



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE
Resolution 53-05/2024

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

THAT The regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Thorne Township, under the leadership of the Mayor, Karen Kelly is open.

CARRIED

Present is Robert Wills, Marsha Bean, Robert Blaskie, Norma Charrette and Jammie-Lee Coursol
Deborah Stafford was absent

Also attending the meeting: Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Charles Taylor, Lisanne Erskime, Joe Sage, Karen McIsaac, Brian Langemeyer, Louise Ward, John Ward, Trina Inglis

Mr. Taylor inquired about the status of our grant application to asphalt Dunlop Road. He was informed that we are not expecting a response until 2025.

He also inquired about the process for ratepayers to contact councillors. He was informed that all inquiries must be directed through the municipal office.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Resolution 54-05/2024

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

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. TENDER – GRAVEL CRUSHING
Resolution no 55-05/2024

WHEREAS there is a demand for an increased supply of gravel;
WHEREAS invitations for tender were extended to three reputable suppliers;
WHEREAS a bid from all suppliers has been received;

DJB Transport	\$ 6.79 per ton
Les entreprises Brian Staton	\$ 7.77 per ton
11802941 Canada inc. Morin Sand Gravel	\$ 5.75 per ton

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by J. COURSOL seconded by N. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved;

THAT the lowest bid, submitted by 11802941 Canada inc. Morin Sand Gravel, be accepted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2024, MEETING
Resolution 56-05/2024

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

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor R. Wills proposed an adjustment to the projected revenues for the services tax of the transfer station in number 7 of the Environment report, increasing it from \$66,000 to \$80,000.

6. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
1) Report – Charles Gallant

This month, eleven permits have been issued, making a total of 27 permits issued so far this year. Additionally, I have forwarded 12 permits to the MRC Evaluation Department for inspection.

We have been fielding numerous inquiries regarding the construction of new residences, cottages, and land development projects within the Municipality of Thorne.

Furthermore, we recently held discussions with Hydro Quebec concerning potential extensions to the hydro lines within our municipality.

I recently attended a meeting at the MRC in Campbell's Bay alongside the Territory Department and representatives from other municipalities. The focus was on preliminary work for the upcoming MRC New Schema d'aménagement, scheduled for delivery in early 2027. We specifically discussed the Township of Thorne's requirements for a new zoning layout.

7.

ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R.Blaskie

All roads that underwent maintenance this winter have been successfully graded, ensuring smoother travel conditions. Currently, efforts are underway to grade the remaining unmaintained roads, with scheduled gravel hauling set to commence next week.

Furthermore, there are plans to increase gravel production this year, supported by recent test hole findings conducted by the foreman. The assessments revealed a significant presence of sand in the underlying layers, necessitating assistance from Mickey McGuire for stump clearing at the hilltop.

In terms of equipment, the dump truck has undergone several repairs and safety inspections, ensuring its operational readiness. Additionally, sweeping operations have been completed.

In a strategic move, the municipality has decided to discontinue the use of the old grader. As such, it has been proposed to sell it via tender, with a minimum bid set at \$8,000.

2) Tender – Grader

Resolution no 57-05/2024

WHEREAS the old grader is currently not in use;
WHEREAS the municipality has made the decision to sell it;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

THAT the grader be sold via tender, with a minimum bid set at \$8,000.

CARRIED

8.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R. Wills

The volume of waste material brought to the transfer station appears to be steadily increasing, particularly scrap metal. Despite efforts to sort out electronics and appliances, the metal scrap bin is consistently overflowing. Fortunately, metal scrap brings in revenue, unlike other materials that are collected and shipped at a loss. This will continue until social infrastructure supports widespread recycling as a household norm.

Interestingly, I have noticed a decrease in the number of cans and bottles littering the roadside compared to the past. While the reason for this shift is unclear, it could signal a positive change in attitudes towards littering, suggesting that people no longer view it as acceptable behavior.

9.

LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor N. Charette

No report this month

10.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor M. Bean

As of April 30, the operating line stands at \$303,000. Notable expenditures include payments to MacEwen totaling \$3,347, JMC Camion at \$5,070, Porte Interprovincial with \$18,946, and Mickey McGuire at \$41,000. Additionally, significant government remittances for payroll amount to \$10,000.

I am still concerned about the lack of copies of bills from Otter Lake regarding fire services. Since we cover 40% of the costs, it is essential that we have transparency regarding our expenditures in this area.

A decision was made to send a letter to the Municipality of Otter Lake, formally requesting both an expense report and the agreement.

11.

RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol

I've emailed the director general about acquiring a badminton set and a storage container for the park's toys.

I plan to reach out to the recreation association to suggest promoting their events through channels beyond social media, as not everyone has a Facebook account.

12.

PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor D.Stafford

No report this month

13.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1) Fire chief's report – Denis Chaussé

There were (17) 911 calls

There were 20 Emergency Medical calls from (Central Paramedic)

Fire and First Responder Training:

April 10, 2024 Fire Practice Burning structure and quick attack for bush fire.

April 14, 2024 Fire Hall Verified all equipment's started and storage.

There were 6 Special Events:

The section meeting was held Tuesday April 16, 2024 from 7 pm to 10 pm

Special note:

Unit 18-05 Rescue boat ready for the season.

Maintenance of vehicles

The first week of April Danny Kluge was on holiday and replaced by Denis Chaussé for the regular maintenance of vehicles.

Maintenance of Extraction tools weekly by a certified member.

Week of April 23, done by Lt Randy Richard / Lt Miranda Kluge.

Week of April 28, done by Ass/Chief Ronnie Vadneau / Lt Miranda Kluge.

THAT the municipality commits to actively engage in the revision of the MADA policy and allocate resources accordingly to support this endeavor.

CARRIED

18. EQUILIBRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL
Resolution no 62-05/2024

WHEREAS the assessment roll must be revised every three years to ensure accuracy and fairness;
WHEREAS, in accordance with the mandate of the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités (FQM) and the "Normes de pratique de l'Ordre des évaluateurs agréés du Québec", an objective review of the current assessment roll (2022-2023-2024) has been conducted;

WHEREAS, following a thorough analysis of the current assessment roll, it has been determined that the assessment roll for the years 2025-2026-2027 for the municipality of Thorne should undergo an increase based on the projected median of 65%;

FOR THESE REASONS;

It is moved by N. CHARETTE seconded by J. COURSOL and unanimously resolved;

THAT The municipality proceeds with the equilibration of the assessment roll for the next triennial roll 2025, 2026 and 2027. This process was recommended by the evaluator who observed significant discrepancies between the value levels and that of the selling prices within the municipality. The work carried out within the framework of the equilibration will allow a recovery of the values on the roll and will promote the maintenance of tax fairness.

CARRIED

19. MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

20. VARIA

21. PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Resolution 63-05/2024

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

THAT the invoices totaling \$ 187 287.22 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.

2267080291 / Daniel Bélair	\$ 934.52	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 180.68
9828745 – Mc Grimmon Cartage	\$ 3 671.40	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 5 024.32
Alliance Ressources humaine	\$ 1 724.63	Ministre du Revenu du Québec	\$ 8 012.19
Bell Mobility	\$ 11.40	MRC	\$ 88 467.11
Beneva	\$ 1 877.24	Municipality of Otter Lake	\$ 29 314.96
Benson	\$ 28.25	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 288.80
BNC Trust	\$ 1 909.56	National bank	\$ 1 950.33
Bretzlaff Store	\$ 117.13	Payroll	\$ 23 687.39
Canada Customs and Revenue	\$ 3 127.46	Petty Cash	\$ 140.00
Dale's Home Building Centre	\$ 58.45	PG Solutions	\$ 201.21
Deveau Avocats	\$ 197.76	Pièce de camion JMC	\$ 2 175.32
Erwin	\$ 5 805.49	RICOH	\$ 612.10
Gallant, Charles	\$ 83.79	SG Rutledge	\$ 2 254.98
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	Sullivan, Jeff	\$ 172.45
Hayes Manufacturing	\$ 163.38	Telebec	\$ 570.87
Hetek Solutions	\$ 574.88	Tru-Line Collision centre	\$ 719.74
Hydro-Québec	\$ 1 023.62	WePc	\$ 177.06
Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$ 750.00		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this May 14, 2024.

Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

22. QUESTION PERIOD

Mrs. Inglis proposed implementing a staggered schedule for operating the transfer station during the summer months. Council assured her that they would deliberate on the matter and provide a response in due course.

Mrs. Erskine sought clarification regarding the process of equilibrating the assessment role.

Mr. Taylor proposed withholding payment for the fire services portion until the municipality receives a report detailing the expenses. He also inquired whether the mill rate would be adjusted to accommodate the increase in the assessment role.

23.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Resolution 05/2024

It is moved by R. WILLS seconded by R. BLASKIE 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 June 11, 2024

Karen Kelly
Mayor

Stacy Lafleur
Director General

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