

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7  
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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## Call to Order

Reeve Henry Zolkewski called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The following were in attendance during the course of the meeting on this date:

DIVISION	NAME	A.M.	P.M.
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>			

1	CHARLES NEWELL	X	X
2	KEVIN GRUMETZA	X	X
3	HENRY ZOLKEWSKI	X	X
4	CORI KUZYK	X	X
5	WAYNE CROSWELL	X	X
6	SHELLY HANASYK	X	X
County Manager	DAN SMALL	X	X
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	X
Recording Secretary	JEANNETTE CHOLACH	X	X

## Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Adoption of  
Agenda

County Manager Dan Small stated that he wanted item O. In-Camera Item b) Hamlet of Thorhild Infrastructure Audit Proposals taken off the agenda as Administration is not ready to present this matter.

Resolution 330-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of August 11, 2009, be adopted with the following amendment:

Strike off: O. In-Camera Item b) Hamlet of Thorhild Infrastructure Audit Proposals

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

July 28, 2009  
Regular and July 30,  
2009 and August 6,  
2009 Special  
Council Meetings

Resolution 331-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 28, 2009 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings of July 30, 2009 and August 6, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## Delegations

There were no delegations booked for this Council Meeting.

Administrative  
Reports

County Manager's  
Report

County Manager Dan Small presented his report and reported on the following matters:

- Thorhild Regional Water Services Commission
- Highway 28/63 Functional Planning Study Group
- Vintage Flat Track Racing
- Salary and Benefits Survey
- County Council Tour
- Long Lake Alternative Access Road Consultation Open House

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 AUGUST 11, 2009Adopt County  
Manager's ReportResolution 332-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the County Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Planning and  
Development  
Report

Ms. Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, reported on the following matters:

- Assessment Review Board Hearing
- Public Auction
- Unregistered Sand and Gravel Pits
- Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Plan Review
- Vesta School Resolution to be addressed at the August 25, 2009 Council Meeting
- Natural Resources Conservation Board Leak Detection Monitoring Program Update
- GROWTH Alberta Meeting

Adoption of  
Planning and  
Development  
ReportResolution 333-2009

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Unfinished  
Business

There was no information presented with respect to the Unfinished Business section for this meeting.

Correspondence  
Letter from  
Concerned  
Citizens of Thorhild  
County – July 30,  
2009

Reeve Henry Zolkewski spoke to the matter of the Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County July 30, 2009 correspondence requesting a public apology with respect to the petition the Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County submitted in 2007 by saying that those who signed did not have the information and that none of the Waste Management open houses had even happened by the time the petition was circulated. Reeve Zolkewski stated that he is prepared to apologize regarding the statement on dates. Mr. Zolkewski also apologized to Councillor Charles Newell regarding the misconduct of the public at a previous meeting when he should have ruled them out of order.

Reeve Henry Zolkewski stated that the County would continue to work with the Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County.

Resolution 334-2009

Moved by Charles Newell that correspondence item H. a) Letter from Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County, July 30, 2009, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

NRCB Leak  
Detection  
Monitoring  
Program UpdateResolution 335-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that correspondence item H. b) NRCB (Natural Resources Conservation Board), July 31, 2009, which provides an update on its new leak detection monitoring program be received as information.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 AUGUST 11, 2009Committee Reports & Bylaws

There was no information presented with respect to the Committee Reports & Bylaw sections for this meeting.

Notice of Motions  
Councillor Wayne  
Croswell: Amend  
Procedural Bylaw  
1082-2007

Councillor Wayne Croswell circulated and read the following notice of motion which is to proceed to the August 25, 2009 Council Meeting:

That Council amend the Procedural Bylaw 1082-2007 to include the following:

- Audio taping of Council Meeting be permitted by media, staff, council or any member of the public.
- Question and Answer Period with Council. Have ½ hour scheduled per meeting in which the public can ask questions of Council.

Councillor Cori  
Kuzyk: Develop a  
Road Rebuilding  
Program

The following notice of motion, as provided by Councillor Cori Kuzyk, is to proceed to the August 25, 2009 Council Meeting:

That the County of Thorhild develop a road rebuilding program to identify roads which have fallen below a defined minimum standard and to rebuild these roads back to the defined municipal standard.

- This would allow for budgeting ahead to ensure a perpetual road maintenance program is established and enforced to bring failing roads back up to acceptable standards and ensure a strong infrastructure, well into the future throughout the County of Thorhild No. 7
- This program should set standards for both rural and urban road infrastructure.
- Ensures failing roads are identified well ahead, to allow for proper budgeting a year in advance to prepare finances.
- County of Thorhild No. 7 will hold themselves as well as developers to these standards to ensure strong infrastructure throughout the County.
- Standard is established and maintained throughout the County of Thorhild No. 7

## Recess

Reeve Henry Zolkewski called for a recess at 10:17 a.m.

## Reconvene

Reeve Henry Zolkewski reconvened the meeting at 10:26 a.m. with Angela Bilski, Census Coordinator, in attendance.

New Business  
2009 County of  
Thorhild Census  
Project Results

Angela Bilski, Census Coordinator, presented Council with the results of the 2009 County of Thorhild census. Ms. Bilski reported on the process followed, demographics by age and area/division, census participation rate, listed the total population as 3426, electoral division population and population figures per hamlet and subdivision.

Resolution 336-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the 2009 County of Thorhild census report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Angela Bilski, Census Coordinator, left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 AUGUST 11, 2009New Business

August 25, 2009  
County Council  
Meeting  
Delegations

County Manager Dan Small advised that the following delegations and public processes are tentatively scheduled for the August 25, 2009 Council Meeting:

- Tax Recovery Public Auction (adjourned from July 14, 2009)
- Report on Long Lake Road consultation process (Stewart Weir)

Mr. Small requested that any further delegations to Council for the August 25th Council Meeting be deferred to future meetings due to the CAO and three managers being away all or part of the week prior to the August 25, 2009 Council Meeting.

Resolution 337-2009

Moved by Henry Zolkewski that any new requests for delegations to the Council meeting on August 25, 2009 be deferred to future Council Meetings.

CARRIED

Unregistered Sand  
and Gravel Pits,  
Alberta  
Environment

County Manager Dan Small spoke to the correspondence received from Alberta Environment with regard to unregistered sand and gravel pits. Mr. Small advised that any person constructing, operating or reclaiming a sand or gravel pit greater than 5 hectares or 12.5 acres of size was required to obtain a registration from Alberta Environment.

Resolution 338-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receive the July 21, 2009 correspondence from Alberta Environment advising of unregistered sand and gravel pits legislation as information.

CARRIED

Three Year Bridge  
Program (2009/10  
to 2011/12)

County Manager Dan Small presented Council with an overview of the County's three year bridge program (2009/10 to 2011/12).

Resolution 339-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the three year bridge program from 2009/10 to 2011/12 as proposed by AMEC Earth and Environmental.

CARRIED

Notice of Motions:  
Reeve Henry  
Zolkewski:  
Declaration as an  
Agricultural  
Disaster Area

Resolution 340-2009

Moved by Henry Zolkewski that Council address the emergent situation with respect to declaring the County of Thorhild as an agricultural disaster area due to drought conditions at this Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Declaration of the  
County of Thorhild  
As an Agricultural  
Disaster Area Due  
To Drought  
Conditions

Resolution 341-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Council of the County of Thorhild declare the County of Thorhild as an agricultural disaster area due to drought conditions.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 AUGUST 11, 2009Council Members' Reports

Deputy Reeve  
Charles Newell,  
Councillor –  
Division 1

Deputy Reeve Newell attended and reported on the following:

- Regular Council Meetings
- Radway Pioneer Days
- County tour – found to be an educational experience but only got half way through the itinerary. As this is a worthwhile venture, feels that more time should be spent and a list of things to do be compiled and mini tours be held in the spring, summer and fall.

Kevin Grumetza,  
Councillor,  
Division 2

Councillor Kevin Grumetza attended and reported on the following:

- Regular Council Meetings
- Electoral Boundary proposals meeting
- County tour – suggests scheduling on a regular basis

Reeve Henry  
Zolkewski –  
Councillor,  
Division 3

Reeve Henry Zolkewski reported on the following matters:

- Appreciated the good discussions that Council members are having this morning
- Reminder about the outside recreational area opening at the Thorhild Lodge on Saturday, August 15th
- The Sunflower Memorial Park Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m.
- Commended the local communities for their efforts

Cori Kuzyk,  
Councillor –  
Division 4

Councillor Cori Kuzyk attended and reported on the following:

- Regular Council meetings
- Highlights of the Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting – i) Rural Affordable Supportive Living Program ii) Assessment Review Board training iii) liabilities for municipal firefighters with reference to Bills 49, 202 and 203 iv) Calls of concerns – to address with Administration
- Suggested that an action list be adopted by Council

Wayne Croswell,  
Councillor –  
Division 5

Councillor Wayne Croswell attended and reported on the following:

- Reiterated that one of the highlights of the Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting was the Seniors and Community Supports initiative through the provincial government
- Assessment Review Board – change in structure with reference to Bill 23
- Regular Council and Special Meetings

Shelly Hanasyk,  
Councillor,  
Division 6

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk attended and/or reported on the following:

- Attended regular meetings and functions as mentioned by other Councillors
- Bill 23 – Assessment Review Board changes pending
- Flat Track Meeting
- Sunflower Contest Planning Committee
- Will be attending the Thorhild Lodge recreational area opening on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Resolution 342-2009

Moved by Charles Newell that the Councillors' reports be received as information.

CARRIED

Requisitions

There was no information presented with respect to the requisitions section for this meeting.

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Recess Reeve Henry Zolkewski called for a recess at 11:42 a.m.

Reconvene Reeve Henry Zolkewski reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Confidential Items: Resolution 343-2009

Electoral Boundary  
Redistribution  
Proposals

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council go in camera to discuss and review the electoral boundary redistribution proposals at 12:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 344-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the meeting return to open meeting at 1:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Award of Contract Resolution 345-2009  
for Electoral

Boundary  
Redistribution

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council award the contract for electoral boundary redistribution to Sierra Systems Group Inc.

CARRIED

Adjournment Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.