federal government asking them to reconsider its position in the categories of projects eligible for the Gas Tax Fund to include municipal buildings, structures and also make eligible the cost of municipal employees assigned to a project.

**THAT** we send a copy of this resolution to the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Quebec, Mrs. Andrée Laforest, to the Member of Parliament for our riding and to the President of the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, Mr. Jacques Demers.

**THAT** we To forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of Magog, Ms. Vicky-May Hamm, for support.

CARRIED

29.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

***Resolution no 32 -02/2019***

It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by M. BEAN and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the invoices totaling \$ 149 468.63 be paid.

I, the undersigned, STACY LAFLEUR, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne, certify that there are funds available to pay the expenses listed below.

3477835 Canada Inc.	\$ 701.25	Mcguire, Mickey	\$ 30 404.22
ADMQ	\$ 2 248.16	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 5 690.37
Bell Mobility	\$ 58.70	MRC Pontiac	\$ 61 518.62
Benson Auto part	\$ 215.41	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 480.00
BNC Trust	\$ 812.80	National Bank of Canada	\$ 1 409.36
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 1 968.66	Paul Renaud	\$ 2 874.38
Charette, Norma	\$ 120.15	Petro Pontiac	\$ 1 722.27
COMBEQ	\$ 431.16	Petty Cash	\$ 59.85
CSE Incendie	\$ 307.21	Pontiac Printshop	\$ 66.67
Dales Home Building Center	\$ 98.18	RFS Canada	\$ 361.77
Deveau Avocats	\$ 4 446.47	RICOH Canada	\$ 162.30
Dicom	\$44.35	Salaries	\$ 20 126.45
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 862.31	Spectralite / SignoPlus	\$ 76.46
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 485.77	SSQ, Société d'assurance vie	\$ 853.18
HSBC	\$ 3781.43	Studio Colleen	\$ 23.00
Hydro-Québec	\$ 267.64	TD	\$ 2 279.63
Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 86.24	Telebec	\$ 511.35
Les services exp. Inc.	\$ 1 293.47	WePC	\$ 425.41
MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 193.98		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Stacy Lafleur, Director General

30.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

***Resolution no 33-02/2019***

It is moved by D. STAFFORD seconded by R. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Karen Kelly  
Mayor

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Stacy Lafleur  
Director General

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