

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 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 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	
2	KEVIN GRUMETZA	X	
3	Vacant		
4	CORI KUZYK	X	
5	WAYNE CROSWELL	X	
6	SHELLY HANASYK	X	
County Manager	DAN SMALL	X	
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	
Recording Secretary	JEANNETTE CHOLACH	X	

Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 38-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of February 9, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes
January 22, 2010
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 39-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the minutes of the January 22, 2010 Regular 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:

- Provincial Highway Projects in 2010
- Review of Current Bylaws
- 2010 Municipal Election Bylaw
- County Manager's Performance Review
- Regional Water Issues
- General Staff Meeting
- Shell CO₂ Project regarding Seismic

Adoption of County Manager's Report

Resolution 40-2010

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

CARRIED

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Planning and Development Report

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

- Linear Assessment Update
- Tourism – Kalyna Country, Travel Alberta Central newsletter and GROWTH Alberta meeting schedule
- “Life in the County of Thorhild” brochures
- Upcoming meetings

Adoption of Planning and Development Report

Resolution 41-2010

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

CARRIED

Unfinished Business
Hiring Policy 501

County Manager Dan Small presented the amended Hiring Policy 501 as directed by Council at the January 22, 2010 Council Meeting.

Resolution 42-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts Hiring Policy No. 501 with the following amendments:

“Strike the word “first” from the third sentence in the Policy Statement section and also from the second sentence in Procedure 1.”

CARRIED

Correspondence and Committee Reports

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

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 10:27 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

By-Laws
By-Law 1129-2009, Municipal Electoral Divisional Boundaries

County Manager Dan Small advised Council that By-Law 1129-2009, Municipal Electoral Divisional Boundaries, received first reading at the November 24, 2009 Council Meeting, and presented the background information relating to the bylaw.

Reeve Charles Newell requested a recorded vote with respect to the following two resolutions.

Second Reading

Resolution 43-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that By-Law 1129-2009, being the Municipal Electoral Divisional Boundaries By-Law, be given second reading.

In Favour
Shelly Hanasyk
Kevin Grumetza
Charles Newell

Against
Cori Kuzyk
Wayne Crosswell

CARRIED

Third Reading

Resolution 44-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that By-Law 1129-2009, being the Municipal Electoral Divisional Boundaries By-Law, be given third reading.

In Favour
Shelly Hanasyk
Kevin Grumetza
Charles Newell

Against
Cori Kuzyk
Wayne Crosswell

CARRIED

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Notice of Motion No notices of motion were brought forward at this Council Meeting.

New Business
Reschedule March
23, 2010 Council
Meeting

Resolution 45-2010

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council approve the rescheduling of the March 23, 2010 Council Meeting to Friday, March 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers due to a conflict in dates with the Alberta Seniors Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) Conference.

CARRIED

North
Saskatchewan
Watershed
Alliance

County Manager Dan Small recommended that Council make a decision as to whether the County of Thorhild contribute funding support to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance. The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is a non-profit society whose purpose is to protect and improve water quality and ecosystem functioning in the North Saskatchewan watershed. Council heard representation from the alliance at the August 26, 2008 Council Meeting and in their August 28, 2009 correspondence requested a contribution of \$.50 per capita from the County (approximately \$1774.00).

Resolution 46-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that the County of Thorhild provide funding support to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Delegation:
Thorhild Ag.
Society, Troy
Vetsch – Cheque
Presentation

Troy Vetsch, President of the Thorhild Ag. Society, joined the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Mr. Vetsch expressed his thanks to Council for the donation from the County of Thorhild and stated that the Thorhild Ag. Society is very appreciative. He stated that the Ag. Society has been serving the community for a long time and the arena facility has a good future ahead of it. Some of the challenges facing the society deal with rising costs of insurance and utilities.

Recess – Cheque
Presentation

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 11:13 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Councillor Cori Kuzyk was absent and re-joined the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

New Business -
Policies re: Job
Descriptions

County Manager Dan Small advised that the five draft policies, as circulated, require Council's approval.

Resolution 47-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that that Council approve the following draft policies as presented by the County Manager:

- i. Policy No. 403 - Executive Assistant
- ii. Policy No. 405 - Manager of Land Use and Taxes
- iii. Policy No. 405-B - Planning Clerk
- iv. Policy No. 405-C - Tax Clerk
- v. Policy No. 405-D - Marketing/Tourism Coordinator

CARRIED

New Business

North Central
Regional
Partnership Bylaw
Enforcement
Services
Implementation
Project

County Manager Dan Small stated that his letter of December 23, 2009 which was sent out to the partnering municipalities outlines background information regarding the North Central Regional Partnership Bylaw Enforcement Services Implementation Project. A component of the Implementation Grant has not yet been completed. The partnering municipalities were asked as to how they wanted to proceed with submission of their share of the municipal contribution. Several of the partners have responded with their preferred alternative(s).

Resolution 48-2010

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council authorizes Administration to continue to negotiate with the partnering municipalities and Alberta Municipal Affairs in order to conclude the North Central Regional Partnership Bylaw Enforcement Services Implementation Project.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Reeve Charles Newell remarked that the correspondence received from the Honourable Jeff Johnson regarding his submission to the legislative assembly to implement emergency facilities along the Highway 63 corridor is good news.

Council Members' Reports

Reeve Charles
Newell,
Councillor –
Division 1

Reeve Charles Newell attended and reported on the following:

- Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association Conference
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Meeting
- Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Meeting
- Water Commission Meeting
- NEWTHORAD Lodge Board Meeting

Kevin Grumetza,
Councillor,
Division 2

Councillor Kevin Grumetza attended and reported on the following:

- Regular Council Meeting – January 22, 2010
- Interagency Meeting – January 21, 2010
- GROWTH Alberta Annual Business Awards Gala – January 23, 2010
- Agricultural Service Board Conference - February 1-3, 2010
- NEWTHORAD Lodge Board Meeting
- Special Council Meeting – February 8, 2010

Cori Kuzyk,
Councillor,
Division 4

Councillor Cori Kuzyk attended and reported on the following:

- Agricultural Service Board Conference - February 1-3, 2010

Wayne Croswell,
Councillor –
Division 5

Councillor Wayne Croswell attended and reported on the following:

- Long Lake Hamlet Association Executive Meeting – January 19, 2010
- Interagency Meeting – January 21, 2010
- Pembina River Zone 3 Meeting – January 25, 2010
- Agricultural Service Board Conference – February 1-3, 2010
- Special Council Meeting – February 8, 2010

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Council Members' Reports

Shelly Hanasyk,
Councillor,
Division 6

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

- Joint Council Meeting with the County of Athabasca
- Upcoming meeting scheduled with the Honourable Mary Anne Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, regarding funding for the NEWTHORAD Lodge
- FOTSPA (Friends of the Thorhild Swimming Pool Association) Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Resolution 49-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Councillors' reports be received as information.

CARRIED

Requisitions and In Camera

There was no information presented with respect to the requisition and in camera sections of this meeting.

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.