



1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE  
*Resolution 156-12/2024*

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

**THAT** the regular meeting of the Municipality of Thorne held on Tuesday, December 10, 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, Jammie-Lee Coursol, Marsha Bean, Deborah Stafford

Also attending the meeting: Director General STACY LAFLEUR

2. VISITORS / QUESTION PERIOD

Brian Langemeyer, Marjorie Pasch, Jill McBane, Charlie Taylor, Marlene Pasch, Karen McIsaac, Dwight and Christine Prophet, Samantha Renaud, Christine Anderson, John Ward

Mr. Langemeyer inquired about the need for a burning permit, while Mrs. Anderson expressed her concerns regarding the evaluation process.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
*Resolution 157-12/2024*

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

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

- # 5 3) By-Law containers
- # 22 1) Cellular Coverage
  - 2) Phones

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING  
*Resolution 158-12/2024*

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

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

*1) Report – Kathleen Gauthier*

- Permits Issued: 4
- Permits Sent to MRC Evaluation Department for Inspection: 6
- Subdivisions: 3 completed and sent to the surveyor
- Responded to inquiries via phone, email, and in-person visits
- Conducted 9 site visits to:
  - Ensure work was completedAssess properties for tree felling.
- Hand-delivered a first notice for a nuisance issue: Items too close to the municipal road obstructing plowing operations.
- Studied relevant by-laws and other pertinent information required in the role of a by-law officer.
- Participated in webinars on:
  - Pool permits and application of the Loi sur les ingénieurs.

*2) Cadastral Plan*

*Resolution no 159-12/2024*

**WHEREAS** a cadastral plan has been received;

**WHEREAS** the by-law officer of Thorne has reviewed the cadastral plan for the lots described in the technical description provided by Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes # 19383, dated November 19, 2024;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan as presented.

CARRIED

*Cadastral Plan*

**Resolution no 160-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a cadastral plan has been received;  
**WHEREAS** the by-law officer of Thorne has reviewed the cadastral plan for the lots described in the technical description provided by Hubert Carpentier, surveyor, under minutes # 19443, dated December 6, 2024;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne approve the cadastral plan as presented.

CARRIED

3) BY-LAW Containers

Councillor J. Coursol inquired whether the by-law officer could review the regulations concerning the storage of large containers on private properties and consider limiting the quantity permitted.

6. ROAD COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R. Blaskie

During the recent significant snowstorm, both trucks belonging to our snowplowing contractor broke down on the same day. To ensure timely snow removal and maintain road safety, the Road Foreman stepped in to assist with the plowing efforts. This collaborative response helped minimize disruptions and ensured that essential services were maintained during the storm.

The dump truck is currently out of service. Erwin will be tasked with identifying the issue to determine the necessary repairs. Updates on the status of the truck will be provided once the problem has been diagnosed.

7. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor R. Wills

The separation of organics from regular garbage is becoming mandatory, driven by both economic and environmental imperatives. Many residents in Thorne already manage food waste independently through composting, and it is hoped that others will adopt similar practices. To facilitate this transition, engaged citizens are sharing information on simple home composting techniques.

Recent developments in neighboring municipalities highlight potential strategies for organic waste management.

Alleyn & Cawood has implemented a door-to-door pickup system that includes garbage, recycling, and organics.

Notably, they collect organics from Otter Lake using a multi-bin truck, and the composting station in Kazabazua is conveniently located near Danford Lake.

Interestingly, Alleyn & Cawood is planning to establish its own composting facility in the future. This indicates that a door-to-door organics collection program might be more feasible than previously thought, even for municipalities facing financial constraints.

While the operational details of how Alleyn & Cawood funds this initiative remain unclear, it is impressive given the financial challenges they face, particularly regarding property taxes and MRC shares. Their model demonstrates that innovative solutions and strategic planning can help overcome perceived financial barriers.

Thorne can draw inspiration from neighboring municipalities as it navigates the transition to mandatory organic waste separation. While home composting remains a preferred solution for many residents, exploring centralized collection and processing options might offer broader benefits. Continued observation of Alleyn & Cawood's progress will provide valuable insights into the viability and sustainability of such programs.

8. LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor N. Charette

No report this month

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor M. Bean

As of this month, our line of credit stands at \$440,000, reflecting a slight reduction compared to the previous month.

Key expenses this period included:

Battleshield: \$5,703

Ministre du Revenu (Remittance): \$7,904

John Deer Grader Payment: \$6,453

Please note that the grader loan balance is \$217,000.

2) BUDGET MEETING

**Resolution No 161-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a budget meeting was held on December 3, 2024, with the accountant to review and discuss the financial projections and plans for the upcoming fiscal year;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to present the proposed budget to the public for transparency;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** a public budget meeting shall be scheduled to present the budget for 2025.

**THAT** the meeting shall be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 5 pm

**THAT** notices of the meeting shall be published through appropriate channels, including the municipal website, bulletin boards, and Facebook page, to ensure adequate public awareness.

CARRIED

10. RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

1) Report – Councillor J. Coursol

Councillor J. Coursol noted that the Christmas party for the children was a great success, with approximately 30 kids participating. The event received significant donations from local businesses. The Recreation Association is planning several upcoming events, including a trivia night on January 9, a Christmas supper on January 25, and a winter carnival in February. She also mentioned that fundraising efforts will be organized to purchase sports equipment, such as basketball nets, and to repair the ball diamond, pending permission from Oktoberfest organizers. The Director General mentioned that work on the community rink has begun, and it is progressing well. The surface should be ready for use soon, barring any unforeseen delays. This will provide a valuable recreational space for residents during the winter months.

11. PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

*1) Report – Councilor D. Stafford / Councilor M. Bean*

As winter weather has arrived swiftly, we urge everyone to exercise caution while traveling. Over the past few days, numerous accidents have occurred in our area due to hazardous road conditions. Please take your time and prioritize safety—arriving late is far better than not arriving at all. With the recent snowfall, snowmobile enthusiasts will soon be hitting the trails. We remind everyone to prioritize safety and remain vigilant when sharing the roads with vehicles. Responsible and attentive behavior ensures that everyone can enjoy the season safely. If you encounter any issues or have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the police department for assistance. Let's work together to make this winter a safe and enjoyable time for all.

On November 19, Councilor M. Bean attended the Firemen's Meeting. Key discussions included:  
Carbon Monoxide Call-Out:

A significant incident involved eight individuals, including a newborn, exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning. Would Council consider issuing a reminder about safety precautions when using generators during power outages? The Fire Department is considering implementing winter safety protocols for brush pile burning to enhance safety standards.

We conducted a detailed budget review for the Fire Department, emphasizing its dual role as both a service and an amalgamation. The budget increased by \$20,000, attributed to:

Replacement of equipment at the end of its useful life, including bunkers, boots, gloves.

Acquisition of new equipment such as gas detectors, nightsticks, flashlights, and hoses.

Call Statistics (As of November 25):

911 Calls: 93

Medical Calls: 148

Other Calls: 48

A new committee has been formed to review the budget every three months. We are also in the process of negotiating additional clauses to enhance our fire agreement with OL.

12. FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

There were a total of 7 calls this month:

1. 911-088: 41 Roy Street, Fire Station 5
2. 911-089: 12 Killoran Electric, Fire Station 4
3. 911-090: 28 Ch Gratton, Carbon Monoxide Incident, Fire Station 5
4. 911-091: 225 Rte. 303, MVA Extraction, Fire Station 5
5. 911-092: TNO Klukeville, Assistance to Citizen, Fire Station 5
6. 911-093: 381 Ch. Thorne Lake, Tree Down Blocking Main Road, Fire Station 4
7. 911-094: 11 Ch. Gratton, Carbon Monoxide Incident, Fire Station 5

There were a total of 19 medical calls this month:

- Station 4: 5 Station 5: 14

A total of 3 training sessions took place:

1. Formation -023: November 06, Regular training Firefighter, Station 4 and 5
2. Formation -024: November 29, Pumper Course Exams, Station 4 and 5
3. Formation -025: November 30, SAAQ Green Light Course, Station 4 and 5

A total of 6 special events occurred:

1. S/E 241111-046: November 11, Ceremony for Remembered Day, Station 4 and 5
2. S/E 241111-047: November 11, MRC Side by Side CTM Communication for Emergency Equipment, Station 5
3. S/E 241112-048: November 12, Assistance to ENPQ Evaluators for Exams, Station 4 and 5
4. S/E 241128-049: November 28, Danny Kluge, Fill SCBA Tanks (Shawville as per Budget), Station 4
5. S/E 241130-050: November 30, Caroline Gagné, Medic File Sent to Central Paramedic, Station 4 and 5
6. S/E 241130-051: November 30, Instructor for Firefighter 1 Course, Station 4 and 5

A total of 2 Section Meetings:

- November 19: 19:00-21:00, Section Meeting
- November 26: 19:00-21:00, Association Pontiac North Meeting (Members Only)

Regular maintenance of vehicles was carried out by Danny Kluge for Station 4 and 5, including the following:

Side by Side Rescue Vehicle 11-05    Rescue Boat 18-05

Weekly maintenance of Extraction Tools conducted by certified members at Station 4 and 5:

- November 13: Russell Lance & Guy René Lafleur
- November 21: Randy Richard & Serge Lance

A total of 2 Permit to Burn was issued:

- 2024-058: 183 Ch. Laprise, Station 5, from November 29 to December 15
- 2024-059: 210 Ch. Stevens, Station 5, from December 02 to December 15

13. DEEDS

4 deeds were received in November, totaling \$ 3 773.34.

14. DONATION SCHOOL PETITS PONTS

**Resolution 162-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a donation request was received from the Otter Lake elementary school ( Petits-Ponts- St. Mary's Pavillon) for their community Christmas Dinner for the students and family members;  
**WHEREAS** Thorne students also attend this school;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** council will donate an amount of \$ 150.00 toward this project.

CARRIED

15.

**BY-LAW ADOPTION**

**1) INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THORNE**

**Resolution 163-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the Internal Management of Meetings by-law was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed by-law at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the Internal Management of Meetings by-law as presented.

CARRIED

**2) POLICY ON THEFTS IN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.**

**Resolution 164-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the policy on theft in municipal facilities was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the policy on theft in municipal facilities as presented.

CARRIED

**3) MUNICIPAL FRAUD PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**

**Resolution 165-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the policy on municipal fraud prevention and management was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the municipal fraud prevention and management policy as presented.

CARRIED

**4) BUDGETARY CONTROL AND MONITORING.**

**Resolution 166-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the policy on budgetary control and monitoring was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the budgetary control and monitoring policy as presented.

CARRIED

**5) DIRECTIVE RELATING TO THE USE OF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

**Resolution 167-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the directive relating to the use of a language other than the official language by-law was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts directive relating to the use of a language other than the official language by-law as presented.

CARRIED

6) *GRADING OF PRIVATE ROADS*  
*Resolution 168-12/2024*

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the policy for grading private roads was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the policy for grading private roads as presented.

CARRIED

7) *CONTRACT MANAGEMENT*  
*Resolution 169-12/2024*

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion for the adoption of the contract management by-law was given on November 12, 2024;

**WHEREAS** the council has reviewed and discussed the proposed policy at its meetings;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne hereby adopts the contract management by-law as presented.

CARRIED

16. MUNICIPALITY OF SHAWVILLE – CONTRIBUTION REQUEST  
*Resolution 170-12/2024*

**WHEREAS** the Shawville arena has been managed by the Municipality of Shawville for many years, providing a vital community space for recreational activities such as skating, hockey, and figure skating;

**WHEREAS** the arena is a gathering space for residents of multiple municipalities, including Thorne, Bristol, and Clarendon, and is not limited to Shawville residents;

**WHEREAS** operational expenses for the arena have been increasing, placing additional financial pressure on its management;

**WHEREAS** in 2024, the Municipality of Thorne contributed \$687.50 in user fees for children utilizing the arena, and the Municipality of Clarendon has agreed to make an annual lump sum contribution to support the arena;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Thorne considers contributing an annual lump sum of a \$ 1 000.00 to help with the operating expenses of the Shawville arena in place of the current user-fee system;

CARRIED

17. WEBSITE  
*Resolution No. 171-12/2024*

**WHEREAS** the municipality was informed by a third party that the current web designer is no longer available to manage the municipal website;

**WHEREAS** maintaining the municipal website's content and functionality is essential for effective communication with residents;

**WHEREAS** Calumet Media has been engaged to train the Director General (DG) on using the Wix platform, enabling internal management and updates to the website's content;

**WHEREAS** Calumet Media will assume responsibility for managing payments related to website hosting and the domain name.

**WHEREAS** Calumet Media will charge a 10% surcharge on the total hosting and domain costs, amounting to approximately \$45 USD plus applicable taxes;

**WHEREAS** Calumet Media will provide complimentary phone support for general inquiries. For complex tasks, a rate of \$100/hour will apply, with flexibility on how hours are calculated for small tasks.

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** a letter of resilience will be sent to the current web designer to acknowledge their past contributions and formally inform them of the transition.  
**THAT** the municipality formally accepts Calumet Media's proposal to take over website management services.

CARRIED

18.

SQ  
**Resolution no 172-12/2024**

**WHERAS** the municipalities served by the Sûreté du Québec have just received their invoice for the year 2025;  
**WHERAS** the average of the announced increases is 6.47%, but that the increases for several municipalities are much more significant, even considerable;  
**WHERAS** the 2025 bill marks the end of the transitional period to lead to a 50-50 sharing of the bill for Sûreté du Québec services between the Government and the municipalities. A period characterized by the establishment of an increase ceiling of 7% and a floor of 2%;  
**WHERAS** during the negotiations for the new formula in 2019, the authorities of the Ministry of Public Security assured its municipal partners that the increases would be approximately 3% per year once the transitional period ended and that this formula would protect the municipal world from increases of the nature of those announced in 2025;  
**WHERAS** the inflation rate is now less than 2%;  
**WHERAS** the media have recently reported on the management of overtime by police officers in the regions, which is causing significant pressure on the overall cost of the Sûreté du Québec service billed to municipalities;  
**WHERAS** the legitimate questions from several elected officials concerning the real impact of the number of unfilled police positions and the significant use of overtime, while an effective police service requires stability and a long-term, developed community presence;  
**WHERAS** the unconsidered increase in the costs of the Sûreté du Québec and their impact on the bill imposed on municipalities;  
**WHERAS** the municipal world is not involved in determining the working conditions of police officers and the management of the Sûreté du Québec;  
**WHERAS** the total amount billed to municipalities for 2025 amounts to more than \$444.8 million, a considerable amount that should give municipalities a say in the management of these services.

FOR THESE REASONS

It is moved by M. BEAN seconded by J. COURSOL and unanimously resolved;

**THAT** the municipality of Thorne ask the Minister of Public Security, Mr. François Bonnardel :

- To mandate an external firm to analyze the management of the Sûreté du Québec, similar to the approach taken with municipal transport companies, which made it possible to identify possible solutions to save several hundred million dollars;
- To maintain a ceiling and a floor for the increase in bills in the permanent formula as in the transitional formula until the analysis has identified means to control the inconsiderate increase in the cost of Sûreté du Québec services.

**THAT** a copy of the resolution be sent to the Minister of Public Security, Mr. François Bonnardel , to the Member for the constituency, to the Director General of the Sûreté du Québec, Ms. Johanne Beausoleil and to the President of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), Mr. Jacques Demers.

CARRIED

19.

GARNER ROAD  
**Resolution no 173-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** a mandate has been given to the firm of land surveyors Alary St-Pierre & Durocher for the preparation of a technical description of parts of lots 3 781 009 and 3 781 010 of the Cadastre du Québec, Pontiac Land Division, these lots being better known as part of Garner Road;  
**WHEREAS** a certified copy of the technical description number 19406 of Hubert Carpentier's minutes was deposited at the municipal office on December 4, 2024;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the preamble is part of this resolution;  
**THAT** the Council approves the technical description number 19406 of Hubert Carpentier's minutes as filed;  
**THAT** the site of the land is determined in accordance with this description;

**THAT** two notices will be published in a local newspaper for the purpose of the municipalisation of part of Garner Road.

CARRIED

20.

INTERACT TERMINAL  
**Resolution no 174-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** more and more residents are requesting the option to use their debit cards for payment;

**WHEREAS** Clover, affiliated with the National Bank, offers a promotional deal to purchase a terminal for \$185 instead of \$900, with monthly fees of \$10 and a cost of \$0.07 per debit transaction;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**THAT** the council approves the purchase of the Clover terminal under the terms of this special offer to facilitate debit card payments for residents.

CARRIED

21. MAYOR'S REPORT

*Report – K. Kelly*

Further discussions were held regarding the evaluation process to ensure clarity and alignment with objectives for 2025.

Key dates for the 2025 calendar were finalized, outlining important events and deadlines.

The remuneration structure for election staff in 2025 was reviewed and discussed to ensure fair compensation.

Updates were provided regarding the land tax sale in Portage, including its status and next steps.

Signing authority was formally granted to T. Lafleur, ensuring operational efficiency.

Annie presented the financial report, providing an overview of the municipality's current financial standing and recent expenditures.

Contributions from Clarendon were allocated to support Shawville Recreation initiatives.

Funding was discussed and designated for an upcoming cultural project to enhance community engagement.

Opportunities for grants to support winter activities were explored, aiming to enhance seasonal programs for residents.

A flood adaptation plan was discussed, focusing on strategies to mitigate risks and improve preparedness for potential flooding events.

This meeting covered key topics vital to the municipality's planning and operational needs for 2025, ensuring alignment with both community and administrative goals.

22. VARIA

1) Cellular coverage

**Resolution no 175-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** cellular coverage remains insufficient in several regions of Quebec, limiting access to an essential service for residents and visitors;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Quebec has committed to deploying complete cellular coverage across the entire territory by October 2026, recognizing its importance for the quality of life of citizens and socio-economic development, particularly in a context where automation is becoming an essential solution to the labour shortage;

**WHEREAS** reliable cellular services are essential to ensure access to information, health services, and public safety responses, and poor coverage compromises the safety of people in areas with limited coverage or when roaming, particularly in emergencies requiring rapid response by first responders;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) procedure CPC-2-0-17 imposes conditions of licence on cellular service providers (CSPs), including mandatory roaming, tower sharing and prohibition of site exclusivity, in order to promote network access for subscribers of another CSP when a service is available;

**WHEREAS** this same procedure does not, however, oblige FSCs to request the service of another provider in the event of non-existent coverage in a given region, thus limiting the scope of the measure;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Quebec and the CRTC provide significant subsidies to telecommunications companies for the construction of new cellular infrastructure in order to improve coverage in the region;

**WHEREAS** despite the presence of more than 8,500 cell towers in Quebec, the exclusive use of these towers by a single FSC limits access for other providers and constitutes a major obstacle to the deployment of optimal cellular coverage for the entire population;

FOR THESE REASONS

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

**TO** ask the Liberal Party of Canada, the Conservative Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Bloc Québécois: To include in their electoral platform for the next federal election the obligation for all cellular service companies to conclude roaming agreements so that cellular service customers, regardless of their provider, can benefit from the presence of cellular sites in the region where they are located;

**TO** send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Finance of Quebec, Mr. Eric Girard, responsible for fulfilling the government's commitment to provide cellular service throughout the inhabited territory in this mandate;

**TO** send a copy of this resolution to the directors of telecommunications companies, in particular BCE (Bell), Videotron, Rogers, TELUS and Cogeco.

CARRIED

2) Phones services

**Resolution no 176-12/2024**

**WHEREAS** the municipality received a proposal from WePc regarding a VOIP phone system;

**WHEREAS** this new system would result in an approximate annual savings of \$1,500;

DESPITE THESE REASONS

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

THAT the municipality will not proceed with converting to the new VOIP phone system at this time because the current contract with Telebec ends in January 2027, and early termination would require a cancellation fee of approximately \$3,000;

CARRIED

22. PAYMENT OF INVOICES  
**Resolution 177-12/2024**

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

**THAT** the invoices totaling \$ 183 412.76 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.

9231-6082 Québec inc.	\$ 2 185.90	Hydro Qc	\$ 2 243.41
9828745 – Mc Grimmon	\$ 631.70	Lafleur, Jean-Paul	\$ 300.00
Battleshield industrie	\$ 3 096.65	Lafleur, Stacy	\$ 107.36
Beneva	\$ 1 729.56	Leders, Richard	\$ 20.13
Benson	\$ 25.25	Les Éditions Wilson & Lafleur	\$ 924.00
BNC Trust	\$ 1 491.48	MacEwen Petroleum	\$ 3 768.13
Calumet Media	\$ 172.46	McGuire, Mickey	\$ 97 536.90
Canada Customs	\$ 2 823.38	Ministre du Revenu	\$ 7 293.52
Dale’s Home hardware	\$ 84.22	Municipality of Litchfield	\$ 1 000.00
Deveau Avocats	\$ 1 835.00	Municipality of Otter Lake	\$ 29 000.00
Dubeau, Steven	\$ 41.48	National Bank	\$ 497.40
Enseigne Pontiac	\$ 358.17	Payroll	\$ 19 416.22
FQM insurance	\$ 272.50	Pontiac Journal	\$ 143.72
Fortin Lebel surveyor	\$ 1 086.51	Pontiac Printshop2	\$ 182.12
Gauthier, Kathleen	\$ 57.34	Purolator	\$ 25.64
Gerard Labelle CPA inc	\$ 2 213.27	Telebec	\$ 436.06
Graphica impression	\$ 858.86	T & J Refrigeration	\$ 212.42
Groupe instant santé	\$ 192.00	Municipality of Shawville	\$ 1 000.00
École des Petits Ponts	\$ 150.00		

Whereof, this certificate is given in Ladysmith, this November 12, 2024.

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Stacy Lafleur, Director General

CARRIED

23. QUESTION PERIOD

Mrs. McIsaac had questions regarding the elections and the budget, specifically concerning the mill rate. Mr. and Mrs. Prophet requested information about Garner Road. Mr. Taylor inquired about the grading of private Road by-law. Mrs. Renaud asked whether the Thorne Fire Department would remain affiliated with Pontiac North.

24. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING  
**Resolution 178-12/2024**

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

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Next regular sitting of Council will be held at 7 p.m. on January 14, 2025

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Karen Kelly  
Mayor

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Stacy Lafleur  
Director General

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