

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Call to Order

Reeve Charles Newell called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, in attendance.

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

DIVISION NAME A.M. P.M.
ATTENDANCE

1	CHARLES NEWELL	X	X
2	KEVIN GRUMETZA	X	X
3	Vacant		
4	CORI KUZYK	X	X
5	WAYNE CROSWELL	X	X
6	SHELLY HANASYK	X	X
County Manager	DAN SMALL	X	X
Agriculture & Community Services Director	CINDY OLCHOWY	X	X
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	X
Gas & Utilities Director	JOYCE PIERCE	X	X
Manager of Land Use and Taxes	CHERYL PASAY	X	X
Public Works Director	RICK NIETUPSKI	X	
Recording Secretary	JEANNETTE CHOLACH	X	X

Public Hearing(s)

There were no Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Adoption of
Agenda

Resolution 534-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of December 22, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes

Resolution 535-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Minutes for the Council Meeting of December 8, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities
Committee Report
Business Arising from the
Minutes/New Business
and Correspondence

There was no information presented with respect to the Business Arising from the Minutes/New Business and Correspondence sections for this meeting.

Gas and Utilities
Director

Gas and Utilities Director Joyce Pierce reported on the operations and maintenance of the gas, water and sewer divisions, regional water lines and key meetings for the month of December.

Adopt Gas and
Utilities Director's
Report

Resolution 536-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Gas and Utilities Director's report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 DECEMBER 22, 2009Agriculture and
Community
Services –Business Arising from the
Minutes/New Business
and Correspondence

There was no information presented with respect to the Business Arising from the Minutes/New Business and Correspondence sections for this meeting.

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

Agricultural Fieldman Harold Hamilton reported on the following matters:

- Agriculture – Weeds and control methods, winter feeding workshop
- Club Root
- Predation update
- Water Management
- Training/Seminars

Adopt Agricultural
Fieldman's ReportResolution 537-2009

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 10:09 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. with members of the County of Thorhild Municipal Library Board: Dana Carstens, Treasurer; Karene Schaeffer, Assistant Treasurer; Nancy Sadoway, Vice-Chair; Morgan Johnstone, Radway Library Manager; and Rose Alexander, Thorhild and Newbrook Library Manager, in attendance.

Delegation:County of Thorhild
Municipal Library
Board

Assistant Treasurer Karene Schaeffer presented highlights of the operations of the three libraries in the County and the 2010 Libraries Budget via power point presentation. Council commended the Board members and librarians for their work, and the Director of Corporate Services advised that the Library Board's budget request had been compiled into the adjustments to the County's 2010 budget.

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 10:58 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Public WorksBusiness Arising from the
Minutes/New Business
and Correspondence

There was no information presented with respect to the Business Arising from the Minutes/New Business and Correspondence sections for this meeting.

Committee ReportPublic Works
Director's Report

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski reported on the following matters:

- Abee Bridge and the Opal Road Overlay Tenders
- 2010 Spring Gravelling
- Landfills
- December 4 – 7th Snow Storm
- Grader Operator Occupational Health and Safety and operating refresher courses
- After hours contact number

Adopt Public
Works
Director's ReportResolution 538-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Public Works Director's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 DECEMBER 22, 2009Agriculture and
Community
Services –Committee Report
Agriculture and
Community Services
Director's Report

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, reported to Council with respect to agriculture, emergency services, by-law enforcement, occupational health and safety, and family and community services matters for the month of December.

Fire Hazard
Reduction and
Forest Health
Program Phase III
– Alpen AreaResolution 539-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council approve the Alpen Area proposal under FRIAA (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta) and that the County procurement policy be bypassed in this case.

CARRIED

Adopt Agriculture
and Community
Services Director's
ReportResolution 540-2009

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Agriculture and Community Services Director's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Bylaws

There was no information presented with respect to the Bylaws section of this meeting.

Notice of Motion
Internet Service in
the County

Councillor Cori Kuzyk presented the following notice of motion which is proceed to the January 12, 2010 Council Meeting:

Council review with Administration the current status of internet service providers, and investigate the path forward to continue expansion to areas in our County which lack services.

Other Business
Policy 327, Funeral
Office Closure

Director of Corporate Services Janelle Cornelius presented Council with Policy 327, Funeral Office Closure, which was drafted at the request of Councillor Cori Kuzyk.

Resolution 541-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Policy 327 Funeral Office Closure be approved subject to the following amendment:

Addition of "Essential Services to be maintained."

CARRIED

Thorhild Titans Jr.
B Hockey Team –
2009 SponsorshipResolution 542-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council approve a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Thorhild Titans Jr. B Hockey Team.

CARRIED

Delegation:
Community Youth
Groups

Representatives from various youth clubs within the County of Thorhild joined the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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Delegation:
Community Youth
Groups

Reeve Charles Newell presented cheques to those representatives in attendance. The following youth groups received cheques to help promote their organization and in recognition of their efforts:

- ❖ Newbrook Ag & Rec. Society
- ❖ Newbrook 4-H Beef Builders
- ❖ Radway Ukrainian Dancing Club
- ❖ Radway 4-H Beef Club
- ❖ Radway 4-H Multi Club
- ❖ Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club
- ❖ Sunflower Dance Club
- ❖ Thorhild Minor Hockey
- ❖ Thorhild Minor Soccer
- ❖ Thorhild 4-H Multi Club

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 11:45 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m. with Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes; Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services; Laurie Andrushchyshyn, Manager of Payroll and Personnel; and Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, in attendance.

2010 Proposed
Budget

Director of Corporate Services Janelle Cornelius provided answers to Councillor Wayne Crosswell's three budget questions received by email.

Approval of 2%
Council Cost of
Living Allowance
Increase

Resolution 543-2009

Moved by Charles Newell that Council approves a 2% Council Cost of Living Allowance increase.

Councillor Wayne Crosswell requested a recorded vote.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Shelly Hanasyk	Cori Kuzyk
Kevin Grumetza	Wayne Crosswell
Charles Newell	

CARRIED

Approval of 2%
Staff Cost of Living
Allowance
Increase

Resolution 544-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council approves a 2% Staff Cost of Living Allowance increase.

CARRIED

Adopt 2010
Budget

Resolution 545-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council adopts the 2010 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence
and Requisitions

There was no information presented with respect to the Correspondence and Requisitions sections for this meeting.

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Confidential Items:

Thorhild
Community
Association
Update

Resolution 546-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera to hear the update provided by the County Manager pertaining to the Thorhild Community Association.

CARRIED

Resolution 547-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council return to open meeting at 2:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 548-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the report presented by Administration during the in camera session as information.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.