

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Call to Order

Reeve Charles Newell called the meeting to order at 9:30 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	
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	X
Gas & Utilities Director	JOYCE PIERCE	X	
Manager of Land Use and Taxes	CHERYL PASAY	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 504-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 24, 2009 be adopted with the following amendments:

Additions to Item 6. 1. Business Arising from Minutes/New Business:

- a) Natural Gas Infill Rates – Policy 709
- b) Natural Gas Monthly Fee – Amendment to Schedule A of By-Law 1112-2008
- c) Amendment to Schedule A – By-Law 1109-2008, Rates for Water and Wastewater

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes
November 10, 2009
Council Meeting

Resolution 505-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of November 10, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities Committee Report
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 November.

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Adopt Gas and
Utilities Director's
Report

Resolution 506-2009

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

CARRIED

Business Arising
Minutes/New
Business
Policy 709, Natural
Gas Infill Rates

Joyce Pierce, Gas and Utilities Director, outlined the proposed changes to Policy 709, Natural Gas Infill Rates. Ms. Pierce recommended that rural infill fees be increased to \$4500.00 (plus Goods and Services tax) and urban fees to \$2500.00 (plus Goods and Services tax). Additional changes to the rural infill service include a definition of what is included in the service as well as a change to the standard.

Resolution 507-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council approve Policy 709, Natural Gas Infills, implementing the new natural gas infill rates and recommended changes as presented by the Director of Gas and Utilities, effective January 1, 2010.

CARRIED

By-Laws
By-Law 1112-2008
– Set Natural Gas
Rates –
Amendment to
Schedule A

Resolution 508-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council approve the amendment to Schedule A of By-Law 1112-2008 to increase the natural gas monthly fee from \$21.00 to \$23.00 per month effective January 1, 2010.

CARRIED

By-Law
1109-2008, Rates
for Water and
Wastewater –
Amendment to
Schedule A

Joyce Pierce, Gas and Utilities Director, presented Council with the proposed changes to Schedule A of By-Law 1109-2008, Rates for Water and Wastewater, which would standardize the water, wastewater and consumption charges in the hamlets of the County of Thorhild, excluding the Hamlets of Long Lake and Opal.

Resolution 509-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the proposed rates for water and wastewater as listed in Schedule A of By-Law 1109-2008 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence

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

Delegation – Elmer
Brooks

Elmer Brooks requested that the County donate 40 yards of gravel, haul gravel or both from the road allowance to his peat moss lease site at NW 26-62-20-W4. He stated that he had the road built into his peat moss operation which cost approximately \$18,000. Mr. Brooks advised that he is paying about \$200.00 taxes on the lease and lease fees of approximately \$1200. He has absorbed all costs for the road building. Gravel has been hauled onto the road but he feels more is needed before a major snowfall comes. He also hires two or three employees during the summer. Mr. Brooks questioned whether the County can assist him in this matter.

County Manager Dan Small replied that Administration would research Mr. Brooks' request according to County policy and would respond back to Mr. Brooks and report back to Council at the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting.

Agriculture and Community Services – Business Arising from Minutes/New Business

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There was no information presented with respect to the business arising from the minutes/new business section for this meeting.

Correspondence
Agriculture and Rural Development Minister – Drought Assistance Programs and Culture and Community Spirit Minister – Grant Programs

Resolution 510-2009

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that items 7. 2. a) Agriculture and Rural Development Minister, the Honourable George Groeneveld with respect to Drought Assistance Programs and 2. b) Culture and Community Spirit Minister, the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, with respect to Grant Programs, as listed on the agenda, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Committee Reports
Agricultural Fieldman’s Report

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, presented the Agricultural Fieldman’s Report as follows in Harold Hamilton’s absence:

- Agriculture
- Club root
- Predation update
- Age verification of cattle
- Crop conditions
- Water projects
- Training and seminars

Resolution 511-2009

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agricultural Fieldman’s report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Agriculture and Community Services Director’s Report

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, reported to Council pertaining to emergency services, by-law enforcement, occupational health and safety, and family and community services matters for the month of November.

Resolution 512-2009

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Agriculture and Community Services Director’s Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Public Works
Business Arising from 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.

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski reported on the following matters:

Committee Report
Public Works Director’s Report

- Correction Line Road
- Cardboard Bin(Thorhild)
- Corner Brushing
- Landfills
- After hours and weekend contact phone number and procedures

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Public Works
Director's ReportResolution 513-2009

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

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 12:05 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

BylawsBylaw 1129-2009 –
To Establish
Municipal Electoral
Divisional
Boundaries, and to
Specify the
Number of
Councillors and
Election of Reeve

County Manager Dan Small provided Council with the specifics and timelines relating to Bylaw 1129-2009, which would establish municipal electoral divisional boundaries, and specifies the number of councillors and election of Reeve.

Councillor Cori Kuzyk requested a recorded vote.

Resolution 514-2009

Moved by Charles Newell that Bylaw 1129-2009, being the Municipal Electoral Boundaries bylaw, be given first reading.

For	Against
Shelly Hanasyk	Cori Kuzyk
Kevin Grumetza	Wayne Croswell
Charles Newell	

CARRIED

Notice of Motion:

There was no information presented with respect to the notice of motion section for this meeting.

Other Business2008 Financial
Benchmark
Graphs from
Municipal Affairs

County Manager Dan Small presented Council with a power point presentation depicting 2008 financial benchmark graphs for the Village and County of Thorhild developed by Municipal Affairs comparable to other municipalities the size of the County.

Correspondence,
Requisitions and
Confidential Items

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

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.