

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE

Regular Sitting held on February 5th, 2013 (7 p.m.)

Minutes from the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr. R. Vowles

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
E. Pasch, E. Dagenais-Schwartz, K. Kelly, R. Charette, J. Schock Pulley, M. Guitard
2. QUESTION PERIOD
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
24-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with modifications.
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8TH, 2013 MEETING
25-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8th, 2013.
5. FOLLOW-UP
26-02/2013
 - 1) *Tax stuffer brochure*
It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to print 900 copies of the tax stuffer brochure in black and white on coloured paper (green).
 - 2) *Culvert on Route 366 Ouest*
The Director General asked the Ministère des Transports du Québec if they would repair the first culvert on Route 366; they said that it's not their road and that it's up to the Municipality to do the repairs.
 - 3) *MTQ letter for Bryson and Thorne Lake Roads*
A letter was received from the MTQ in response to the letter sent December 5.
 - 4) *Senior Citizen Housing*
Councilor E. Dagenais-Schwartz gave an update on the Seniors Citizen Housing meeting held in Otter Lake. This project is on hold for now.
6. DEEDS
There were 3 deeds received in December 2012 for an amount of \$ 1 900.00. The deeds for January were not received from the MRC in time for the meeting.
7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT
The inspector's report was deposited.
In January 2013, 2 permits were issued, no inspections were made and 15 permits were sent to the MRC.
8. ROAD FORMAN REPORT
The Road Foreman's monthly report was deposited.
9. GAS TAX GRANT
A discussion took place about the gas tax grant. More information will be available at the next meeting.
10. ROAD FOREMAN PAGER
Considering that sometime the road foreman is out of range, the Administration Committee recommend that he keeps the pager.
The Director General verified with the fire department and he can keep the pager.
11. ON CALL LIST FOR ROAD
The Administration Committee recommends having an "On Call list" for occasional road laborers. This list will be composed of 3 workers.
12. OCCASIONAL EMPLOYEES WAGES
In order to be covered by the CSST, all occasional employees will have to be on payroll.
27-02/2012 Upon recommendation of the Administration Committee;
It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to fix the hourly rate at \$15.00 for the occasional road employees and they would be called in for a minimum of 3 hours.
13. ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM
Jacques Piché sent some information about grants for intervention plans for road safety in the municipal sector.
14. BY-LAW TO ENACT THE SPEED LIMIT ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ROADS
28-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to adopt by-law # 06-2012 To Enact the Speed Limit on Certain Municipal Roads with the modification at art. 4 and to the signage plan.
15. CARREFOUR ACTION MUNICIPALE ET FAMILLE (CAMF) CONGRESS
The congress of the Carrefour Action Municipale et Famille (CAMF) will be held May 23-25, 2013 in Boucherville.
29-02/2013 It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved to register the Director General to the CAMF Congress that will be held May 23-25 2013 in Boucherville and to cover all expenses incurred.
Discussion about the CAMF Rewards.

16. REVITALISATION COMMITTEE UPDATE
The Committee met January 24, 2013 to discuss the Learning Center. Conducting a community interest survey to send with the tax bill was discussed. A note will be put on the tax stuffer to inform the ratepayer to fill out the survey on the web site.
- The DG contacted the SQ and CSSS (Ann Rondeau) to see if there was some information sessions available. There is one for seniors and one for kids (5-12) at the SQ and the CSSS have an information session for seniors. Those information sessions could be presented in late spring or at the beginning of summer.
17. RURAL PACT 2012-2013
The Rural Pact 2012-2013 was discussed.
18. UPDATE OF THE JANUARY 10TH, FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING
Councilor M. Guitard gave an update of the January 10, 2013 fire department meeting. The Thorne fire department now has 10 firefighters. A meeting will be held with the officers February 27 at 7 pm. A meeting will be schedule with the Municipality of Otter Lake to discuss the fire departments.
19. NEW FIREMAN
30-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to accept Daniel Ladouceur as a fireman in the Thorne Fire Department as long as he signs a one year contract.
20. FIREMAN / FIRE CHIEF REMUNERATION
Council had a discussion about the fire chief remuneration. The fire chief will have to provide a monthly detailed activity report to council every first Monday of the month.
The fire chief and the firefighters will be paid four times per year.
21. TANKER
31-02/2013 Considering that the fire department could use the tanker during practices,
It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to rescind resolution number 03-01/2013 to sell the tanker.
- Following the road inspection of the tanker and upon recommendation from the Road Committee the tanker will be repaired.
22. BYLAW 01-2013 ESTABLISHING THE FIRE SAFETY SERVICE
32-02/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to adopt by-law # 01-2013 Establishing the Fire Safety Service with the modifications at art. 6.
23. HEART FOUNDATION – FEBRUARY HEART MONTH
33-02/2013 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Québec by proclaiming February “Heart Month”. No donation will be given at this time.
24. CANADA SUMMER JOB
34-02/2013 It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Thorne apply for the 2013 Canada Summer Jobs program.
25. VOLUNTEER AWARDS
35-02/2013 The Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development is seeking nominations for the Prime Minister’s Volunteer Awards.
It is moved by E. Pasch and unanimously resolved that the information be given to the TCRA and the Oktoberfest in order for them to provide the Municipality with a name to put in nomination.
26. CIVIL PROTECTION PLAN
The Municipality needs names to occupy different position in the plan. The Public Security Committee will meet to complete the plan.
27. TRAINING FOR BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
36-02-2013 Training will be held in St-Jérôme February 20-21, 2013.
It is moved by J. Schock Pulley and unanimously resolved to register the By-Law Enforcement Officer to this training and to cover all expenses incurred.
28. MAYORS REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING
Mayor reported on the MRC monthly meeting
29. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MRC MEETING
30. CORRESPONDENCE
Letter received from Gore Township.
A letter was received from Gore Township concerning power outage and disruption of telephone service during the storm in December 2012 and the fact that the cellular service and high speed internet are of paramount importance for the safety of our citizens and the economic, social and cultural development of our rural communities.
37-02/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and unanimously resolved to support the letter from Gore Township concerning power outage and disruption of telephone and cellular service during storms. This letter will be forwarded to Deputy L’Écuyer, Sécurité Publique, Deputy Ravignat and to the Prime Minister of Quebec, Pauline Marois.
- Lieutenant Governor’s Seniors Medal.*
Nominations are accepted until March 1st for volunteer aged 65 or over.
38-02/2013 It is moved by E. Dagenais Schwartz and unanimously resolved that the information be given to the TCRA and the Oktoberfest in order for them to provide the Municipality with a name to put in nomination

31. VARIA
a) *Thank you letter from Valerie Trnka for the school bursary*
- b) *Fun DayThanks*
Letters will be sent to volunteers to thank them for their involvement in the Family Fun Day.
32. SALE OF IMMOVABLE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES
39-02/2013 It is moved by K. Kelly and unanimously resolved to mandate the Director General, Annie Beauregard, to represent the Municipality at the sale of immovable on May 9th 2013 in Campbell's Bay.
33. FIRE DEPARTMENT SIGNS
40-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved to purchase a sign for the fire hall and 5 sets of sign for the fire trucks.
34. TANKER TRUCK
Discussion about the purchase of a tanker truck. No action will be taken at this time.
35. FORESTRY EMERGENCY
Some ratepayers in the Municipality had damage to their plantation during the snow storm in December 2012;
41-02/2013 It is moved by M. Guitard and resolved to contact the deputy Charlotte L'Écuyer to get the agency to come and evaluate the damage in the Municipality of Thorne.
Councillor E. Dagenais-Schwartz abstains from voting for conflict of interest.
36. HYDRO-QUÉBEC
Discussion about street light. The Municipality received the confirmation dated January 26 that they did receive the complaint and they will come to repair the light.
37. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
42-02/2013 It is moved by R. Charette and unanimously resolved that invoices totaling \$ 55,264.66 be paid.
- Certificate of Authority of Funds. I, the undersigned, Annie Beauregard, 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 February 5th, 2013
- _____
Annie Beauregard, Director General
38. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
43-02/2013 It is moved by E. Dagenais-Schwartz and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.
- Next regular sitting of Council will be at 7 p.m. on March 5th, 2013

Ross Vowles
Mayor

Annie Beauregard
Director General

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