

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 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		
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	
Public Works Director	RICK NIETUPSKI		X
Recording Secretary	JEANNETTE CHOLACH	X	X

Councillor Cori Kuzyk was absent from this meeting.

Public Hearing(s)

There were no Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 19-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of January 22, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes – January 12, 2010

Resolution 20-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2010 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, Long Lake block wells, the joint Waskatenau to Smoky Lake regional water initiative and key meetings for the month of January and February.

Confidential Item:
Long Lake Wastewater Issues

Resolution 21-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council go in camera to discuss Long Lake wastewater issues at 9:53 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 22-2010

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council return to open meeting at 10:46 a.m.

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities
Business Arising
from the Minutes –
Long Lake Lagoon
Policy

Resolution 23-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council authorizes the following policy for the proper disposal of wastewater by residents and contractors at the Long Lake Lagoon facility, with full understanding that this is a temporary measure only, until the County builds a wastewater disposal facility somewhere in the County of Thorhild:

- i. The gate at the lagoon is to remain locked at all times and only authorized people be allowed access.
- ii. In the event of a blockage in the dumping basin, the user is responsible to notify the Utilities Department to clear the blockage, helping to reduce any spillage.
- iii. All haulers must run a hose from their tank to the dumping containment; under no circumstances shall a hauler open his end gate to dispose of garbage, i.e. (pop/beer cans, cardboard boxes, diapers, plastic milk jugs) from his tank into the dumping containment, all of these items belong in a landfill not a lagoon. This should help to eliminate the blockage of the screen.
- iv. Any authorized people found not following this policy will have their privileges revoked and will have to make at their own discretion alternate arrangements for disposal of wastewater.

CARRIED

Correspondence

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

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 11:04 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:14 a.m. with Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, and Harold Hamilton, Agricultural Fieldman, in attendance.

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

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

Correspondence

Resolution 24-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the following correspondence items be received for information:

1. 2010 Provincial A.S.B. Conference
2. Agriculture Opportunities in the Alberta Carbon Offset Market Workshop
3. Grain Marketing Alternatives Workshop
4. Ag Choices 2010

CARRIED

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

Agricultural Fieldman Harold Hamilton reported on the following matters:

- New agriculture page in the paper – Countryside Bits and Bytes
- Club Root – policy and upcoming consultation meeting
- New programs that may be considered: fence line spray program, road allowance grazing, urban weed control, and risk assessments
- Water Management
- Training/Seminars

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 JANUARY 22, 2010Adopt Agricultural
Fieldman's ReportResolution 25-2010

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

CARRIED

Delegation:
Thorhild
Community
Association

Thorhild Community Association representatives Margaret Felzien and Tina Anderson joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Tina Anderson, Thorhild Community Association secretary, stated that the Association members had a couple of things to add/change to the lease agreement and they wanted written assurance that the land would be transferred to the Thorhild Community Association. The Association has since obtained their own insurance.

Margaret Felzien, Community Association Board member, also expressed that the Association wants assurance of land ownership for funding purposes. The members want changes made to the lease agreement and a letter of intent with reference to the land transfer.

Reeve Charles Newell indicated that the County cannot commit to an answer until the following issues are resolved:

1. Real property report results are discussed with the affected parties
2. Proof of insurance
3. Signing of a one year lease where upon the County would look at a long term lease or land transfer.

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 12:03 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Agriculture and
Community
Services –
Committee Report
Agriculture and
Community
Services Director's
Report

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

Resolution 26-2010

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

CARRIED

Public Works
Business Arising
from the
Minutes/New
Business – Hollow
Lake/Abee Bridge
Tender Results &
Award

County Manager Dan Small explained that although the Hollow Lake/Abee Bridge Tender Number 76774 was awarded to the lowest bidder, Formula Contractors Ltd., the tender results indicate that the County's contribution portion for i.e. backfill, bridge rail, will be higher than the amount originally budgeted.

It is imperative that the bridge replacement proceed before construction conditions become unfavorable as use of this bridge is currently restricted.

Resolution 27-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council approves an additional \$57,000 (including engineering costs) to the replacement of Bridge Number 76774.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 JANUARY 22, 2010Public Works
Correspondence

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

Committee Report
Public Works
Director's Report

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski reported on the following matters:

- Correction Line Road
- Abee Bridge Project
- 2010 Spring Graveling
- 2010 Dust Control Program
- Advertising for gravel haulers/equipment operators registration for work to be conducted this year
- Corner brushing ongoing
- After hours/weekend contact number

Adopt Public
Works
Director's ReportResolution 28-2010

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Public Works Director's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Bylaws and
Notices of Motion

There was no information presented with respect to the Bylaws and notice of motion sections of this meeting.

Other Business
Hiring Policy 501

County Manager Dan Small presented revised Hiring Policy 501 as directed by Council at the January 12, 2010 Council Meeting.

Resolution 29-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Hiring Policy 501 be referred to Administration to make the changes as instructed by Council and that this matter be brought forward to the February 9, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Attendance at
Alberta Surface
Rights Federation
Annual Meeting

Council requested at the January 12, 2010 Council meeting that an individual be recommended for appointment to attend the Alberta Surface Rights Federation Annual Meeting on February 8th as there is a conflict with another Council event.

Resolution 30-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council authorize Harold Hamilton, Agricultural Fieldman, to attend the Alberta Surface Rights Federation meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010 in Camrose, Alberta.

CARRIED

Correspondence
and Requisitions

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

Delegation:
Sgt. Jennifer
Jackson, Redwater
RCMP Detachment

Sgt. Jennifer Jackson with the Redwater RCMP Detachment joined the meeting at 1:29 p.m. The Sergeant left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7 JANUARY 22, 2010Confidential Items:

Redwater
 Detachment Law
 Enforcement Issues,
 Correction Line Land
 Purchasing, Safety
 Codes Enforcement
 Update, Thorhild
 Community
 Association, and
 Professional
 Development

Resolution 31-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera to discuss the following items at 1:32 p.m.:

1. Redwater Detachment Law Enforcement Issues
2. Correction Line Land Purchasing
3. Safety Codes Enforcement Update
4. Thorhild Community Association
5. Professional Development

CARRIED

Resolution 32-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Professional
 Development

Resolution 33-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council approves attendance of selected County staff at the following Professional Development courses: First Aid Instructor, Weed Fundamentals, and Insect & Disease Management in accordance with Policy 515 and the 2010 Budget, and subject to a Training and Development Agreement with applicable employees.

CARRIED

Thorhild
 Community
 Association re:
 Lease

Resolution 34-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council directs Administration to prepare a one year lease with the Thorhild Community Association as discussed during the in camera session.

CARRIED

Thorhild
 Community
 Association re:
 Real Property
 Report

Resolution 35-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Real Property Report be released to the Thorhild Community Association, Thorhild Ag Society and Thorhild Curling Club for their feedback and to the two adjoining landowners, Lots 1 and B.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.