

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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.

The following were in attendance during the course of the meeting on this date:

DIVISION ATTENDANCE	NAME	A.M.	P.M.
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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
County Manager	DAN SMALL	X	X
Director of Corporate Services	JANELLE CORNELIUS	X	X
Recording Secretary	ANGELA BILSKI	X	X

Adoption of
AgendaResolution 221-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda of the Council Meeting of May 10, 2011 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 222-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council go in camera at 9:35 a.m. to discuss legal matters described in the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2011.

CARRIED

Resolution 223-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 9:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes
April 26, 2011
Regular Council
Meeting

Resolution 224-2011

Moved by John Olson that the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted with the following amendment: On page 60, that the words "dealing with FOIP" matters" be inserted into Resolution 212-2011 after the words "legal advice".

CARRIED

Administrative Reports

County Manager's Report

County Manager Dan Small reported on the following:

- Christenson Roofing has won the bid for Village roof repairs.
- Long Lake wells will continue to operate as usual; shock chlorination will be done this spring.
- Traffic Safety Bylaw
- Transportation Fleet Safety/Health and Safety
- Highway 28/63 Water Commission
- Grand Openings Planned
- Proposed Transfer Stations
- Garbage Collection Bylaw

Adoption of County Manager's Report

Resolution 225-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the County Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations – TCS Grade 6 Social Studies Class

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed the TCS Grade 6 Social Studies Class to the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves to the students and a question and answer period followed.

Shelly Hanasyk left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Shelly Hanasyk rejoined the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 10:33 a.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. with Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, and the TCS Grade 6 Social Studies class in attendance.

Planning and Development Report

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

- Thorhild Laundromat
- NW 5-60-21-4
- Safety Codes Inspection Audit
- Combined Assessment and Tax Notices
- Development Permit Application #1602
- Thorhild Community Association
- Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP)
- Long Lake Provincial Park

Adoption of Planning and Development Report

Resolution 226-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The TCS Grade 6 Social Studies Class left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Unfinished Business – Long Lake Alternative Access Road

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, and Christopher Barr, Bylaw Enforcement Officer joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m. County Manager Dan Small presented an update of new information regarding the advice from Building Canada that the project could not proceed if access to the road was restricted in any way. Wayne Croswell reiterated the residents' concerns about the proposed project including increased traffic, crime, ATV use, and other illegal activity.

Unfinished
Business –Long Lake
Alternative Access
Road (cont)Resolution 227-2011

Moved by Wayne Crowwell that the County uses its public policy discretion in passing the following resolution electing not to build the road (and giving the grant back):

Whereas the County of Thorhild has identified a need for an alternative access and exit from the hamlet of Long Lake for emergency services and other uses, and

Whereas the County has applied for and received a grant from the Building Canada Program for approximately \$400,000 in federal/provincial funding to build and alternative access, and

Whereas the residents and landowners have been consulted by the County and have expressed their concerns that there are potential negative impacts to the road, such as increased through traffic, vandalism, crime, quadding, illegal drug use, illegal camping, increased fire hazard, environmental damage, and increased development pressure, and,

Whereas, in the community's opinion, these potential negative impacts outweigh the potential benefits of the proposed roadway,

Therefore, County Council recognizes the concerns of the Long Lake community and elects to discontinue all future planning, engineering, design, and construction of the proposed Long Lake Alternative Access roadway.

Wayne Crowwell requested a recorded vote.

In Favor
Wayne Crowwell
John Olson

Opposed
Shelly Hanasyk
Kevin Grumetza
Charles Newell

DEFEATED

Resolution 228-2011

Moved by Reeve Charles Newell that the County execute an agreement with Building Canada and liaise with its engineering consultant on the following: a new project route design and budget, conduct the environmental review required by the BCF Secretariat, get consent from the Crown, Crown leaseholders, and Athabasca County for use of Crown land for the road alignment and consent of Athabasca County for its LOC for its existing private gravel pit road connecting its gravel lease to Highway 831.

CARRIED

Unfinished
Business –Draft Request for
Proposal for
Compensation,
Benefit and
ClassificationResolution 229-2011

Moved by Reeve Charles Newell that Council approves the RFP for Compensation, Benefit, and Classification and the following companies be invited to participate: Aon Consulting, Haygroup, Knightsbridge, Mercer, The Wynford Group, and George Cuff Consulting.

CARRIED

Correspondence

There were no correspondence items presented in this section of the meeting.

Committee
Reports

There were no Committee Reports presented at this meeting.

By-Laws –
Traffic Safety
Bylaw (discussion)

Cindy Olchowy, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, presented a draft version of a Traffic Safety Bylaw for discussion purposes.

John Olson left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.
John Olson rejoined the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Resolution 230-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the draft Traffic Safety Bylaw as information.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 12:13 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Delegations –
Colette Miller,
Debra Febrouski,
Wilde & Co.

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Colette Miller, FCA and Debra Febrouski, CGA to the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Ms. Miller and Ms. Febrouski presented the 2010 Audited Financial Statements.

New Business –
2010 Audited
Financial
Statements

Resolution 231-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council approves the 2010 Audited Financial Statements for the County of Thorhild as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 232-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council moves in camera at 1:33 p.m. to discuss the management letter presented by Ms. Miller and Ms. Febrouski.

CARRIED

Resolution 233-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council return to open meeting at 1:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Recess

Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 1:45 p.m.

Reconvene

Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

New Business –
2010 Audited
Financial
Statements (cont)

Janelle Cornelius, Director of Corporate Services, presented the Finance Department Variance Report to highlight the significant variances in revenues and expenditures between budget and actual results for the 12 month period ending December 31, 2010.

Delegations –
Tim Rettman

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Tim Rettman to the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Mr. Rettman expressed his concerns about the drainage and sewer issues associated with his property as well as other properties along 1st Street in the hamlet of Thorhild.

Delegations –
Tim Rettman
(cont)

Resolution 234-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council directs Administration and Public Works to investigate the drainage and sewer issues affecting Mr. Rettman's property as well as other properties along 1st Street in the hamlet of Thorhild and report back at an upcoming Council meeting.

CARRIED

Mr. Rettman left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

New Business –
2010 Audited
Financial
Statements (cont)

Janelle Cornelius, Director of Corporate Services, continued to present the Finance Department Variance Report to highlight the significant variances in revenues and expenditures between budget and actual results for the 12 month period ending December 31, 2010.

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, and Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, joined the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Resolution 235-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Finance Department Variance Report was accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Notices of Motion

Councillor Olson gave notice of his intention to propose a motion to direct Administration to hire a consulting firm to revisit a feasibility study for the Hamlet of Long Lake water and sewer system and a total cost at the next meeting.

Resolution 236-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council discusses the motion presented by Councillor Olson at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 237-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council directs Administration to hire a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study for the Hamlet of Long Lake water and sewer system.

CARRIED

Resolution 238-2011

Moved by Reeve Charles Newell that Council directs Administration to write a report on the process of constructing a water and sewer system at the hamlet of Long Lake especially outlining how a debenture and a local improvement tax to fund the project would impact property owners.

CARRIED

New Business –
Long Lake Ski
Area Report

Jocelyn Toronchuk and Russell Rosenthal, management at Long Lake Ski Area, joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m. to discuss the Long Lake Ski Area Report for the 2010/11 season.

Shelly Hanasyk left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.
Shelly Hanasyk rejoined the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

- New Business – Long Lake Ski Area Report (cont) Resolution 239-2011
Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the Long Lake Ski Area Report for the 2010/11 season as presented and that Council directs Administration to work with management to prioritize building repair and landscaping expenses within the current budget.

CARRIED
- Recess Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 3:39 p.m.
- Reconvene Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 3:47 p.m. with Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, in attendance.
- New Business – Tender Results – Regional Water Line Projects Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, presented the tender results for the construction of the Redwater-Radway portion of Phase 2.
Resolution 240-2011
Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the lowest compliant bid on both tenders of Phase 2 of the water line project, subject to the advice of the engineering consultant and Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.
- New Business – Half Moon Lake Community Park Price List Resolution 241-2011
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that County Council approves the Half Moon Lake Community Park Price List as presented.

CARRIED
- New Business – County of Thorhild Regional Library Board Auditor Resolution 242-2011
Moved by Wayne Croswell that County Council authorizes the County of Thorhild Regional Library Board to appoint the firm of Shoemaker, Viney & Friesen Chartered Accountants as its auditor for 2010.

CARRIED
- Council Members' Reports Wayne Croswell reported on a suggestion from the Pembina River Zone meeting that, for the benefit of the many newly elected council members in the region, each municipality makes a short presentation to showcase their best features at future zone meetings.
Reeve Charles Newell reported on attending Blair Birch's retirement party. Shelly Hanasyk reported that funding to purchase a lift has been received for the benefit of seniors to access the pool.
Resolution 243-2011
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Council Members' Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED
- Requisitions There was no information presented for this section of the meeting.

Confidential Items

DocBarr

Veterinary
Services Ltd.,
Waste
Management
Hosting
Agreement, Waste
Management
Development
Permit ApplicationResolution 244-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council go into camera at 4:03 p.m. to discuss DocBarr Veterinary Services Ltd, Waste Management Hosting Agreement, and the Waste Management Development Permit Application.

CARRIED

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Norm Nuttall, P. Eng., joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Resolution 245-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council return to open meeting at 5:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 246-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council directs Administration to respond to DocBarr Veterinary Services Ltd. regarding utility hookup as discussed in camera.

CARRIED

Resolution 247-2011

Moved by Wayne Crowell that Council directs Administration to continue to negotiate with Waste Management as discussed in camera.

CARRIED

Resolution 248-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that a special meeting be held on May 26, 2011 to discuss the Waste Management development permit application (pending the availability of Barry Sjølie of Brownlee LLP).

CARRIED

Norm Nuttall, P. Eng., Cheryl Pasay, Director of Land Use & Planning, and Dan Small, County Manager, left the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Confidential Items

Personnel Issue

Resolution 249-2011

Moved by Wayne Crowell that Council go into camera at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

CARRIED

Resolution 250-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council return to open meeting at 5:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 251-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council directs the Reeve to engage Davies Consulting Group for employee recruitment.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Being that agenda matters were concluded, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.