

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7  
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 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, Director of Planning and Development and 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.	
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	ANGELA BILSKI	X	X

Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 195-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of June 8, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes  
May 25, 2010  
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 196-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the minutes of May 25, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports  
County Manager's Report

Dan Small, County Manager, reported on the following:

- Opal Road Project
- Directives from 2007 Municipal Inspection – The County has fully complied, is fully complying and will continue to fully comply with the following directives:
  1. Council must act by bylaw or resolution.
  2. Meetings of Council which are closed to the public must comply with the reasons stated in Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).
  3. The Assessment Review Board must be established by bylaw.
  4. The Council meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of each month must be held in accordance with the MGA and the Procedure Bylaw 1082-2007.
- County Budget (Post – Fire)
- Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission

County Manager's  
Report (cont.)

- Thorhild Infrastructure Transitional Grant
- Long Lake Water Well Meeting

Adoption of Report Resolution 197-2010

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

CARRIED

Planning and  
Development  
Report

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, reported on the following:

- Community Aggregate Bylaw
- Trade Shows
- Growth Alberta AGM
- Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association

Adoption of Report Resolution 198-2010

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

CARRIED

Delegation –  
Kathleen Bruce

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Kathleen Bruce of the Long Lake Cabin Owners' Association to the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Bruce provided feedback from the meeting held on May 15, 2010 with the residents of Long Lake. Ms. Bruce requested a list of documents relating to the drilling and operation of the block wells and would like to see a committee formed to resolve this issue.

Cori Kuzyk stressed the importance of having a plan with goals and target dates specified. Further discussions with residents and legal counsel are desirable at this time.

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 10:44 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m. with Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, in attendance.

Delegation –  
Colette Miller,  
Wilde and Co.

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Colette Miller of Wilde and Co. to the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Ms. Wilde presented Council with the 2009 Audited Financial Statements and highlighted areas of particular interest. She presented the management letter to Reeve Newell and stated that the internal financial controls are very strong.

Adoption of Report Resolution 199-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the 2009 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Bylaws –  
Nuisance Bylaw

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services presented the proposed Nuisance Bylaw with Sturgeon Bylaw Officer Ken Lauinger in attendance.

Confidential Item:  
Nuisance Bylaw

Resolution 200-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council move in camera at 12:05 p.m. to discuss enforcement issues on specific properties that have nuisance issues.

CARRIED

Nuisance Bylaw  
(cont.)

Resolution 201-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council return to open meeting at 12:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 202-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the draft of the proposed Nuisance Bylaw be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 12:42 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, Brett Demary, Emergency Operations Supervisor, and Peter Stefura, County Contractor, in attendance.

New Business  
Mill Creek Fire  
Reclamation

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services presented an update of the Mill Creek Fire and estimated costs to reclaim affected properties.

Confidential Item:  
Mill Creek Fire  
Reclamation

Resolution 203-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council go in camera at 1:33 p.m. to discuss the proposed Mill Creek Fire reclamation and its impact of specific properties and property owners.

CARRIED

Resolution 204-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council return to open meeting at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 205-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council authorizes the reclamation expenses associated with the following remedial measures:

- a) Open fields on titled land to be rolled back and leveled.
- b) Reclaim the staging area to its previous state.
- c) Open long windrows as required by law.
- d) Reduce serious hazards identified on all lands.
- e) Repair of fence breaks according to a lump sum payment and rollback and replacement of fence lines on properties along the Thorhild/Westlock boundary.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 2:27 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Unfinished  
Business:  
FOIP Act Review

Dan Small, County Manager, presented Administration's draft submission to the Legislature's Standing Committee on Health outlining proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.

FOIP Act Review  
(cont.)

Resolution 206-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council forward the submission for the Committee's consideration with the following amendments:

- presentation should be in bullet format.
- recommendation for specific fee increases should be removed.

CARRIED

Correspondence  
Items:

Resolution 207-2010

AAMDC Request  
for Input &  
AAMDC Bulletin

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the AAMDC Request for Input: Mandatory Helmet Use for Off-Highway Vehicles and the AAMDC Bulletin – Alberta Health Act Consultations be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Committee  
Reports

There were no Committee Reports for this meeting.

Bylaws  
Municipal Election  
Bylaw 1134-2010

Resolution 208-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Municipal Election Bylaw 1134-2010 be given first reading.

CARRIED

Second Reading

Resolution 209-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Municipal Election Bylaw 1134-2010 be given second reading.

CARRIED

Presentation for  
Third Reading

Resolution 210-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council agrees to consider third reading of Municipal Election Bylaw 1134-2010 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading

Resolution 211-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Municipal Election Bylaw 1134-2010 be given third reading.

CARRIED

Notices of Motion:  
Amend Procedural  
Bylaw

Cori Kuzyk presented the following Notice of Motion to be discussed at the next meeting of Council:

That Council amend the meeting bylaw/policies to include assigning dates to action items which result from all resolutions at the time of which the resolution is made. As part of the meeting agenda, a line item will be added to the agenda, to review these action items and deadlines for information only and not discussion. Discussion of these items is by addition to agenda only.

New Business  
County Vehicle  
Policy

Resolution 212-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the County Vehicle Policy be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Provincial  
Emergency  
Services Centre  
on Highway 63

Resolution 213-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council direct Administration to write a letter of support to the Wandering River Fire Department in recognition of its suspension of service and to send copies to appropriate ministers, MLA's, and all affected municipalities along Highway 63.

CARRIED

Resolution 214-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Administration write a letter to the Village of Boyle supporting the placement on a Provincial Emergency Services Centre on Highway 63 and advising that the County of Thorhild is willing to facilitate the establishment of a Steering Committee of representatives from affected municipalities.

CARRIED

Election Services  
Agreement

Resolution 215-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council directs Administration to advise Aspen Public Schools Regional Division No. 19 and Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 150 that the County of Thorhild no longer wishes to conduct the fall election of school trustees but is willing to share polling facilities with them during the upcoming Municipal election.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell called for a recess at 3:42 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Council Members'  
Reports  
Shelly Hanasyk,  
Councillor,  
Division 6

Councillor Shelly Hanasyk attended and reported on the following:

- Lodge Meeting – May 6
- Regular Council Meeting – May 11
- Helped with Fire – May 13 – 18
- Lodge Dedication Ceremony – May 16
- Sunflower Festival/TAG Meeting – May 19
- Regular Council Meeting – May 25
- Meeting with FOTSPA & Watson Pools – May 26
- FCM Conference – Toronto – May 27 – 31
- Regional Water Commission Meeting – June 3
- Fire Debriefing – June 3

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, and Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Taxation, joined the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

New Business:  
Long Lake Block  
Wells Transition

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, presented a breakdown of anticipated costs involved with the divestment of the block wells. The total cost estimate is approximately \$75,000 which would be taken from the Utilities budget.

Resolution 216-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the County funds the transitional costs associated with the Long Lake block wells.

CARRIED

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, and Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Taxation, left the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Wayne Croswell, Councillor, Division 5	Councillor Wayne Croswell attended and reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Block Well Meeting at Long Lake – May 15</li><li>• Highway 28/63 Twinning Open House – May 19</li><li>• Mill Creek Fire Media Tour – May 20</li><li>• Regular Council Meeting – May 25</li><li>• Court hearing regarding gravel issue – May 28</li></ul>
Cori Kuzyk, Councillor, Division 4	Councillor Cori Kuzyk attended and reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Council Meeting – May 25</li><li>• Fighting the Mill Creek Fire – May 12 onward</li><li>• Highway 28/63 Twinning Open House – May 19</li><li>• Fire Debriefing – June 3</li></ul>
Kevin Grumetza, Councillor, Division 2	Councillor Kevin Grumetza attended and reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Council Meeting – May 11</li><li>• Fighting the Mill Creek Fire – May 12, 13, 15 – 20</li><li>• Lodge Dedication Ceremony – May 16</li><li>• Regular Council Meeting – May 25</li><li>• FCM Conference – Toronto – May 27 – 31</li><li>• Lodge Meeting – June 3</li><li>• Fire Debriefing – June 3</li></ul>
Reeve Charles Newell, Councillor, Division 1	Reeve Charles Newell attended and reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thorhild Lion's Club 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – delivered greetings from the County</li><li>• TCS 2010 Convocation Ceremony – May 28</li><li>• Fighting Mill Creek Fire – May 12 onwards</li><li>• Water Commission Meetings</li><li>• GROWTH Alberta Media Tour – June 5</li></ul>
Adoption of Reports	<u>Resolution 217-2010</u>  Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Councillors' reports be accepted as presented.  CARRIED
Requisitions	There was no information presented with respect to the requisitions section of this meeting.  Reeve Charles Newell left the meeting at 4:29 p.m. Deputy Reeve Kevin Grumetza took the chair.
<u>Confidential Items:</u> REA Encroachment Agreement	<u>Resolution 218-2010</u>  Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council go in camera at 4:29 p.m. to discuss the REA Encroachment Agreement.  CARRIED
	<u>Resolution 219-2010</u>  Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council return to open meeting at 4:58 p.m.  CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Reeve Kevin Grumetza called for a recess at 4:58 a.m.
Reconvene	Deputy Reeve Kevin Grumetza reconvened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Confidential Items: Resolution 220-2010

REA

Encroachment  
Agreement

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council go in camera at 5:11 p.m. to discuss the REA Encroachment Agreement.

CARRIED

Resolution 221-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 5:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 222-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Administration provide County Council with additional information about the REA Encroachment Agreement as discussed in camera.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Being that agenda matters were concluded, Deputy Reeve Kevin Grumetza adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.