

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 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	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	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

Public Hearing(s)

There were no Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

County Manager Dan Small indicated that Long Lake Ski Area Manager Brenda Rosenthal who was slated to appear before Council at 1:00 p.m. would not be available to attend this meeting. Ms. Rosenthal would be scheduled to speak before Council at a future meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 99-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 19, 2010, be adopted with the following amendment:

Delete: 11. 1.a) Other Business - 1:00 p.m. Brenda Rosenthal Appointment Council to instead discuss the Long Lake Ski Area Report included in the agenda package.

CARRIED

Adoption of Regular Council Minutes – March 9, 2010

Resolution 100-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities
Business Arising from the 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.

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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, Gas Federation Advisory Meeting, Long Lake block wells, and regional water initiative for the month of March.

Resolution 101-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Gas and Utilities Director’s report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Agriculture and Community Services
Business Arising from the Minutes/New Business – Fire Ban

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, provided Council with an update regarding the fire ban situation within the County of Thorhild. Ms. Olchow reported that conditions are very dry and is making Council aware that on April 1, 2010, an advisory fire ban would be put into effect. A full fire ban will follow in due course. The County will take proactive measures in order to eliminate responses.

Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program – Newbrook West

The Director of Agriculture and Community Services advised that with the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, once again, inviting project proposal submissions under the Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program, that her department may submit the County’s proposed Phase IV project, Newbrook West. This would enable the opening of approximately 40.6 kilometres of permanent fireguards to be constructed to complement existing infrastructure in the Newbrook area.

Resolution 102-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council approves the Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program submission, in the amount of \$867,360.00, for the firebreaks and wildfire barriers to the Newbrook West area.

CARRIED

Policy 1204 – Emergency Services Member Compensation

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, outlined that Policy 1204, Emergency Services Member Compensation, has been modified to allow for an increase in compensation in order to be competitive with the surrounding Counties’ training members.

In recognition of the emergency services members’ time and dedication, the monetary value based on training and response hours, has been increased as follows:

- \$15.00/hour – Response, all members;
- \$18.00/hour – Chief, Deputies and Training Officer

Based on 2009 hours, Policy 1204 rates exceed the approved 2010 budgeted amount by \$3,900.00 and an additional \$1,920.00 for flagging.

Resolution 103-2010

Moved by Wayne Crowell that Policy 1204, Emergency Service Member Compensation, be approved as amended and presented by the Director of Agriculture and Community Services.

CARRIED

Correspondence

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

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Committee Report
Agriculture and
Community
Services Director's
Report

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

Adoption of Report Resolution 104-2010

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

CARRIED

Land Use and Taxes Manager Cheryl Pasay, Tax Clerk Cindy Hutchinson and County Assessor Dan Kanuka with Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. joined the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Delegation –
County Assessor
Dan Kanuka,
Municipal
Assessment
Services

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed County Assessor Dan Kanuka to the meeting.

Dan Kanuka presented Council with an overview of the 2009 assessment and market value growth (2010 tax year) within the County of Thorhild, in comparison to the 2009 tax year.

Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, provided comment on the 2010 Alberta Municipal Affairs linear property assessment report for the County of Thorhild.

Reeve Charles Newell thanked County Assessor Dan Kanuka for the information. County Assessor Dan Kanuka, Cheryl Pasay, Manager of Land Use and Taxes, and Tax Clerk Cindy Hutchinson left Council Chambers at 10:34 a.m.

Delegation –
Grade 6 Class,
Thorhild Central
School – Local
Government Study

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed the Thorhild Central School Grade 6 students, their teacher Mike Popowicz and educational assistants to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Introductions of Council and staff proceeded.

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

2010 Road Bans

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski presented Council members with the proposed road ban list for 2010.

Resolution 105-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that a 75% road ban, effective 8:00 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, be placed on the following roads:

1. Opal Road south of Highway 18 to Township Road 582
2. Range Road 205 within the Hamlet of Radway
3. Long Lake Access Road from Secondary Highway 831 east into Long Lake Provincial Park
4. Within the Hamlet of Long Lake
5. Within Northbrook and Pinebrook subdivisions
6. Within the Hamlet of Egremont excluding Township Road 584
7. Within the Hamlet of Opal excluding the old railroad lane

CARRIED

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 update
- Household Hazardous Waste Roundup
- Security System
- 2010 Dust Control
- Tractor Tender
- Fire Guard Maintenance

Adoption of Report

Resolution 106-2010

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

CARRIED

Delegation –
Grade 6 Class,
Thorhild Central
School – Local
Government Study

A question and answer period ensued between the Grade 6 students and Council members.

Reeve Charles Newell thanked the students for their questions, and the delegation of Thorhild Central School students and teaching staff left Council Chambers at 11:37 a.m.

Bylaws and
Notice of Motion

There was no information presented with respect to the Bylaws and Notice of Motion sections for this meeting.

Other Business
Long Lake Ski
Area Report

County Manager Dan Small summarized report details and revenue statistics for the Long Lake Area for the 2009-2010 season in the absence of Long Lake Ski Area Manager Brenda Rosenthal.

Resolution 107-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receive the Long Lake Ski Area report as information.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvene

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

Correspondence
and Requisitions

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

Confidential Item:
Personnel Issue:
County Manager's
Performance
Review

Resolution 108-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council go in camera to discuss a personnel issue at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 109-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED

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Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.