



Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Karen Kelly.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS: Robert Wills, Marsha Bean, Megane Bretzlaff, Jammie-Lee Coursol, D.Dtafford  
Robert Charette absent

The Director General STACY LAFLEUR is also present.

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

No visitors due to the COVID 19 regulations. The meeting was held by video conference.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

***Resolution no 48-04/2020***

It is moved by M. BRETZLAFF seconded by J. COURSOL and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the agenda be adopted with the following modification;

# 21 3) Interest on tax payment

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2020, MEETING

***Resolution no 49-04/2020***

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

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 3rd, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. FOLLOW-UP

6. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

*1) Report*

The report was presented.

7. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

*1) Report*

The road Foremen is keeping an eye on the roads, watching for flooding, washouts and blocked culverts.

Trenches have been made to help take the water off most hills to prevent erosion.

Work on the dump truck was completed in order to be ready for the safety at the end of April.

8. ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor M. Bretzlaff was approached by Steven asking why the grader was not fixed during the winter months.

She was advised that the day the company was to repair the grader, the grader would not start. They figured it was the starter. The starter was fixed but the grader still won't start so they are trying to figure out what the problem is.

9. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No report this month.

10. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

No report this month.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report this month.

12. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

All planned activities will be cancelled including the Easter egg hunt due to the restriction of gatherings.

13. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report this month.

14. FIRE DEPARTMENT

*1) Fire chief's report*

The Fire Chief's report was deposited.

*2) Commitment form*

As of now, every new fireman that joins the Thorne Fire Department will need to sign a commitment form. The number of years is to be determined.

15. DEEDS

The deeds were not received in time for the meeting.

16. DONATION – GOLDEN PEAK

***Resolution no 50-04/2020***

**WHEREAS** the Golden Peak is a non-profit organization offering in home care services across the Pontiac to seniors and people with loss of autonomy;  
**WHEREAS** since 2015, they have been offering a Medical Emergency Alarm System at no charge for the users;  
**WHEREAS** in order to help more people and to maintain the existing services, they would like to purchase more units and some bracelets need to be replaced because they will be expiring this year;  
**WHEREAS** to be able to fulfilled their goal, they need financing support;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne will donate \$ 100 towards this project.

CARRIED

17. QUOTE – WEPC  
**Resolution no 51-04/2020**

**WHEREAS** the computers have been changed and upgraded;  
**WHEREAS** the screens are no longer compatible with the new version;  
**WHEREAS** a quote was received by WePc for two new screens in the amount of \$ 402.41 taxes included;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

**THAT** the municipality will purchase the two screens.

CARRIED

18. PG SOLUTION – VOILÀ PROGRAM  
**Resolution no 52-04/2020**

**WHEREAS** PG solution has a new program that allows ratepayers to received their tax bill online;  
**WHEREAS** a demonstration was given to the DG;  
**WHEREAS** the cost for the licenses and installation is \$ 2 875 and the yearly fees would be \$ 555.00;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

**THAT** the municipality will not install this program as we do not believe it would be beneficial to our small community due to the high price point.

CARRIED

19. RESOLUTOIN CLARENDON  
**Resolution no 53-04/2020**

**WHEREAS** the municipality of Clarendon is seeking support from other municipality concerning the situation of our local hospital;

FOR THIS REASONS;

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

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne supports the resolution of the Municipality of Clarendon concerning the Pontiac Community Hospital:

*Unanimously agreed to authorize the mayor of Clarendon to bring forward the awareness of the severity of the situation at our local hospital and that the resources of the MRC Pontiac should be made available to ensure that the re-opening of the Obstetrics Dept take place as scheduled and that no further erosion of health services happen in our community. The Municipality of Clarendon would request that all the municipalities in our MRC support this motion as well as all other MRC's.*

CARRIED

20. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

The Mayor informed Council that she received a report from the MRC explaining the measures taken regarding the Covid 19 and also about the flooding. She mentioned that if they were interested, she would send them a copy.

21. VARIA

*1) Land sale*

The Mayor advised Council that the Sale of immovable for non-payment of taxes that was schedule for the month of May will be postponed until September.

*2) Contracts*

The contract reviewing working session has been postponed. The date is to be determined.

*3) Interest on payments*  
**Resolution no 54-04/2020**

**WHEREAS** PG solutions created a special program to suspend the calculation of interest;  
**WHEREAS** due to the Covid 19, many ratepayers will have difficulty paying their installment for April 1, 2020;

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by J. COURSOL seconded by M. BRETZLAFF and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the municipality will not charge any interest for late payment until May 31, 2020. If payment has not been made by May 31, 2020, the interest will be calculated from April 1, 2020.

CARRIED

22. PAYMENT OF INVOICES  
Resolution no 55-04/2020

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

**THAT** the invoices totaling \$ 150 003.01 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.

|                              |             |                              |              |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7187041 – Mc Grimmon Cartage | \$ 994.68   | McGuire Mickey               | \$ 30 708.26 |
| Bell Mobility                | \$ 58.47    | Ministre du Revenu du Québec | \$ 5 771.19  |
| Benson Auto Parts            | \$ 1243.70  | MRC Pontiac                  | \$ 63 657.42 |
| BNC Trust                    | \$ 938.70   | National Bank of Canada      | \$ 1 294.84  |
| Bretzlaff Store              | \$ 2 677.29 | PG Solutions                 | \$ 540.38    |
| Canada Customs and Revenue   | \$ 2 090.05 | PME Inter Notaires           | \$ 1 081.56  |
| Canadian Tire                | \$ 99.52    | SAAQ                         | \$ 4 418.80  |
| CNESST                       | \$ 128.47   | Salaries                     | \$ 18 094.37 |
| Deveau Avocats               | \$ 304.75   | Sani Gear inc.               | \$ 353.64    |
| Dignard Éthier CPA inc.      | \$ 1 092.26 | Santinel inc.                | \$ 128.77    |
| Hayes Manufacturing          | \$ 70.55    | SE Électrique inc.           | \$ 191.91    |
| HSBC                         | \$ 3 781.43 | SSQ                          | \$ 1 030.37  |
| Hydro-Québec                 | \$ 1 334.53 | TD                           | \$ 2 279.63  |
| Lafleur Stacy                | \$ 86.24    | Telebec                      | \$ 492.85    |
| Leaders Rick                 | \$ 120.13   | WePc                         | \$ 3 481.44  |
| MacEwen Petroleum            | \$ 1 476.81 |                              |              |

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this April 7th, 2020.

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Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

23. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING  
Resolution no 56 -04/2020

It is moved by J. COURSOL seconded by D. STAFFORD and unanimously resolved

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on May 5th, 2020

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Karen Kelly  
Mayor

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Stacy Lafleur  
Director General

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