

**JUNE MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE | 2024**

 REGULAR SITTING / MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

 ***Resolution 65-06/2024***

 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, June 11, 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

Also attending the meeting: Assistant Director General CHANTAL Villeneuve

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

 Judy Hancock, Chantal Preston, Karen McIssac, Vital St-Aubin, Lynne Douglas, Bob Landry, Brian Langermyer, John Ward, Charlie Taylor

 Mrs Hancock requested adding boat washing signs at the boat launches to help prevent this common milfoil.

 Mrs Preston had concerns about Yach road not being plowed throughout the winter season.

 Mr. Ward questioned the RA events.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

 ***Resolution 66-06/2024***

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

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

 6. 6) Job posting

 7. 2) Dump truck repairs

 CARRIED

4. TENDER – SALE OF GRADER

 **N**o bid from suppliers were received for the sale of the grader.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2024, MEETING

 ***Resolution 67-06/2024***

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

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

 *1) Report – Charles Gallant*

This month, 10 permits have been issued, bringing the total to 37 for the year. Additionally, I have sent 25 permits to the MRC Evaluation Department for inspection.

We have received numerous inquiries regarding the construction of new residences, cottages, and land development within the Municipality of Thorne. However, there has been a slight decrease in the number of permits issued in May 2024 compared to May 2023.

*2) Cadastral Plan*

 ***Resolution no 68-06/2024***

 It is moved by D.STAFFORD seconded by N.CHARETTE 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 # 4948 dated May 24, 2024.

CARRIED

*3) Cadastral Plan*

 ***Resolution no 69-06/2024***

 It is moved by J.COURSOL 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 Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes # 18748 dated May 15, 2024.

CARRIED

*4) Cadastral Plan*

***Resolution no 70-06/2024***

 It is moved by R.BLASKIE seconded by R.WILLS 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 # 4954 dated May 29, 2024.

CARRIED

*5) Resignation*

***Résolution 71-06/2024***

**WHEREAS**our by-law officer, Charles Gallant handed in his resignation on June 7th;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by D.Stafford seconded by N.Charette and unanimously resolved

**THAT** the municipality accept his resignation.

CARRIED

*6) Job posting*

***Resolution 72-06/2024***

**WHEREAS** our current by law officer has given his resignation;

**WHEREAS** we urgently need a new by law officer to take over these duties during busy summer months;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** the municipality will post the job opportunity in the journals, social media page and web site;

**THAT** the municipality will have the center in Campbells Bay conduct the interviews;

**THAT** the job will consist of a part time position and salary will be based on experience.

**THAT** the municipality verify the possibility of hiring in conjunction with other municipalities.

7. ROAD COMMITTEE

 1) *Report – Councillor R.Blaskie*

Gravel was spread over the sections of the roads designated to receive calcium treatment with a total of approximately 1200 tons distributed.

 We have enough gravel remaining at the pit for one more load.

 Morin is scheduled to arrive next week to begin the crushing process. Mickey McGuire will be stripping the top of the hill.

 The hydraulic pump on the tractor has been replaced.

 In the third week of June, the brushing will begin.

 The dump truck repairs are estimated to cost between 23 to 25 000$

 *2) Dump truck repairs*

***Resolution 73-06/2024***

**WHEREAS** the dump truck needs approximately 20-25 000$ in repairs

 **WHEREAS** the truck is needed for road repairs;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

 **THAT** the municipality repair the dump truck**.**

CARRIED

8. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

 *1) Report – Councillor R. Wills*

No significant new developments at the transfer station; recycling continues to grow, and the staff are actively sorting items, to make sure they get into the correct container. Metal and electronics are now separate items, to go in different places. Organic materials will soon need to be separated from garbage, so we may as well get used to doing that sooner rather than later.  By the time the MRC implements its plans for pickup of organic material, it will be an expensive operation, and that cost will inevitably be born by taxpayers.

9. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

 *1) Report – Councillor N. Charette*

 No report this month

The assistant Director General advised council that a request to repair the boat launch on Johnson’s Lake was refused by the ministry. They do not authorize launching ramps for private purposes considering the impact that these have on the lake and fish habitat.

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

 *1) Report – Councillor M. Bean*

 Councillor M. Bean read her report

11. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

 *1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol*

I will be contacting the ladysmith recreation committee to see if I can help them in any way . Hoping the swings can get set up soon . Wanted confirmation on the badminton equipment and it was confirmed by Chantal that we will hopefully be getting some soon.

*2) Arena user fees – Shawville*

***Resolution 74-06/2024***

**WHEREAS** the municipality currently pays user fees for Thorne residents for the Shawville arena;

**WHEREAS** the fees have increased enormously;

**WHEREAS** the municipality has built an entirely new rink;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** the municipality will no longer be paying the user fee for the Shawville arena.

Councillors J.Coursol and D.Stafford were against.

CARRIED

12. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

 *1) Report – Councillor D.Stafford*

 Questioned if there was anything new at the MRC level regarding public security.

A lot of new faces vin the area, we ask that you keep an eye on neighboring properties who may not always be around. Once again continuous speeding on all highways (Route 301, 366, 303). Atvs and side by sides, please share the road!

13. FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

May 01 – 31 May 2024

**Calls this month from (911)**

There were (07)

911-030 177 Route 303 Fire Structure Station 5

911-031 209 Blaskie Rd Electric fire and open Fire Station 5

911-032 Mrc des Collines 911 off-road rescue station 5

911-033 28 Killoran wire down station 4

911-034 2293 Rte. 303 wire down station 4

911-035 Johnson lake rte. 303 station 4

911-036 31 Stephens Rd. Life wire down Station 5

**Emergency Medical calls from (Central Paramedic)**

There were (09)

Station 4 (02)

Station 5 (07)

**Fire and First Responder Training:**

May 05, Practice # 06 Station 4 and 5 Extraction with injury 4W and Car.

May 28, Practice # 07 Station 4 and 5 Extraction tools maintenance.

May 30, Practice # 08 Station 4 and 5 Burning

May 31, Practice # 09 Station 4 and 5 Water Rescue

**Special Events:**

**There were (04)**

S/E240502-021 Official complaint against Fire department Members.

S/E240508-022 UQO Colloque Santé Mental members station 4 and 5.

S/E240528-023 Special debriefing medic# 057 members station 4/5

S/E240530-024 Special report from Insp Ginger Finan, Tree floating Farm Lake section 5.

**Section meeting:**

May 09, at station 4, Municipal office Security Civil meeting Stacey, Chantal and Fire Chief.

May 14, At the Mrc Pontiac CSI meeting from 09:30 – 12:00. D.G and Fire Chief.

May 21, Station 4 and 5 section meeting from 19:00-22:00.

May 22, Teams meeting Security Civil “After Sinister “.

May 23, At the Mrc Pontiac Chief Meeting from: 19:00 – 22:00.

**Special note:**

DSI course on line “Teams “for Fire Chief new forms for fire report

**Maintenance of vehicles**

Station 4 and 5: Regular maintenance of vehicles by Dany Kluke

**Maintenance of Extraction tools weekly by a certified member.**

May 28, during practice #07

*2) Fire Agreement – Pontiac North*

***Resolution 75-06/2024***

**WHEREAS** an agreement is needed between both municipalities for fire prevention:

**WHEREAS** the modified agreement was sent;

FOR THESE REASONS,

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

**THAT** the municipality accept the fire agreement for the year 2024.

CARRIED

14. TRANSFER STATION

*1) Large drop off – Sept long weekend*

 ***Resolution no 76-06/2024***

 **WHEREAS** the previous decision to reduce the hours for the large drop off had been approved;

**WHEREAS** the transfer station attendant suggested adding an additional day for the second drop off;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

**THAT** the transfer stations large dump day include both Saturday and Sunday for the September long weekend.

CARRIED

*2) Summer Hours*

***Resolution no 77-06/2024***

 **WHEREAS** several requests to change the transfer station hours during summer months have been received;

**WHEREAS** less consecutive closed days would prevent animals and smells;

FOR THESE REASONS;

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

**THAT** the transfer station will now be open Wednesday 10am to 4 pm and from Saturday to Monday from 10 am to 4pm until the large drop off weekend in September.

CARRIED

15. DEEDS

Five deeds were received in May, totaling $2 104.53.

16. REQUEST FOR REVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL TAXATION LAW FOR QUEBEC SURETÉ TAXES – SUPPORT

***Résolution 78-06/2024***

**WHEREAS**  the request for support from the Municipality of Upton, by resolution number 2024.04.81, for the request for revision of the law on municipal taxation for the taxes of the Sureté du Québec (hereinafter the SQ);

**WHEREAS**  under the law on municipal taxation, the government of Quebec can introduce taxes on the services of the SQ;

**WHEREAS**  local municipalities must pay 50% of the costs for the SQ service according to the regulations provided for this purpose;

**WHEREAS**  the tax burden on municipalities continues to increase;

**WHEREAS** local municipalities are subject to government decisions regarding the financing of the SQ;

**WHEREAS**  local taxpayers are under increasing tax pressure due to this high contribution;

**WHEREAS** the SQ tax rate is currently determined unilaterally without consultation or taking into account the financial needs and capacity of the municipalities;

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is proposed by M. BEAN seconded by N. CHARETTE and unanimously resolved

**THAT** formally to the Government of Quebec a revision of the law on municipal taxation relating to police services in order to lower the tax burden imposed on municipalities for financing the SQ.

CARRIED

17. MAYOR’S REPORT OF THE MRC MONTHLY MEETING

 Discussion of Assessment Fonciere

Mandate of letter to citizen from RPGL

Discussion of sales for taxes

Financial report given

Discussion of video re winter tourism

Monies for tourism  Mansfield and Ponteract outdoor rec area

FFR4 for monies for vitalisation agreement

Checking for Stone school update

Support mandate re regional planner position

18. VARIA

 1) ATV

Councillor D,Stafford suggested writing a letter to the Quad Club reminding them that Thorne ratepayers do not need an Club pass to drive on our roads.

19. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

 ***Resolution79- 06/2024***

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

**THAT** the invoices totaling $ 247 210.08 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 $ 7 246.70 Hydro Qc $ 1 896.91

 Bell Mobility $ 37.64 Jeux 1000 pattes $ 11 830.93

 Beneva $ 1 830.03 Lafleur, Jean-Paul $ 500.00

 Benson $ 1 056.17 Lafleur, Stacy $ 132.37

 BNC Trust $ 2 056.02 MacEwen Petroleum $ 3 349.89

 Brandt $ 6 877.62 Ministre du Revenu du Québec $ 9 070.88

 Bretzlaff Store $ 25.47 Ministère de la Sécurité publique $ 62 155.00

Canada Customs and Revenue $ 3 506.83 National bank $ 980.28

Canadian Tire $ 125.64 Payroll $ 27 095.06

CNESST $ 57.20 Petty Cash $ 42.00

Dale’s home hardware $ 489.98 Petro Pontiac $ 1 330.58

Delta Power Equipment $ 1 230.77 Pontiac Printshop $ 855.30

Deveau Avocat $ 928.13 Portes Interprovincial $ 205.80

Enseignes Pontiac $ 21.79 SE Électrique $ 13 692.86

Erwin $ 362.17 Telebec $ 570.87

Eurovia $ 11 497.50 Terapro Construction $ 254.46

Gallant Charles $ 99.96 Toiture Newberry $ 73 584.00

Gerard Labelle CPA inc $ 2 213.27

 Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this June 11, 2024.

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 Stacy Lafleur, Director General

 CARRIED

20. QUESTION PERIOD

 Mrs McIssac stated that they had 55 signatures to open the transfer station during statutory Mondays.

 Mr Taylor questioned if we received additional explanations regarding the fire department contract.

He also stated that we would need to be more vigilant when purchasing heavy equipment. He did not agree with the decision for arena fees.

Mr. St-Aubin asked if he could send in a bid for a lower rate as the vehicle is very old and parts are hard to find.

 Mr.Ward suggested purchasing a flag for indigenous people. He also questioned the maps for the Quad Club.

21. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

 ***Resolution 80-06/2024***

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

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

 CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on July 9, 2024

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 *Karen Kelly Stacy Lafleur*

 Mayor Director General

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