

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE
Regular Sitting held on April 2, 2013 (7 p.m.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. Ross Vowles.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
E. Pasch, J. Schock Pulley, E. Dagenais-Schwartz, K. Kelly, R. Charette, M. Guitard
2. QUESTION PERIOD
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
72-04/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with the modifications.
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5th, 2013 MEETING
73-04/2013 It is moved by J. Schock Pulley and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5th, 2013
5. FOLLOW-UP
 - 1) *Family Fun Day*
The Summer Family Fun Day will be held on July 21st, 2013 from 12 pm to 3 pm. The event will include baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, sack races, 3 legged race, etc. A request for volunteers to help with the event will be circulated.
 - 2) *Response from Hydro-Québec*
The Municipality received a response concerning the trimming of trees.
74-04/2013 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to send a letter to Hydro-Québec asking them to trim the trees on Bryson Road along the line going into the wood and to consider widening it.

Street Light
Considering that the street light on Route 366 has not worked since December 21, 2012;
Considering that two requests were sent to Hydro Québec;
Considering that the Municipality has to pay the Hydro bill;
75-04/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to send a letter to Hydro-Québec asking them to reimburse the amount paid since December 21 for that street light.
 - 3) *Planning Advisory Committee*
The Director General approached some residents to ask them to be part of the Planning Advisory Committee;
76-04/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to have Roy Bretzlaff, Karl Erfle and Chris Warfield on the Planning Advisory Committee and to also have on the committee councillors M. Guitard, J. Schock-Pulley and the Mayor Ross Vowles.
 - 4) *Pacte Rural 2013-2014*
The Municipality was accepted by the Pacte Rural 2013-2014 grant for the play structure. A representative will come on April 24, at 10:30 am to discuss the play structure.
 - 5) *Bryson Road Situation*
77-04/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to set up a meeting with the Ministère des Transports, Député Charlotte L'Écuyer, ratepayers affected by the situation on Bryson Road, the Mayor, one councillor and the DG to discuss the problem with the wells.
 - 6) *RA Meeting Update*
Discussion about the meeting held on March 20th.
78-04/2013 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to ask the Thorne Revitalisation Committee if they could install changing tables in the bathroom at the TCRA with the balance of the FSTD grant.
6. DEEDS
There were three deeds received in February 2013 for an amount of \$ 30. The deeds for March were not received from the MRC in time for the meeting.
7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT
The inspector's report was deposited.
79-04/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to have the By-law Enforcement Officer send a letter to the ratepayer who committed an infraction by cutting trees within the 15 meter zone of the shoreline.

In March 2013, 7 permits were issued, 2 inspections were made and 3 permits were sent to the MRC.
8. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT
The Road Foreman's monthly report was deposited
9. ROAD SWEEPING
The Municipality received one quote for the road sweeping from Blue Heron.
80-04/2013 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to award the contract for the road sweeping to Blue Heron for the amount of \$68.50 /hour, sweeping all the municipal roads, intersections and to include the MTQ road within the urban area. Also have the road foreman double check to make sure the work done meets the municipality's expectations.

10. **81-04-2013** FREE LARGE "HOUSEHOLD" ITEM DROP-OFF
It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to have a free large "household" item drop-off for its ratepayers, on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of the long weekend of May (May 18/19/20) and to hire Jeff Sullivan for those 3 days to help the dump attendant. This includes beds/mattresses/chairs/couches/carpets, but excludes construction and demolition debris. Fridges and freezers don't have to be tagged that the Freon has been removed. Inform the Thorne Notice Board and Web site of the dates.
11. **82-04-2013** FREON
Considering that the Municipality must, before disposing fridge and freezer, have the Freon removed in accordance to the Regulation respecting halocarbons (art 14);
Considering that the contractor that could pick up the metal is certified to remove the Freon;
It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to rescind the \$30 charge to drop a fridge or freezer at the dump.
12. **83-04-2013** ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
The Administration Committee met on March 20th.

ACCUMULATED HOURS
It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved having a cushion of one week of accumulated hours to put in the budget for each employee. All accumulated overtime should be used within the fiscal year (Jan 1 to Dec 31) and recommends that it be taken as time off. Employees should be allowed to carry over one week vacation or the equivalent of one week of banked hours in certain circumstances, authorized by council, to cover special cases.
- 84-04-2013** LETTER TO RATEPAYER FOR ROAD ACCESSIBILITY
It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved having Me Lapointe (the municipality's lawyer) produce a letter to be sent to ratepayers concerning road accessibility and mentioned that the Municipality is not required to plow the roads.
13. **85-04-2013** FIRE DEPARTMENT
Captain
Upon recommendation of the Thorne Fire Department;
It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to name Sebastian Dresselt as Captain of the Thorne Fire Department.
- 86-04-2013** *Defibrillator*
Discussion about the defibrillator that is at the Fire Hall. The fire department mentioned that it is part of the first aid kit and it is in the emergency truck on every call
It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to purchase a defibrillator for the TCRA building and ask Oktoberfest and TCRA to pay 1/3 of the cost.
14. **87-04-2013** ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 01-2013
It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to adopt by-law number 01-2013 titled "By-law Amending the By-law Concerning the Planning Committee".
15. **88-04-2013** ADMQ CONGRESS (JUNE 12-13-14)
It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to register the Director General for the ADMQ (*Association des directeurs municipaux du Québec*) Annual Conference in Quebec City in June 2013 and to cover all expenses incurred.
16. **89-04-2013** PARTICIPATION GRANT
The Director General applied for a grant with ParticipAction to purchase baseball equipment.
In the event that the Municipality does not get the grant from ParticipAction;
It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved that the Municipality purchase the equipment needed for the sports activities.
17. **90-04-2013** BALL FIELD
Ball field maintenance was discussed. The condition will be the same as last years.
18. **90-04-2013** MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
It is moved by J. Schock-Pulley and unanimously resolved to renew the Municipality's membership with the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce for \$100.00.
(M. Guitard abstains voting due to conflict of interest).
19. **91-04-2013** ELEVATOR
A discussion took place about a grant for the installation of an elevator in the TCRA building.
It is moved by E. Dagenais Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the Municipality will participate in the project of purchasing the elevator and will contribute 1/3 of the incurred cost only if the TCRA obtains a grant.
20. **92-04-2013** CIVIL PROTECTION PLAN
The Director General contacted the individual that will be part of the Civil Protection Plan. The Mayor mentioned that we will have to include in our plan, the activities and measures to be taken in case of an emergency at the LCR-AECL. Jacques Piché will give us more details.
21. **92-04-2013** WATER FLUORIDATION
Upon request from the Town of Amqui concerning water fluoridation;
It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved not to support this resolution, since the Municipality does not presently have enough information about water fluoridation and that the Municipality does not have water system.

22. REQUEST FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIXVILLE
CONSIDERING the situation experienced by several municipalities, including the municipality of Dixville, that is found in the obligation to dismantle or restore obsolete dams within their territory;
CONSIDERING that municipalities are generally unable to meet the financial costs that this work represents;
93-04/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to support the municipality of Dixville's request, that the Government of Quebec modifies its Law on dam safety and its regulations in order to lighten the responsibility of the municipalities in connection with the obsolete work, not dedicated to electricity production, requiring a dismantling or even a restoration.
23. INSPECTOR TRAINING
A request was received from the By-law Enforcement Officer for training on the Q2-R22 By-law to be held in Mont Laurier on May 8-9. 485 + taxes.
94-04/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to register the By-law Enforcement Officer for the training in Mont Laurier on May 8-9 and to cover all expenses incurred
24. MAYORS REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
Mayor reported on the MRC monthly meeting
25. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING
26. VARIA
Municipality of Huntingdon
Clr K.Kelly gave some information about a comment from the Mayor of Huntingdon concerning bilingual status.
27. CANCER ASSOCIATION DONATION
Cancer Foundation annual Campaign.
95-04/2013 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to donate \$200 to the Cancer Foundation.
28. AMALGAMATION RESULT MEETING
The dates for the meeting were given to the councilors and municipal employees.
96-04/2013 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to close the municipal office on April 17 at noon in order to give the chance to the Director General and the Assistant Director General to attend the meeting on Amalgamation in Campbell's Bay and to cover expenses incurred in kilometers.
29. GPS TRAINING
The GPS training for the By-law Enforcement Officer will be held April 11th in Campbell's Bay.
30. TCRA MUNICIPAL TRACTOR STORAGE
Clr K. Kelly mentioned that the hydro bill for the TCRA was higher this winter because of the municipal tractor being plugged in all winter. TCRA should send a request to the Municipality for reimbursement.
31. ROUTE 366 EAST
Considering that the section of Route 366 East in La Pêche is in very bad condition;
97-04/2013 It is moved by J. Schock Pulley and unanimously resolved to send a letter to the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) complaining about the bad condition of Route 366 East and asking them when they plan on fixing it.
- 98-04/2013** PAYMENT OF INVOICES
It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved that invoices totaling \$ 90,559.38 be paid.
Certificate of Authority of Funds.

I, the undersigned, Annie Beaugard, Director General for the Municipality of Thorne certify that there are credits available to pay the expenses listed above.
Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this April 2, 2013

Annie Beaugard, Director General

- 99-04/2013** ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.
Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on May 7th, 2013

Ross Vowles
Mayor

Annie Beaugard
Director General