

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M. 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	SHELLY HANASYK	X	X
4	JOHN OLSON	X	X
5	WAYNE CROSWELL	X	X
Interim County Manager	WILLIAM (BILL) KOSTIW	X	X
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	X
Recording Secretary	ANGELA BILSKI	X	X

Additions to the
Agenda

Resolution 383-2011

Moved by John Olson that the following items be added to the agenda:
Under Item 6h) Supplemental Information
Under Item 15a) Legal
Under Item 15b) Personnel

CARRIED

Adoption of
Agenda

Resolution 384-2011

Moved by Wayne Crowell that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of July 26, 2011 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes
June 29, 2011
Special Council
Meeting

Resolution 385-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the minutes of June 29, 2011 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes
July 12, 2011
Regular Council
Meeting

Resolution 386-2011

Moved by John Olson that the minutes of July 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- Delegations There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.
- Administration – Waste Management Hosting Agreement Interim County Manager Wm Bill Kostiw presented a verbal update on the status of the Waste Management Hosting Agreement which will be presented on August 9, 2011.
- Resolution 386-2011
- Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the Waste Management Hosting Agreement as information and refers it to the Council meeting of August 9, 2011.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 387-2011
- Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council instructs Administration to proceed with the Waste Management landfill project by providing drafts of the Development and Road Use Agreements.
- CARRIED
- Administration – Thorhild Regional Water Services Commission Report Administration provided a copy of the Government of Alberta Order in Council 296/2011 which forms the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission.
- Resolution 388-2011
- Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the Order in Council officially forming the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission as presented.
- CARRIED
- Administration – Thorhild Regional Waste Management Services Commission Discussion Interim County Manager, Wm Bill Kostiw, provided a verbal overview of the Thorhild Regional Waste Management Services Commission.
- Resolution 389-2011
- Moved by John Olson that Council accepts the overview of the Thorhild Regional Waste Management Services Commission as information.
- CARRIED
- Administration – Letter from Mr. Lorne Skuba Resolution 390-2011
- Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receives the letter from Mr. Lorne Skuba dated July 19, 2011 as information.
- CARRIED
- Administration – Provincial Projects – SH827, Hwy 28, others Interim County Manager, Wm Bill Kostiw presented a verbal update on the status of provincial projects involving SH827, Hwy 28 and others.
- Resolution 391-2011
- Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council directs Administration to write a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting the restriction of the transportation of dangerous goods along SH831 and an update on the provincial emergency response center along the Fort McMurray traffic corridor.
- CARRIED

Resolution 392-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the update on Provincial Highway projects as information.

CARRIED

Administration –
Strategic Planning
Session

Interim County Manager, Wm Bill Kostiw presented options for strategic planning sessions including Council members and/or senior staff.

Resolution 393-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council holds a strategic planning session on August 10 & 11 facilitated by legal counsel and Municipal Affairs to include only Council members.

CARRIED

Administration –
Tax Base
Development
Projects

Interim County Manager Wm Bill Kostiw presented a verbal update on Tax Base Development Projects.

Resolution 394-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receives the update on Tax Base Development Projects as information and provides additional input for future consideration.

CARRIED

Gas & Utilities
Business Arising
from Minutes/New
Business – Long
Lake Block Wells

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, reported on the Boil Water Advisory issued for Long Lake Hamlet.

Resolution 395-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receives the Boil Water Advisory issued for Long Lake Hamlet as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence
Items –
Wetlands Option
and Lagoon StudyResolution 396-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council directs Administration to proceed with the Lagoon portion of the Wetlands Option and Lagoon Study for the Hamlet of Thorhild.

CARRIED

Gas and Utilities
Director's Report

Joyce Pierce, Gas and Utilities Director, presented a verbal report on issues associated with the Gas and Water & Sewer Divisions of the department.

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, and Clarence Dowhan, Agricultural Fieldman, joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Adoption of ReportResolution 397-2011

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

CARRIED

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

- Agriculture and Community Services
Business Arising from Minutes/New Business – Namepi Kennedy Creek Private Crossings
- Resolution 398-2011
- Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council approves the 2011 Namepi Kennedy Creek Private Crossing Work Plan as presented.
- CARRIED
- Correspondence Items –
Rural Alberta Development Fund
- Resolution 399-2011
- Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receives the news release on the Rural Alberta Development Fund as information.
- CARRIED
- Agriculture & Community Services Director's Report
- Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Emergency & Community Services, reported to Council with respect to Agriculture, Emergency Services, and Family & Community Services.
- Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.
- Adoption of Report
- Resolution 400-2011
- Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Agriculture, Emergency & Community Services Director's report be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED
- Agricultural Fieldman's Report
- Clarence Dowhan, Agricultural Fieldman, presented a report to Council with respect to agriculture and water management issues as well as upcoming meetings, workshops, and tours.
- Shelly Hanasyk left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.
Shelly Hanasyk rejoined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.
- Adoption of Report
- Resolution 401-2011
- Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED
- Agricultural Conservation Technologist's Report
- Evonne Zukiwski, Agricultural Conservation Technologist, submitted a written report to Council with respect to the formalized partnership between County of Thorhild and Smoky Lake County, goals of the program, and upcoming events.
- Northeast Watershed Team Meeting
- Ms. Zukiwski's report included notification of an upcoming meeting of the Northeast Watershed Team (NEWT).
- Resolution 402-2011
- Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Reeve Charles Newell be authorized to attend the Committee meeting for the Northeast Watershed Team (NEWT) on August 5, 2011 in Bonnyville.
- CARRIED

Adoption of Report Resolution 403-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agricultural Conservation Technologist's report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 10:56 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m. with Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Community, and Emergency Services, and Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, in attendance.

Public Works -
Business Arising
from Minutes/New
Business –
Requests for Road
Allowance
Developments

Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, presented information on the practice of other municipalities regarding road allowance developments, as well as how previous requests within the County of Thorhild were handled by Council.

Resolution 404-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council denies Mr. Halonen's request to upgrade the road allowance located at SE 1-62-19-W4.

Resolution 405-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council directs Administration to respond to Mr. Halonen's request and to investigate other feasible options for access to the property located at SE 1-62-19-W4.

CARRIED

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Public Works -
Business Arising
from Minutes/New
Business –
Transfer Station
Tender

Resolution 406-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receives the revised tender for the Thorhild Transfer Station as information.

CARRIED

Public Works -
Business Arising
from Minutes/New
Business –
Gravel Crushing

Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, presented information on the new gravel specification that the County will be using.

Resolution 407-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receives the report on gravel crushing as information.

CARRIED

Public Works -
Business Arising
from Minutes/New
Business –
Long Lake
Emergency
Access Road

Interim County Manager, Wm Bill Kostiw presented a brief update on the status of the Long Lake Emergency Access Road project.

Resolution 408-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council receives the update on the status of the Long Lake Emergency Access Road project as information.

CARRIED

- Correspondence Items There was no information presented with respect to the Correspondence section for this meeting.
- Public Works Director's Report Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, reported on issues pertaining to the Public Works Department.
- Adoption of Report Resolution 409-2011
- Moved by that the Public Works Director's report be accepted as presented.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 410-2011
- Moved by John Olson that Council moves in camera at 11:45 a.m. to discuss negotiations regarding gravel leases.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 411-2011
- Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council comes out of camera at 12:08 p.m.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 412-2011
- Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council authorizes Public Works to proceed with the reclamation plan and further testing of the gravel pit located at SW25 and NW 25-63-19 near Long Lake and to amend the 2011 budget to reflect the estimated cost (\$49,000).
- CARRIED
- Resolution 413-2011
- Moved by John Olson that Council directs Administration to develop an extraction plan for the gravel pit located at SW25 and NW 25-63-19 near Long Lake.
- CARRIED
- Recess Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 12:09 p.m.
- Reconvene Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m.
- Bylaws There were no Bylaws presented at this meeting.
- Notices of Motion Wayne Croswell presented the motion to amend the Land Use Bylaw 989-98 to prohibit development for aggregate extraction purposes on any crown land within the County of Thorhild No. 7 other than for the use of the County of Thorhild No. 7 or Provincial and Federal Government Transportation requirements. Any exception would require unanimous council approval, thereby bringing awareness and acceptance to allowance of this kind of development within the County of Thorhild No. 7 to all of council.
- Laurie Andrushchyshyn, Payroll and Personnel Manager, joined the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Resolution 414-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council receives the notice of motion to amend the Land Use Bylaw 989-98 to prohibit development for aggregate extraction purposes on any crown land within the County of Thorhild No. 7 other than for the use of the County of Thorhild No. 7 or Provincial and Federal Government Transportation requirements as information and refers it to Administration for further study.

CARRIED

Resolution 415-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council directs Administration to consult with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and Alberta Environment (AE) to determine viability or practicality of proposed gravel prohibition to the public on crown lands.

CARRIED

Other Business –
RFP for
Compensation,
Benefit and
Classification
Survey

Laurie Andrushchyshyn, Payroll and Personnel Manager, reviewed the results of the RFP for Compensation, Benefit and Classification Survey.

Resolution 416-2011

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council defers the discussion of the Compensation, Benefit and Classification Survey to an in camera session later in the meeting.

CARRIED

Other Business –
Vanguard Realty
Ltd. – Henry Enns

Resolution 417-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council authorizes Administration to continue working with Vanguard Realty Ltd. subject to obtaining additional financial security and adherence to the County of Thorhild 2007 General Municipal Servicing Standards.

CARRIED

Other
Correspondence –
New West
Partnership Trade
Agreement
(NWPTA)

Resolution 418-2011

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council receives the Synopsis of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) as information.

CARRIED

Other
Correspondence –
PC Alberta Event
for Ed Stelmach

Resolution 419-2011

Moved by Reeve Charles Newell that Council accepts the letter regarding the PC Alberta Event for Ed Stelmach as information.

CARRIED

Other
Correspondence –
Rainbow
Equitation Society

Resolution 420-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council encourages any member of Council and/or Administration to attend the Rainbow Equitation Society's event on August 20, 2011.

CARRIED

- Other Correspondence –
Long Lake Cottage Owners Association Golf Tournament
- Resolution 421-2011
Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council sponsors a hole (\$250) at the Long Lake Cottage Owners Association Golf Tournament on July 31, 2011 and authorizes a team to attend.
- CARRIED
- Other Correspondence –
Draft Letter to Engineering Firms regarding Waste Management Development
- Resolution 422-2011
Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council directs Administration to request engineering proposals for the Waste Management Development project.
- CARRIED
- Requisitions
There were no requisitions presented at this meeting.
- Recess
Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 1:47 p.m.
- Reconvene
Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:49 p.m.
- Confidential Items- Legal issues, Personnel Issues
- Resolution 423-2011
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera at 1:50 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel issues.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 424-2011
Moved by John Olson that Council comes out of camera at 2:50 p.m.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 425-2011
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receives the legal and personnel update as information.
- CARRIED
- Resolution 426-2011
Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council receives the RFP for Compensation, Benefit, and Classification as information.
- CARRIED
- Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.