



JULY

MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE | 2024

REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Resolution 81-07/2024

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

THAT the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

Present is Robert Wills, Robert Blaskie, Norma Charrette and Jammie-Lee Coursol, Deborah Stafford
Confirmed absence: Marsha Bean

Also attending the meeting: Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Marjorie Pasch, Marlene Pasch, Norma Wheeler, Brian Langemeyer, Michael Martin, Karen McIsaac, Marguerite Born, Peter Sparling, Jim King, Dwight Prophet, Christine Prophet, Mel Bean, Todd Lafleur

Mr. Sparling read a letter resulting from the Johnson Lake Association's annual meeting held on May 25, 2024. The letter addressed concerns about the transfer station hours, specifically its closure on statutory holidays. He also submitted a petition with approximately 60 signatures. He was informed that the council would revisit this issue.

Additionally, Mr. Sparling presented a second letter regarding the presence of a boat washing station. He was informed by the Director General that the municipality had applied for a grant in 2021 but was refused.

Mr. King inquired about the posting of the minutes and requested the council to reconsider the option of holding video conferences. He was informed that this matter had been discussed at a previous meeting, and due to the cost of the necessary equipment exceeding \$3,000, the council had decided against it.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 82-07/2024

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

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2024. MEETING

Resolution 83-07/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 11, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1) Report – Charles Gallant

This month, nine permits have been issued, bringing the total to 46 permits so far this year. Additionally, I have sent 12 permits to the MRC Evaluation Department for inspection.

There has been a notable increase in inquiries regarding the construction of new residences, cottages, and land development within the Municipality of Thorne. However, we have observed a decrease in the number of permits issued in June 2024 compared to June 2023 for the second consecutive month.

2) Cadastral Plan

Resolution no 84-07/2024

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

THAT the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan for the lots as described in the technical description given by Christian Schnob, surveyor, under minutes # 4957 dated June 3, 2024.

CARRIED

6. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R.Blaskie

A total of 725 tons of gravel has been spread on Greermount.
The cost for this gravel will be covered by a TECQ grant.
Road Maintenance Grant Amount is \$20,000.
The grant will be used for gravelling parts of Bryson and Mountain roads.
Liquid calcium was spread to stabilize the roads.
Recent heavy rain resulted in several washouts across the area.

A new swing set has been installed.
Mickey McGuire will donate a load of beach sand for the playground.
Crushing activities have commenced.
The tractor is leaking hydraulic oil. Despite efforts, the supervisor has been unable to identify the problem, and Schneider will be contacted for further inspection.
Repairs on the dump truck are pending as we await the necessary parts to complete the work.

2) Garner Road
Resolution no 85-07/2024

WHEREAS that the Municipality has always maintained Garner Road, which has always been considered a municipal road;
WHEREAS that pursuant to section 247.1 of the Municipal Powers Act, any local municipality that owns the land occupied by any municipal road on December 31, 2005, where no document exists to establish the Municipality's ownership of said road, may proceed with the publication of its ownership by following the formalities set out in sections 73 and 74 of the Municipal Powers Act, with the necessary adaptations;
WHEREAS that part of Garner Road runs on Mr. Barry Moskaluk's property, on lots 3 702 369, 3 858 766 et 3 858 767
WHEREAS that, as part of a subdivision project, Mr. Moskaluk will have the portion of Garner Road crossing his property registered;
WHEREAS that the Municipality will see to it that the other parts of Garner Road crossing other private properties are registered, to acquire said parcels of land by mutual agreement, for \$1, from the concerned owners;
WHEREAS that the Municipality may thus acquire ownership of these parts of the road, either by mutual agreement or by virtue of sections 247.1 and 73 et seq. of the Municipal Powers Act;
WHEREAS that it will also be necessary to obtain, as the case may be, a technical description of the portions of Garner Road located outside Mr. Barry Moskaluk's property;
WHEREAS the offer of services received from land surveyor Hubert Carpentier of the firm Alary St-Pierre & Durocher, dated June 19, 2024, at a cost of \$3,200 plus taxes, plus \$100 more or less for the registration fees for the eight lots, namely three lots passing through the property of Mr. Dwight Prophet, two lots passing through the property of Mr. Todd Lafleur and three lots passing through the property of Mr. Patrick Gowan;
WHEREAS that, if necessary, a technical description will also have to be obtained for these eight lots, if the owners concerned do not accept that these parts of the road be voluntarily registered and transferred for \$1.00 to the Municipality, and that articles 247.1 and 73 of the Municipal Powers Act will apply, which could represent additional costs for the technical descriptions required from land surveyor Hubert Carpentier;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the council gives mandate to Hubert Carpentier, land surveyor, to proceed with the registration of new cadastres on the portions of Garner Road, namely on lots belonging respectively to Mr. Dwight Prophet, Mr. Todd Lafleur and Mr. Patrick Gowan, at a cost of \$3,200 plus taxes, plus \$100 more or less for the registration fees and, if necessary, to obtain technical descriptions of these parcels of land for the purposes of applying the procedure provided for in articles 247.1 and 73 et seq. of the Municipal Powers Act.
TO this end, the council also requests that Mr. Barry Moskaluk proceeds with the cadastral survey of the portion of Garner Road passing over his property for the purposes of its acquisition by the Municipality, for the sum of \$1.00 plus professional fees.
THAT council authorizes the firm Deveau Dufour Mottet Avocats, s.e.n.c.r.l., to prepare all legal documentation required to enable the Municipality to obtain ownership of parts of Garner Road, either by mutual agreement or pursuant to articles 247.1 and 73 et seq. of the Municipal Powers Act.
THAT council authorizes the Director General to retain the professional services of a notary for the purpose of acquiring the parcels of land by mutual agreement, by notarial act, at the expense of the Municipality.

CARRIED

3) Johnson Road
Resolution no 86-07/2024

WHEREAS that the Municipality owns municipal roads located on its territory, notably Johnson Road;

WHEREAS that the base of Johnson Road has been constructed and always maintained by the Municipality;
WHEREAS that the road actually runs on lot 4 703 722 at the Québec Cadastre;
WHEREAS that the owners and the municipality agree that it is appropriate de regularize the Municipality's ownership of Johnson Road by a deed of transfer for one dollar (\$1.00) of lot 4 703 722 over which Johnson Road runs in part;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT council authorizes the Mayor and the Director General to sign all documents allowing the Municipality to obtain ownership of lot 4 703 722 of the Québec Cadastre, for a sum of \$1.00.
THAT council mandates the Director General to obtain the services of a notary to prepare the legal documentation to that effect.

CARRIED

7. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R. Wills

The Wednesday opening has proven popular, with garbage and recycling bins filling up before closing time. Ironically, the group that initially requested the Wednesday opening now finds Saturday more convenient. One advantage of the new tag system is the ability to monitor who is coming, when, and how many bags they are bringing.

However, some residents have been leaving their garbage at the closed gate on Fridays, possibly protesting the new schedule. Unfortunately, we found no identifying papers or tag numbers, making it impossible to identify those responsible for this extra workload on our waste management station workers.

One resident mentioned that some people are bringing their home garbage from the city to our station. With the new system of a flat fee added to property taxes instead of stickers, they feel compelled to haul it from home, overloading our system. While I wouldn't bother with such an effort, it's their way of expressing community spirit. Just a reminder: if the waste management system becomes overburdened, the excess costs will come from general funds, meaning all taxpayers will bear the expense of those gaming the system.

Looking ahead, there will be new regulations requiring garbage to be sorted, with organic matter (food scraps, kitty litter, grass clippings, etc.) not allowed in the regular garbage stream. If we begin adjusting now to new waste management practices, the transition will be relatively painless. Waiting until the last minute will make it confusing, inconvenient, and expensive to comply with the new mandates from Quebec City. The overarching plan includes door-to-door pickup, which seems impractical for rural communities like ours.

The contract for collecting and hauling all waste materials was awarded to FiloGreen, despite their lack of a licensed facility for storing accumulated waste before shipping to Lachute. The MRC negotiators overlooked this licensing requirement, as the previous contractor, McGrimmon, had a 'grandfathered' license from purchasing an established facility.

8. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor N. Charette

No report this month

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor M. Bean

Our operating line is at 203k, we received the road maintenance grant of 297k.

Major Bills Passed in June:

Eurovia: \$ 11,497

Newberry: \$ 73,584

Les Jeux 1000pattes: \$ 11,830 (swing set)

McGrimmon: \$ 7,246 (noted as higher than usual due to a free collection day for large items)

SE Electric: \$ 13,692

Policing: \$ 62,155

McEwen: \$ 3,349

Brant Tractor Repairs: \$ 5,341

Some areas of our budget have been exceeded this year due to unexpected equipment repairs.

10. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol

Councillor Coursol mentioned that she had spoken to the president of the Ladysmith Recreation Association. The reason for not having the horseshoe league was that there was no response when it came time to pay for the season. Additionally, to ensure fairness for all participants, the association requires everyone to use the same horseshoes. The association is currently looking into obtaining grant money for the necessary equipment.

She also mentioned that the Canada Day celebration was enjoyable and well organized.

11. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor D. Stafford

There have been numerous break-ins in our area over the past month. Please stay vigilant and report any suspicious individuals or activities you observe on your cameras or in person to the police immediately.

Your timely reports can significantly aid the authorities in identifying and apprehending suspects. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe.

Stay aware of your surroundings and be mindful of who is in our community.

12.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) *Fire chief's report – Denis Chaussé*

7 Emergency Calls from 911

911-037:

Location: 577 Rte. 301

Incident: Brush Fire

Station 5

911-038:

Location: N/A

Incident: Assistance search-rescue

Station 5

911-039:

Location: 22 Clark Lake

Incident: Bush Fire

Station 5

911-040:

Location: 366 Rte. & Bryson

Incident: Tree down blocking the road with wires, power still on

Station 4

911-041:

Incident: Off-road rescue assistance, Mansfield

Station 4 and 5

911-042:

Location: 303 Ch. Schwartz

Incident: Electric Fire

Station 4

911-043:

Location: 48 Barley

Incident: Open fire

Responding Station: Station 4

5 Emergency Medical Calls from Central Paramedic

Station 4: 0

Station 5: 5

Fire and First Responder Training

Date: June 09

Time: 8 am - Noon

Note: Mandatory Minister Requirement

2 Special Events

Event ID: S/E240614-025

Location: 394 Tessier R.J Center and St-Marie School

Station 5

Event ID: S/E240614-025

Location: Picanoc Rd. / Dubeau

Incident: Possible Danger to Citizen

Station 5

Section Meeting

Date: June 18

Time: 7 pm – 10 pm

Location: Station 5

Participants: Station 4 and Station 5

Maintenance of Vehicles

Stations: Station 4 and Station 5

Responsible Person: Danny Kluke

Maintenance of Extraction Tools

Weekly by a Certified Member

June 09: Russell Lance & Guy Lafleur

June 18: Randy Richard & Serge Lance

13.

TRANSFER STATION

2) *Days of operation*

Resolution no 87-07/2024

WHEREAS the council has decided to change the operating days of the transfer station;

WHEREAS the transfer station will now be open on Wednesdays instead of Fridays;

WHEREAS this change has caused a lot of confusion;

WHEREAS the Director General suggests maintaining these new operating days year-round;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT The transfer station will now be open year-round on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from Saturdays to Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CARRIED

14.

DEEDS

Two deeds were received in June, totaling \$ 1 805.50.

15.

OKTOBERFEST

Resolution 88-07/2024

WHEREAS the annual Oktoberfest Festival is held each year;

WHEREAS the Oktoberfest Committee has requested permission from the Council to:

- Exceed the noise by-law;
- Hold the annual parade;

- Access the Council room and Oma's room starting September 30, 2024;
- Receive assistance from the fire department and municipal workers for their truck/tractor pull;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the municipality grants permission to the Oktoberfest Committee for the weekend of October 4, 2024.

CARRIED

16.

GRANTS

1) TECQ

Résolution 89-07/2024

WHEREAS the municipality has taken knowledge of the guide relating to the terms and conditions for the payment of the government contribution under the Gas Tax and Quebec Contribution Program (TECQ) for the years 2019 to 2024;

WHEREAS the municipality must comply with the terms that apply to this guide in order to receive the government contribution, which was confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the Municipality is committed to comply with the terms that apply to this guide;
THAT the municipality agrees to be solely responsible and to release the government of Canada and the government of Quebec as well as their ministers, senior officials, employees and agents from any liability for claims, demands, losses, damages and costs of any kind based on injury to a person, the death of a person, damage to property or loss of property caused by a deliberate or negligent act arising directly or indirectly from investments made with the financial assistance obtained under the TECQ 2019-2024 program;

THAT the municipality approves the contents and authorizes the forwarding to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the attached Schedule of Project Version No. 8 and all other documents required by the Ministry in order to receive the government contribution confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT the municipality is committed to achieving the minimum capital threshold imposed for all five years of the program;

THAT the municipality agrees to inform the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of any changes that will be made to the work schedule approved by this resolution.

THAT the municipality certifies by the present resolution that the attached program of project no. 8 includes true costs realized.

CARRIED

2) PRABAM

Résolution 90-07/2024

WHEREAS the municipality was allotted \$75,000 from the PRABAM grant;

WHEREAS this grant aims to provide financial assistance to municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less, i.e., those with limited financial resources, to enable them to carry out rapid work on their municipal buildings;

WHEREAS the grant was used to upgrade the well filtration system, perform electrical work in the Bretzlaff Building, and develop septic plans;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

THAT the council certifies and confirms the completion of the work covered by the final rendering of accounts.

CARRIED

17.

MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

No report

18.

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19.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Resolution 91-07/2024

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 196 101.29 are 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.

9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 4 381.78	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 194.59
Bell Mobility	\$ 28.24	Leders, Richard	\$ 29.89
Beneva	\$ 1 321.06	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 2 359.56
BNC Trust	\$ 2 069.70	Mickey McGuire	\$ 2 586.94
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 20.90	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 9 681.96
Caisse Dedjadins	\$ 1 653.08	Multi Route	\$ 8 359.26
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 729.79	O'Malley's equipment	\$ 2 906.54
Dale's home hardware	\$ 472.89	Payroll	\$ 29 146.17
Darwin Stephens Trucking	\$ 9 492.24	Petty Cash	\$ 225.45
Deveau Avocats	\$ 61.80	Petro Pontiac	\$ 82.55
Dignard Thibault	\$ 1 063.52	Pontiac Journal	\$ 216.15
Equilube	\$ 1 587.70	Remorquage L & J	\$ 1 034.77
Gallant Charles	\$ 74.48	Telebec	\$ 570.87
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	Telmatik	\$ 288.73
Huckabones equipment	\$ 647.50	Villeneuve, Chantal	\$ 77.42
Hydro QC	\$ 953.56	W.A. Hodgins	\$ 327.50
Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$ 550.00	WePc	\$ 1 844.20
MRC Pontiac	\$ 88 467.11		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this July 9, 2024.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

20.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mrs. Born inquired whether the petition regarding the transfer station's hours would be considered. She was informed that it would be discussed among the council.

Mr. King asked for the reasoning behind the change in the days of operation. He was informed that the change was requested by some ratepayers.

Mr. Prophet had questions about the required width for the road. He was advised that documentation regarding the municipal by-law would be sent to him.

21.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution 92-07/2024

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on August 13, 2024

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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