

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010 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, Gas and Utilities Director, and Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, 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
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

Resolution 112-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of April 14, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes
March 19, 2010
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 113-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the minutes of the March 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

March 26, 2010
Special Council Meeting

Resolution 114-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the minutes of the March 26, 2010 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

April 9, 2010
Special Council Meeting

Resolution 115-2010

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the minutes of the April 9, 2010 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports

County Manager's Report

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

- CN Rail Coronado Subdivision Discontinuance
- Alberta Municipal Affairs Grant Reorganization
- Occupational Health & Safety Workshop
- Community Group Infrastructure Assistance
- Municipal Sponsorship Program
- Borrowing Bylaw
- "It's a County Fact" in relation to Assessment and Taxes
- Caustic Soda Incident

Adoption of County Manager's Report

Resolution 116-2010

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

CARRIED

Planning and Development Report

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

- Alberta Community Planning Association of Alberta 2010 Annual Conference
- Millrate/Penalties Bylaw
- CHMC Sustainability Workshop in Westlock on April 29, 2010
- Half Moon Estates – Area Structure Plan from Urban Systems
- Kalyna Country Visitors and Events Guides are now available
- Upcoming events

Adoption of Planning and Development Report

Resolution 117-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Sodium Hydroxide Spill Incident

Agriculture, Emergency and Community Services Director Cindy Olchowy joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m. to report on all aspects of the sodium hydroxide spill incident which occurred along some gravel roads in the north west portion of the County on Sunday, April 11, 2010. Ms. Olchowy provided Council with an update of the stages of operations that were being followed.

Gas and Utilities Director's Report

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

Resolution 118-2010

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

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

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

Correspondence

Enbridge, Waupisoo Capacity Expansion Project

Resolution 119-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council receive the April 6, 2010 Enbridge correspondence outlining the Waupisoo Capacity Expansion Project as information.

CARRIED

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

By-Laws
By-Law 1131-2010, 2010 Borrowing Bylaw Council was advised that due to the number of projects currently being undertaken, the amount of short- term borrowing required is expected to exceed \$500,000 which had been approved with the passing of Bylaw 1130-2010 on January 12, 2010. Proposed borrowing Bylaw 1131-2010 authorizes short term borrowing up to an amount of \$1,000,000 to ensure that cash flow is adequate to cover anticipated expenses.

First Reading Resolution 120-2010
Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Borrowing By-Law 1131-2010 be given first reading. CARRIED

Second Reading Resolution 121-2010
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Borrowing By-Law 1131-2010 be given second reading. CARRIED

Presentation for Third Reading Resolution 122-2010
Moved by Charles Newell that Council agrees to consider third reading of Borrowing By-Law 1131-2010 at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading Resolution 123-2010
Moved by Wayne Croswell that Borrowing By-Law 1131-2010 be given third reading. CARRIED

Delegation:
Kathleen Bruce, Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association
Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Kathleen Bruce, Vice President with the Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association, to the Council Meeting at 10:40 a.m.
Ms. Bruce presented a number of questions to Council on behalf of the residents and members of the Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association concerning the 2010 millrate, property assessments, services provided, and Long Lake Hamlet block wells.

Reeve Charles Newell indicated that answers to Ms. Bruce's questions would be forthcoming. The Reeve thanked Kathleen Bruce, Vice President with Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association, for her presentation.

Recess Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 11:07 a.m.

Reconvene Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Bylaws
Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 1132-2010, Millrate Bylaw
Councillor Wayne Croswell stated that he wanted the millrate for Long Lake Hamlet to remain as it was last year as property owners have experienced a significant increase in taxes (13-17%); they need to see a value in the service levels that are being offered to them and it is a way to promote a better relationship.

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<u>Bylaws</u> Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 1132-2010, Millrate Bylaw	<u>Resolution 124-2010</u> Moved by Wayne Crosswell that an amendment be made to Bylaw 1132-2010, 2010 Millrate Bylaw, to leave the resort municipal millrate the same as it was last year (2.756%).	DEFEATED
<u>Bylaw 1132-2010</u> 2010 Millrate Bylaw, First Reading	<u>Resolution 125-2010</u> Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Millrate By-Law 1132-2010 be given first reading.	CARRIED
Second Reading	<u>Resolution 126-2010</u> Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Millrate By-Law 1132-2010 be given second reading.	CARRIED
Presentation for Third Reading	<u>Resolution 127-2010</u> Moved by Charles Newell that Council agrees to consider third reading of Millrate By-Law 1132-2010 at this meeting.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Third Reading	<u>Resolution 128-2010</u> Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Millrate By-Law 1132-2010 be given third reading.	CARRIED
<u>By-Law 1133-2010</u> Penalty on Arrears and Current Taxes Remaining Due, First Reading	<u>Resolution 129-2010</u> Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Tax Penalty By-Law 1133-2010 be given first reading.	CARRIED
Second Reading	<u>Resolution 130-2010</u> Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Tax Penalty By-Law 1133-2010 be given second reading.	CARRIED
Presentation for Third Reading	<u>Resolution 131-2010</u> Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council agrees to consider third reading of Tax Penalty By-Law 1133-2010 at this meeting.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Third Reading	<u>Resolution 132-2010</u> Moved by Charles Newell that Tax Penalty By-Law 1133-2010 be given third reading.	CARRIED
Recess	Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 11:55 a.m.	
Reconvene	Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:59 p.m. with Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, in attendance.	

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 APRIL 14, 2010Notice of Motion

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk:

Alignment of
County Millrates –
2011 Millrate
Bylaw

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk brought forward the following notice of motion:

“That with the intention of evening out a complete millrate amalgamation, that Council approves that the County millrates are aligned in the 2011 millrate bylaw.”

Resolution 133-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that her notice of motion be considered at today's Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 134-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that with the intention of evening out a complete millrate amalgamation, that Council approves that the County millrates are aligned in the 2011 millrate bylaw.”

CARRIED

Delegate Betty Kolewaski joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

New BusinessReschedule
July 13, 2010
Council Meeting

The 2010 Agricultural Service Board Tour is scheduled to be held July 12 – 15th which conflicts with a regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 13, 2010.

Resolution 135-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the July 13, 2010 Council Meeting be cancelled (a Special Meeting to be called if required).

CARRIED

Long Lake Hamlet
Block Wells

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, stated that after much discussion with various provincial departments, local residents, engineering consultants and legal counsel regarding the health, safety and liability risk the current operation of the block wells in the Hamlet of Long Lake pose, Administration would like Council to consider the recommendation to discontinue the block wells and to look at different options available to them.

Resolution 136-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council authorize Administration to discontinue the operation of the block wells in the Hamlet of Long Lake no later than October 31, 2010 and to further inform the residents in the Hamlet of Long Lake by registered letter documenting different options available to them regarding the block wells in the Hamlet of Long Lake.

CARRIED

Delegation:

Betty Kolewaski

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Betty Kolewaski to the Council Meeting.

Betty Kolewaski stated that she submitted two delegation requests, one on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County and the other as a County resident/private citizen. However, only the private citizen request was granted for this Council Meeting.

Reeve Charles Newell indicated that Council would hear Ms. Kolewaski's concerns and she was to go ahead to present them.

Delegation:
Betty Kolewaski

Betty Kolewaski presented the following concerns:

1. When will the information regarding the fish ladders on Waskatenau Creek be forthcoming as it has pertinence to the landfill application?

Reeve Charles Newell responded that no timeframe could be pinpointed for provision of the information as it depended upon researching the archives, and being able to access the material.

2. She has not received a response to the four emails that she forwarded to the County or to the letter to the Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County from the Honourable Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs in 2009 requesting the group to work with the local County Council respecting their concerns.

Reeve Charles Newell requested that Ms. Kolewaski provide a copy of the letter in question.

3. Answers to March 31, 2010 email to CAO Dan Small regarding the County's corporate credit card expenses.

Reeve Charles Newell responded to each of the 12 questions pertaining to credit card expenses.

4. The Concerned Citizens of Thorhild County were not afforded the appropriate courtesies as they were not given a time for their delegation appearance request.
5. Response to email pertaining to a County vehicle being illegally driven.

Reeve Charles Newell advised that in this case the RCMP should have been called and the County alerted.

Reeve Charles Newell thanked Betty Kolewaski for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Delegation:
Sgt. Jennifer
Jackson, Redwater
RCMP
Detachment

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Sgt. Jennifer Jackson with the Redwater RCMP Detachment to the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Sgt. Jennifer Jackson presented Council with details of the Redwater RCMP Detachment's quarterly crime report for the period of January 1 – March 31, 2010. Sgt. Jackson also reported on positive policing (youth recognition) and the Redwater and District Rural Crime Watch Association.

Reeve Charles Newell thanked Sgt. Jackson for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

New Business:
Alberta Electoral
Boundary Review

County Manager Dan Small stated that the Interim Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission was released in February of 2010. The report recognizes that many Albertans believe the principle of effective representation should be maintained and that the size of rural municipalities should not be significantly increased. It also recognized the need for the creation of a new riding in the Fort McMurray area. These considerations were consistent with those expressed in the County's letter written to the Commission in October, 2009.

New Business:
Alberta Electoral
Boundary Review

Resolution 137-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council requests Administration to submit another letter on behalf of the County of Thorhild that further corroborates the letter submitted to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Review Commission on October 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Payroll and Personnel Manager Laurie Andrushchyshyn joined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Friends of the
Thorhild Library
Society

Laurie Andrushchyshyn, Payroll and Personnel Manager, stated that the Friends of the Thorhild Library Society has requested to be added as an additional named insured under the County of Thorhild's insurance policy. Each ANI (additional named insured) requires a motion from Council approving the addition of the ANI to the County's insurance policy.

Resolution 138-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council approve the Friends of the Thorhild Library Society as an additional named community group to the County's insurance policy and understands that without this support many community groups may not remain viable and cease offering the valuable services to our communities.

CARRIED

Payroll and Personnel Manager Laurie Andrushchyshyn left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Alberta Small
Communities
Conference

Resolution 139-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council be authorized to attend the Alberta Small Communities Conference on May 28-30, 2010 in Mannville, Alberta.

CARRIED

Council Members'
Reports
Kevin Grumetza,
Councillor,
Division 2

Councillor Kevin Grumetza attended and reported on the following:

- Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2010
- AAMDC Spring Conference – March 15-17, 2010
- Firefighters' Medals Award Ceremony – March 18, 2010
- MLA Jeff Johnson, Hockey Game in Smoky Lake – March 18, 2010
- Regular Council Meeting – March 19, 2010
- Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) Conference – March 21-23, 2010
- Interagency Meeting – March 25, 2010
- Special Council Meeting – March 26, 2010
- Recognition of Radway STARS Committee for fundraising efforts

Wayne Croswell,
Councillor –
Division 5

Councillor Wayne Croswell attended and reported on the following:

- Subdivision Development Appeal Board Hearings – March 18 and April 6, 2010
- Long Lake Hamlet Association Executive Meeting – April 1, 2010
- Ralph Johnson's 90th Birthday Celebration, Smoky Lake – April 10, 2010

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Reeve Charles Newell,
Councillor –
Division 1

Reeve Charles Newell attended and reported on the following:

- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Downstream Meeting in Vermilion
- Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) Conference – March 21-23, 2010
- Long Lake Hamlet Association Executive Meeting – April 1, 2010
- Meeting with MLA Jeff Johnson and the Honourable Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the Legislature – April 12, 2010
- Aspen View Public Schools Community Input School Integration Meeting – April 13, 2010

Cori Kuzyk,
Councillor,
Division 4

Councillor Cori Kuzyk indicated that he attended some of the same meetings and conferences as mentioned by the other Council members.

Shelly Hanasyk,
Councillor,
Division 6

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk also indicated that she attended some of the same meetings and conferences as mentioned by the other Council members. She also reported on the following:

- RCMP/Sheriff's Amalgamation Meeting – April 11, 2010
- Bullarama in Thorhild – April 10, 2010

Requisitions

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

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 2:30 p.m.

Confidential Items:

Legal Issues:

Gravel Extraction,
2008 Fires, and
Caustic Soda
Report

Resolution 140-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera to discuss three legal matters concerning gravel extraction, the 2008 fires and a report on the caustic soda incident at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 141-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council return to open meeting at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Legal Issue:
Gravel Extraction

Resolution 142-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council accepts the advice of Administration and legal counsel as per the discussion during the in camera session.

CARRIED

Legal Issue: 2008
Fires

Resolution 143-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Administration continues to gather information with respect to the Sustainable Resource Development invoices, to contact other neighboring municipalities and draft letters to MLA Jeff Johnson and the Honourable Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the 2008 fire invoices.

CARRIED

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Sodium Hydroxide
(Caustic Soda)
Report

Resolution 144-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receive the report regarding the Sodium Hydroxide (caustic soda) incident within the County of Thorhild as information.

CARRIED

Councillor Cori Kuzyk declared a possible pecuniary interest as per Municipal Government Act Sections 170 (1) (b) and 169 (b), refrained from participation in debate or vote on the next matter, and left Council Chambers at 3:35 p.m.

Confidential Item:
Landfill
Development
Permit

Resolution 145-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council go in camera to discuss a legal matter relating to the Waste Management landfill development application process permit at 3:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 146-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 147-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council accept the Waste Management landfill development permit process report as presented during the in camera session as information.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

These minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

REEVE

COUNTY MANAGER