

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Call to Order

Reeve Charles Newell called the meeting to order at 9:28 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		
Acting County Manager	CHERYL PASAY	X	X
Agriculture & Community Services Director	CINDY OLCHOWY	X	X
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS		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.

Councillor Wayne Croswell stated that he had two notices of motion to present as additions to the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 50-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of February 23, 2010, be adopted with the following amendments:

Additions: K. Notices of Motion

- 10. a) Concerns Regarding Gravel Extraction on Crown Land
- 10. b) Personnel Issue: Contracted Services

CARRIED

Adoption of Special Council Minutes – February 8, 2010

Resolution 51-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adoption of Regular Council Minutes – February 9, 2010

Resolution 52-2010

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

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities Business Arising from the Minutes and Correspondence

There was no information presented with respect to the Business Arising from the Minutes 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, Long Lake block wells, the joint Waskatenau to Smoky Lake regional water initiative and key meetings for the months of February and March.

Resolution 53-2010

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

CARRIED

Agriculture and
Community
Services
Business Arising
from the
Minutes/New
Business – Draft
Community
Support Policy

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, presented Council members with a draft of the proposed Community Support Policy. Ms. Olchowy explained that the policy was designed to consolidate the process under one umbrella through the Community Services Department in order to provide fairness to community groups in a timely manner.

Resolution 54-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Community Support Policy be deferred to the March 9, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence

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

Committee
Reports
Agriculture and
Community
Services Director's
Report

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture and Community Services, reported to Council with respect to agriculture (extended best wishes to Agricultural Fieldman Harold Hamilton who will be leaving the County effective February 26, 2010), emergency services and management, occupational health and safety, by-law enforcement, and community services matters for the months of February and March.

Adoption of Report Resolution 55-2010

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

CARRIED

Agricultural
Fieldman's Report

Agricultural Fieldman Harold Hamilton reported on the following matters:

- Agriculture
- Strychnine Program
- Club Root - upcoming public information meeting
- Coyote problem
- New programs that may be considered: fence line spray program, road allowance grazing, urban weed control, and risk assessments
- Training/Seminars

Council commended Harold Hamilton for the development and implementation of various agriculture programs for the County during his tenure as Agricultural Fieldman.

Harold Hamilton thanked Council and staff for their assistance.

Adoption of Report Resolution 56-2010

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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Acting County Manager Cheryl Pasay announced that delegate David Clarke with Jubilee Insurance scheduled for an 11:00 a.m. appointment would be delayed until 11:30 a.m.

Public Works
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.

Committee Report
Public Works
Director's Report

Public Works Director Rick Nietupski reported on the following matters:

- Landfills
- Abee Bridge Project
- Spring Graveling update
- Corner brushing ongoing
- List of Equipment for Public Auction
- Dust Control Program
- Advertising for gravel haulers/equipment operators registration for work to be conducted this year
- After hours/weekend contact number

Adoption of Report

Resolution 57-2010

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

CARRIED

Bylaws

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

Notice of Motion
Concern
Regarding Gravel
Extraction on
Crown Land

Resolution 58-2010

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the following notice of motion be debated at this Council Meeting:

"That Council stop the issuing of development and business permits on crown land for gravel extraction (SW 36-63-19-W4):

- Not in the best interest of public.
- If we are allowing this type of development on crown land, we should be securing the gravel for our own use."

CARRIED

Councillor Crosswell questioned why the County of Thorhild would be allowing a gravel extraction development as the Land Use Bylaw deems this area as recreational zoning, and a pristine area would be affected. Mr. Crosswell wanted to know why the County would be giving away a valuable resource which the County of Thorhild requires. He asked for clarification regarding two maps displaying different designations for the SW 36-63-19-W4 in the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

Acting County Manager Cheryl Pasay provided Council with an explanation and timelines as to the process followed by Alberta Public Lands when dealing with crown land as the property in question falls under their jurisdiction. Ms. Pasay indicated that Public Lands circulates correspondence to the affected municipality who then provide comments in turn. In this case, the County of Thorhild asked for certain requirements and the municipality can then provide comments to Public Lands as to allow or not allow approval of a development. A municipality has to have a substantive reason for recommending not to allow a development.

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Concern
Regarding Gravel
Extraction on
Crown Land

Councillor Wayne Croswell stated that ~~he understood that the County could stop the process or appeal the development.~~ *From his communication with SRD that he understood that the County had the option to refuse the development permit.*
Reeve Charles Newell indicated that there may also be huge cost implications to developing this type of resource.

Resolution 59-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Administration research the matter of gravel extraction on crown land, and bring forward the requested information at the March 9, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion

Personnel Issue:
Contracted Service

Resolution 60-2010

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council discuss the following notice of motion at this Council Meeting during an in camera session:

"Personnel Issue: Concerned that a contracted service is not working in the best interest of the County."

CARRIED

Confidential Item:

Personnel Issue:
Contracted
Services

Resolution 61-2010

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council go in camera to discuss a personnel matter related to contracted services at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Cori Kuzyk declared a pecuniary interest, did not participate in discussion or debate and left Council Chambers at 11:04 a.m.

Resolution 62-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 11:15 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m. with David Clarke with Jubilee Insurance in attendance. Councillor Cori Kuzyk was absent.

Request to Set up
Meeting with
Waste
Management
Canada

Resolution 63-2010

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Administration be directed to schedule a meeting with Waste Management Canada with respect to the Hosting Agreement.

CARRIED

Councillor Cori Kuzyk returned to the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Delegation:

David Clarke,
Jubilee Insurance

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed David Clarke, Jubilee Insurance Manager of Insurance and Risk Services, to the meeting.

Mr. Clarke provided information in response to Council's questions pertaining to local community groups' insurance rates, the additional named insured activities and risk assessment component. He explained the RiskPro Program to Council, and copies of the core liability program were distributed for Council's information.

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Delegation:
David Clarke,
Jubilee Insurance

David Clarke clarified the major exclusions under the County's insurance coverage. He specified that Jubilee Insurance can look at future leases to provide comment on the insurance aspect. Mr. Clarke also provided information with respect to Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) compliance.

A question and answer session ensued.

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared the meeting in recess at 12:13 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m. with Janelle Cornelius, Director of Corporate Services, in attendance.

Other Business

Three Month
Auditor
Engagement
Report and
Financial
Statements

The Director of Corporate Services presented Council with the auditor engagement review report for the Village of Thorhild for the period of January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 and corresponding financial statements.

Resolution 64-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council adopt the Village of Thorhild three month auditor engagement report and financial statements, for the period of January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009, as presented by Janelle Cornelius, Director of Corporate Services.

CARRIED

Alberta Land
Stewardship Act
and Land Use
Framework

Cheryl Pasay, Acting County Manager, provided Council with the background of the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA) which originated in 2009. The Alberta Land Stewardship Act provides the legislative framework to support the Government of Alberta's Land Use Framework.

Ms. Pasay explained that the County of Thorhild is situated within the North Saskatchewan region of the Land Use Framework which extends from the Saskatchewan to the British Columbia border. Approximately 70 municipal entities are located within this region. This large planning region must determine a vision as well as set goals, objections, criteria and address key factors such as agriculture, water use and conservation and population growth.

The Acting County Manager suggested that with the number of municipalities affected, the number of key factors being considered and each having their own objectives in the new region, that Council speak with other Council members at the upcoming AAMDC Convention.

Resolution 65-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accept the report pertaining to the Alberta Land Stewardship Act and Land Use Framework as information.

CARRIED

Meetings with
RCMP and Alberta
Transportation at
AAMDC
Convention

Resolution 66-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council develop a list of agenda items to bring forward for discussion during meetings with RCMP senior personnel and Alberta Transportation representatives on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 during the AAMDC Convention.

CARRIED

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Professional Development: Supervisory Bootcamp

Acting County Manager Cheryl Pasay stated that Administration is proposing that the County Manager, department heads and supervisory staff attend a Supervisory Bootcamp, two days of courses, to be held at MacEwan University April 26 – 28, 2010. The cost for the courses is \$6000.00. The Supervisory Bootcamp was not included in the adopted 2010 Budget.

Resolution 67-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council authorizes the following:

- i. Attendance of the County Manager, Department heads and supervisory staff at the Supervisory Bootcamp at MacEwan University on April 26 and 28, 2010.
- ii. Attendance of Council members and Fire Chiefs at the Supervisory Bootcamp at MacEwan University on April 26 and 28, 2010.
- iii. Determine whether Newthorad Lodge employees and/or local business representatives are interested in attending and subsequent pro-rating of course fees.
- iv. Usage of \$3000.00 out of the Professional Development Budget.

CARRIED

Correspondence
Shell Quest CCS
Project Open
House Dates

Resolution 68-2010

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accept the Shell Quest Carbon Capture Storage Project Open House Dates correspondence as information.

CARRIED

Community Planning
Association Annual
Conference

Resolution 69-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the correspondence pertaining to the Community Planning Association Annual Conference be received as information.

CARRIED

Requisitions

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

Confidential Item:
County Manager's
Performance
Review

Resolution 70-2010

Moved by Cori Kuzyk that Council go in camera to discuss the County Manager's Performance Review at 1:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 71-2010

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 2:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 72-2010

Moved by Charles Newell that Council review the performance evaluation forms as discussed during the in camera session and bring forward recommendations to the March 9, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

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Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

These minutes approved this ninth day of
March, 2010.



REEVE



COUNTY MANAGER