

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Call to Order

Reeve Charles Newell 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.
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
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
AgendaResolution 477-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 10, 2009, be adopted with the following amendment:

Strike off item: E. Delegation d) 10:45 a.m. – Kathleen Bruce – Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes
October 27, 2009
Organizational
Council Meeting

Resolution 478-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the minutes of the October 27, 2009 Organizational Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

October 27, 2009
Regular Council
Meeting

Resolution 479-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the minutes of the October 27, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative
Reports
County Manager's
Report

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

- H1N1 Planning
- Electoral Boundary Review
- Associated Engineering – Thorhild Infrastructure Audit
- Long Lake Road Consultation
- Correction Line Road
- Resource Road Grant
- Newbrook/Long Lake FireSmart Program

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County Manager's
Report (Continued)

- Thorhild Swimming Pool Update
- Municipal Affairs Consultation
- Waste Management Landfill Update

Adoption of County
Manager's Report

Resolution 480-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the County Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations:
Gail Douglas,
Thorhild Action
Group

Gail Douglas, representative of the Thorhild Action Group, provided Council with a list of the group's objectives for 2010 and outlined the funding request amount for each project for the purpose of beautifying Thorhild's main street and commercial loop. Her comments included:

- The proposed projects would provide cohesion in the community
- The replacement of the holiday pole decorations would prove to be energy efficient
- Want to work in collaboration with other community groups and businesses
- Requesting access to a resource person for funding projects

Reeve Charles Newell recommended that Ms. Douglas contact Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services to access grant information and the local energy provider regarding the LED lighted pole decorations replacement project.

Dean Flach

Dean Flach stated that he was not advised by Mr. Small of the time slot to appear before Council at this meeting.

County Manager Dan Small apologized for the oversight.

Mr. Flach declared that he had received the response letter on the Friday prior to this meeting to his questions asked at the October 13, 2009 Council Meeting. He presented the following questions to Council members and County Manager Dan Small who in turn provided verbal responses to each question.

1. Who answered the questions or were the questions referred to a third party?
2. Did Dan Small claim the Athabasca-Redwater PC Association dinner tickets on his tax receipt?
3. Was the County lawyer hired to answer the letter?
4. What amount was budgeted for the assistant to the administrator?
5. Wants response to \$470.00 hotel restaurant claim question.
6. Was the same dinner opportunity extended to other departments i.e. gas department, grader operators?
7. Who is Council working for? Waste Management or the County of Thorhild. Does the County hire consultants to get predetermined answers i.e. Toma & Bouma report?
8. In regard to Policy 203, on what basis was the money paid back to the Councillors who attended the Premier's dinner?

Councillor Kevin Grumetza suggested that Administration tally a dollar figure for all costs associated with staff time spent on FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) requests, research, letter responses as well as an actual cost recovery figure. He requested that these figures be provided to Council and the residents of the County of Thorhild to get a grasp of the dollar effects in comparison to conducting a one-on-one sit down session with the CAO.

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(Continued)

County Manager Dan Small stated that the total number of FOIP (Freedom Information and Protection of Privacy Act) requests and the associated costs have not been tallied year to date. Mr. Small advised that there are caps on information as to what the County can charge according to the FOIP Act and bylaws.

Thorhild
Community
Association

Heather Moellering, Treasurer of the Thorhild Community Association, presented concerns that she had to Council. Her comments included:

- The association is requesting that the lands where the community hall and rodeo grounds are situated be transferred to the Thorhild and District Community Association due to large insurance hikes from \$5,000 to \$20,000.
- The community hall can qualify for the new Community Initiatives Program. However, according to the Alberta Culture website, the CIP grant is no longer available to municipalities.

Resolution 481-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council address this matter as an action item and that Administration bring forward a report with respect to the insurance issue raised and the transfer of lands to the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting in order that Council may make a decision at that time.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 11:43 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Administrative
Reports
Planning and
Development
Report

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

- Tax Installment Payment Plan Bylaw and Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw
- Kalyna Country year end meeting and banquet - Friday, December 4, 2009 at Red Feather Ridge, Mannville/Vermilion, Alberta
- Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce Great Canadian Trade Fair April 9 – 11, 2010.
- Reminder regarding 15% tax penalty on outstanding balances
- 2009 industrial rendition letters have been sent out; the information applies to the machine, building and equipment located on industrial sites
- Upcoming meetings

Resolution 482-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 12:09 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Delegation: Sierra
Systems –
Electoral Boundary
Review Report

Mike Langstone, Principal with Sierra Systems Group Inc., provided Council with the results of the discussions held at the open houses held in Newbrook, Thorhild and Egremont. Mr. Langstone circulated public consultation documents and a corresponding map, and outlined the survey results.

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Delegation: Sierra Systems – Electoral Boundary Review Report

Mike Langstone recommended that proposed option D with the revised map as circulated to Council are the best alternatives.

Resolution 483-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the recommendations as presented by Sierra Systems Group Inc. representative Mike Langstone and Administration draft a bylaw with relation to the recommendations and proposed map G (change numbering of divisions as recommended by Council and jog in line north of Township Road 630 becomes a straight line).

Councillor Cori Kuzyk requested a recorded vote.

IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Shelly Hanasyk	Cori Kuzyk
Kevin Grumetza	Wayne Croswell
Charles Newell	

CARRIED

Unfinished

Business

Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission (Appoint Two Alternates)

Resolution 484-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Kevin Grumetza and Wayne Croswell be appointed to the Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission Steering Committee as alternates.

CARRIED

Municipal Planning Commission (Appoint Three Members)

Resolution 485-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Kevin Grumetza, Charles Newell and Cori Kuzyk be re-appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

CARRIED

Community Adult Learning Agency (Appoint Two Members)

Resolution 486-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Kevin Grumetza and Wayne Croswell be re-appointed to the Community Adult Learning Agency.

CARRIED

Health Action Committee (Appoint Three Members)

Resolution 487-2009

Moved by Charles Newell that Kevin Grumetza, Shelly Hanasyk and Charles Newell be appointed to the Health Action Committee.

CARRIED

Appointment of Whole Council to FCSS Board

Resolution 488-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that all Council be appointed to the Family and Community Support Services Board.

CARRIED

FCSS Chairman Appointment

Resolution 489-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Reeve Charles Newell be appointed as the Chairman of the Family and Community Support Services Board.

CARRIED

FCSS Vice Chairman Appointment

Resolution 490-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Deputy Reeve Kevin Grumetza be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Family and Community Support Services Board.

CARRIED

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Amend Procedure
Bylaw for
Regulation of In
Camera Sessions
of Council

Resolution 491-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council direct Administration to include the specification, in the amended Procedure Bylaw 1082-2007, that any in camera documents or handwritten documents dealt with in camera be surrendered to the CAO.

Councillor Kevin Grumetza requested a recorded vote.

IN FAVOUR
Cori Kuzyk
Shelly Hanasyk
Kevin Grumetza
Charles Newell

AGAINST
Wayne Crosswell

CARRIED

Correspondence

Thorhild
Community
Association Letter

Resolution 492-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the October 31, 2009 correspondence received from the Thorhild Community Association be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Committee
Reports, Bylaws
and Notice of
Motion

There was no information presented with respect to the Committee Reports, Bylaws and Notice of Motion sections for this meeting.

New Business

Athabasca
Watershed Council

Resolution 493-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accept the Athabasca Watershed Council information as presented by the County Manager.

CARRIED

Support for
Edmonton's Bid for
EXPO 2017

Resolution 494-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council endorses Edmonton's bid to host EXPO 2017 by sending a letter of support to the Mayor of Edmonton.

CARRIED

Electoral Boundary
Review Report

Resolution 495-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accept the electoral boundary report as information.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 2:25 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Council Members'Reports

Cori Kuzyk,
Councillor –
Division 4

Councillor Cori Kuzyk reported the following:

- Attended Regular Council Meetings

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Shelly Hanasyk,
Councillor,
Division 6

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk attended and reported on the following:

- October 15 – North West Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference
- October 16 – AM – Attended the Seniors' Conference; PM - Honourable Ray Danyluk's, Minister of Municipal Affairs Tour
- October 17 – Library Movathon
- October 20 – Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission Meeting and Boundary Review Open House in Newbrook
- October 22 – Boundary Review Open House in Thorhild
- October 26 – Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting
- October 27 – Organizational and Regular Council Meetings
- October 28 – Boundary Review Open House in Egremont
- October 29 – Capital Region Water Services Commission Meeting
- October 30 – Gas Federation Zone Meeting
- November 6 – PC Conference
- November 9 – Lodge Board Meeting

Kevin Grumetza,
Councillor,
Division 2

Councillor Kevin Grumetza attended and reported on the following:

October 13 – Regular Council Meeting
 October 27 – Organizational and Regular Council Meetings
 October 28 – Boundary Review Open House in Egremont and Correction Line meeting on site
 November 8 – Northlands 2009 AMA Farm Family Awards – Congratulated the Ross and Penny Lyons Family on receiving the award this year
 November 9 – Lodge Meeting and Organizational Meeting
 November 10 – Regular Council Meeting

Wayne Croswell,
Councillor –
Division 5

Councillor Wayne Croswell attended and reported on the following:

- October 20 – Boundary Review Open House in Newbrook
- October 26 – Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting
- October 27 - Organizational and Regular Council Meetings
- October 28 – Boundary Review Open House in Egremont
- November 2 – Library Board Organizational Meeting
- Regular Council Meetings

Reeve Charles
Newell,
Councillor –
Division 1

Reeve Charles Newell attended and reported on the following:

- Two Boundary Review Open Houses – October 22 in Thorhild and October 28 in Egremont
- The North West Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference held in Alberta Beach
- October 16 - Northern Mayors and Reeves Meeting
- Several water meetings; one being the Capital region group which impacts the rest of the water system
- Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting
- Organizational and Regular Council Meetings
- Lodge Organizational Meeting.

Resolution 496-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Councillors' reports be received as information.

CARRIED

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

Confidential Item: Resolution 497-2009
Legal Matter: Tree Cutting Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera to discuss a legal matter relating to tree cutting at 2:47 p.m.
 CARRIED

Resolution 498-2009
 Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the meeting return to open meeting at 3:07 p.m.
 CARRIED

Legal Issue: Tree Cutting Resolution 499-2009
 Moved by Charles Newell that Council direct Administration to handle the tree cutting issue as discussed during the in camera session.
 CARRIED

Councillor Cori Kuzyk declared a possible pecuniary interest as per Municipal Government Act section 170 (1) (a), refrained from participation in debate or vote on the matter, left Council Chambers at 3:08 p.m. and did not return to Council Chambers.

Confidential Items: Resolution 500-2009
 Hosting Agreement - Waste Management of Canada and Correspondence relating to Waste Management Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council go in camera to discuss the Hosting Agreement with Waste Management of Canada and correspondence in relation to Waste Management at 3:09 p.m.
 CARRIED

Resolution 501-2009
 Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the meeting return to open meeting at 4:11 p.m.
 CARRIED

Hosting Agreement, Waste Management of Canada Corporation Resolution 502-2009
 Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the County Manager's Report regarding the hosting agreement be accepted as information.
 CARRIED

Waste Management Correspondence Resolution 503-2009
 Moved by Charles Newell that the County Manager and Reeve deal with the letter to Ms. Kolewaski as discussed by Council during the in camera session.
 CARRIED

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Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.