

COUNTY OF THORHILD NO. 7  
COUNCIL MEETINGMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Present	Charles Newell John Olson Shelly Hanasyk Wayne Croswell Kevin Grumetza	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor
Administration	Jim Squire Janelle Cornelius Joyce Pierce Cheryl Pasay Cindy Olchoway  Angela Bilski	CAO Director of Corporate Services Director of Utilities Director of Land Use and Planning Director of Agriculture, Community, and Emergency Services Executive Assistant
Moment of Silence	Reeve Charles Newell requested a moment of silence to commemorate Remembrance Day and the loss of Brett Demary's son Cody who was killed on November 2, 2011 in a workplace accident.	
Call to Order	Reeve Charles Newell called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.	
Adoption of Agenda	<u>Resolution 721-2011</u>  Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 8, 2011 be accepted with the following addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Extension to the Hamlet of Thorhild under Item 10c).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u> October 28, 2011 Organizational Meeting	<u>Resolution 722-2011</u>  Moved by Wayne Croswell that the minutes of October 28, 2011 Organizational Meeting be adopted with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution 679-2011 – Change the name “Dalton” to “Darwin”.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<u>Adoption of Minutes</u> October 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting	<u>Resolution 723-2011</u>  Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the minutes of October 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.  <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<u>General Reports</u>	There were no reports presented at this meeting.	
<u>Administration CAO Report</u>	CAO Jim Squire presented a report to Council.	

Adoption of CAO  
Report

Resolution 724-2011

Moved by John Olson that the CAO's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Administration  
Action Item List

Resolution 725-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the Action Item List be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Administration  
Thorhild Regional  
Water Services  
Commission

The minutes of the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission meeting of November 3, 2011 were presented.

Resolution 726-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting of the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Administration  
Thorhild Regional  
Waste  
Management  
Services  
Commission

There was no information presented for this item.

Administration  
Newthorad  
Resolution

Resolution 727-2011

Moved by Wayne Crowell that Council appoints Kevin Grumetza, Shelly Hanasyk, and Charles Newell to serve on the Newthorad Seniors Housing Foundation.

CARRIED

Administration  
Financial Report

Janelle Cornelius, Director of Corporate Services, presented a financial report.

Resolution 728-2011

Moved by John Olson that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Planning and  
Development  
Director's Report

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, presented a report.

Resolution 729-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Planning and  
Development  
Thorhild  
Laundromat

Resolution 730-2011

Moved by John Olson that Council authorizes the sale of the Thorhild Laundromat to Mr. Joe Gracie for the sum of \$10,000.

CARRIED

Planning and  
Development  
Tax Arrears in  
Dispute

Resolution 731-2011

Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council tables the decision on the request to waive penalty applied against Plan 9123418, Block 13, Lot 5A as per Section 341 of the MGA to the next meeting.

CARRIED

Public Hearing –  
Bylaw 1151-2011  
– Land Use  
Amendment –  
Allowance of two  
(2) 50 acre split  
and one (1) 60  
acre split within an  
159 acre parcel  
(NE 4-62-22-4)

Reeve Charles Newell called the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1151-2011 – Land Use Amendment – Allowance of two (2) 50 acre split and one (1) 60 acre split within an 159 acre parcel (NE 4-62-22-4); Land Use designation to remain as Agricultural (A) District to order at 10:13a.m.

Introductions

Introductions of Council, Administration, and Applicants were made.

Advice on  
Councillor Role

Reeve Charles Newell advised that when hearing submissions on a bylaw amendment or rezoning, a Councillor is not performing political functions, but is performing duties as an impartial decision maker. The member's sole role is to make the best planning decision based on the evidence presented.

Record of  
Proceedings

Resolution 732-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that the proceedings of the Public Hearing be recorded.

CARRIED

Purpose of Public  
Hearing:  
Bylaw 1151-2011

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Land Use & Taxes, stated the purpose of the Public Hearing: Bylaw 1151-2011 to allow a two (2) 50 acre split and one (1) 60 acre split within an 159 acre parcel (NE 4-62-22-4); Land Use designation to remain as Agricultural (A) District.

Call for Applicant  
to Come Forward

Reeve Charles Newell requested the Applicant to come forward to the presentation table and briefly describe the nature of his request.

Objections to  
Council

Reeve Charles Newell questioned whether there were any objections to the Council members that were to hear submissions at the Public Hearing.

There were no objections raised from the Applicant or from members of the audience.

Outline the  
Hearing Process

Reeve Charles Newell outlined the process that will be used during the Hearing: Administration will make a presentation first; there will be questions of clarification; the Applicant will then make a presentation; there will be questions of clarification; the Councillors will then hear from those persons who have registered to speak followed by others who wish to speak and who identify themselves; there will again be questions of

clarification. Administration and the Applicant can then present any final comments they wish to make.

Verbal presentations shall be limited to 5 minutes unless the Council consents to extend. Written submissions will be reviewed by Council but not read aloud.

Confirm the Hearing Process

Reeve Charles Newell questioned the Applicant and the audience if there were any concerns with the outlined process.

There were no objections raised from the Applicant or the audience.

Development Officer Presentation

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, outlined the proposal on behalf of Administration. Ms. Pasay advised that the purpose of the hearing is to change the land use bylaw. No issues were brought forward from any County departments.

Questions from Council

Is the land totally cleared?

- No

Is there any water course involved?

- Water drains off the property or remains where it is.

Will you add more approaches?

- There will be two more approaches added.

Applicant Presentation

It will be advantageous to the County to subdivide this property in this way. There is good potential to get more people moving in. There are nice building spots. Land isn't good for farming purposes.

Question from Council

Why are you splitting the land in this manner?

- This type of division has three good spots to build houses. Cut lines in place favor this way of splitting it up.

Call for Others to Speak

There were no registered speakers for this hearing.

Reeve Charles Newell called for any others not registered to come forward to make their presentations. No other speakers came forward.

Development Officer's Final Comments

Cheryl Pasay, Director of Land Use & Planning, stated that her recommendation is for Council to give second and third readings to this bylaw at a future meeting.

Applicant's Final Comments

No final comments were provided.

Potential Conditions of Approval or Recommendation

Reeve Charles Newell reviewed the potential conditions of approval or recommendations provided and asked for further concerns or comments. There are conditions for building approaches that Mr. Labelle stated he is aware of.

There were no further concerns or comments raised.

Conclude Hearing

Reeve Charles Newell asked if this concluded the presentation.

Adjournment

Resolution 733-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that the Public Hearing portion of the meeting adjourn at 10:25 a.m.

CARRIED

Recess Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 10:26 a.m.

Reconvene Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, in attendance.

Gas & Utilities  
Director's Report Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, presented a report.

Resolution 734-2011

Moved by John Olson that Gas & Utilities Director's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Gas & Utilities  
Water Service  
Extension Hamlet  
of Thorhild

Joyce Pierce, Director of Gas and Utilities, presented information on the costs involved in extending water service to properties adjacent to the Hamlet of Thorhild.

Resolution 735-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the concepts and estimated costs for water service extension to four (4) locations in/adjacent to the Hamlet of Thorhild as information and directs Administration to provide a recommendation at the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Agriculture,  
Emergency, and  
Community  
Services  
Director's Report

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Community, and Emergency Services, presented a report.

Clarence Dowhan, Agricultural Fieldman, joined the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Resolution 736-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the Director of Agriculture, Community, and Emergency Services Report as presented.

CARRIED

Agriculture,  
Emergency, and  
Community  
Services  
Allocation of  
Community  
Support Funds

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, presented a recommendation for allocation of community support funds.

Resolution 737-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council approves the 2011 Community Assistance Grant allocations as recommended, increasing the total 2011 Community Assistance Grant to \$23,000.

CARRIED

Agriculture,  
Emergency, and  
Community  
Services  
Tender for Bridge  
Removal

Cindy Olchow, Director of Agriculture, Emergency, and Community Services, presented the results of the tenders for the removal of three private bridge crossings.

Resolution 738-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts submitted tenders as information and retenders the farm bridge removals in the spring of 2012.

CARRIED

- Agriculture,  
Emergency and  
Community  
Services  
2011 FCSS  
Conference  
Resolutions
- Resolution 739-2011  
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council accepts the 2011 FCSS Conference Resolutions as information.  
CARRIED
- Public Works  
Director's Report
- Rick Nietupski, Director of Public Works, presented a report.
- Resolution 740-2011  
Moved by John Olson that Council approves the Public Works Director's Report as presented.  
CARRIED
- Public Works  
White Earth Road
- There was no information presented on this item.
- Bylaws –  
Bylaw 1155-2011  
– Procedure Bylaw
- Administration presented Bylaw 1155–2011 – Procedure Bylaw for first reading.
- Resolution 741-2011  
Moved by Wayne Crosswell that Council receives Bylaw 1155-2011 – Procedure Bylaw as information and defers further discussions to a future Council session/retreat.  
CARRIED
- Notices of Motion
- There were no Notices of Motion presented at this meeting.
- Other Business
- There was no Other Business presented at this meeting.
- Other  
Correspondence
- Resolution 742-2011  
Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the following as information: Letters from Aspen View Regional School Division, AMEC Invitation, and Morinville Lite Up.  
CARRIED
- Requisitions
- There were no requisitions presented at this meeting.
- Recess
- Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 11:25 a.m.
- Reconvene
- Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 11:29 a.m.
- Confidential Items-  
AAMDC Draft  
Position Paper,  
WM Hosting  
Agreement, Legal,  
Personnel
- Resolution 743-2011  
Moved by John Olson that Council go in camera at 11:30 a.m. to discuss AAMDC Draft Position Paper on Forced Regionalization, WM Hosting Agreement, Legal, Personnel.  
CARRIED
- Resolution 744-2011  
Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council comes out of camera at 12:27 p.m.  
CARRIED

<u>Recess</u>	Reeve Charles Newell declared a recess at 12:28 p.m.
<u>Reconvene</u>	Reeve Charles Newell reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
<u>Public Hearing – Bylaw 1152-2011 – Land Use Amendment – Rezoning of N ½ NW 21-61-19-4 from Agricultural (A) to Highway Development (HD) District</u>	Reeve Charles Newell called the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1152-2011 – Land Use Amendment – Rezoning of N ½ NW 21-61-19-4 from Agricultural (A) to Highway Development (HD) District to order at 1:00 p.m.
Introductions	Introductions of Council and Administration were made.
Advice on Councillor Role	Reeve Charles Newell advised that when hearing submissions on a bylaw amendment or rezoning, a Councillor is not performing political functions, but is performing duties as an impartial decision maker. The member's sole role is to make the best planning decision based on the evidence presented.
Record of Proceedings	<u>Resolution 745-2011</u>  Moved by Wayne Crowell that the proceedings of the Public Hearing be recorded.
	CARRIED
Purpose of Public Hearing: Bylaw 1152-2011	Cheryl Pasay, Director of Land Use & Taxes, stated the purpose of the Public Hearing: Bylaw 1152-2011 to rezone N ½ NW 21-61-19-4 from Agricultural (A) to Highway Development (HD) District.
Call for Applicant to Come Forward	Reeve Charles Newell requested the Applicants, Glen & Treena Kinsey, to come forward and introduce themselves.
Objections to Council	Reeve Charles Newell questioned whether there were any objections to the Council members that were to hear submissions at the Public Hearing.  There were no objections raised from the Applicants or from members of the audience.
Outline the Hearing Process	Reeve Charles Newell outlined the process that will be used during the Hearing: Administration will make a presentation first; there will be questions of clarification; the Applicant will then make a presentation; there will be questions of clarification; the Councillors will then hear from those persons who have registered to speak followed by others who wish to speak and who identify themselves; there will again be questions of clarification. Administration and the Applicant can then present any final comments they wish to make.  Verbal presentations shall be limited to 5 minutes unless the Council consents to extend. Written submissions will be reviewed by Council but not read aloud.

Confirm the Hearing Process	<p>Reeve Charles Newell questioned the Applicant and the audience if there were any concerns with the outlined process.</p> <p>There were no objections raised from the Applicant or the audience.</p>
Development Officer Presentation	<p>Cheryl Pasay, Director of Planning and Development, outlined the proposal on behalf of Administration. Ms. Pasay presented the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading of TWP 614 may be necessary</li> <li>• Traffic impact assessment to ensure turning lane is sufficient</li> <li>• ATV control is a concern</li> <li>• Water supply, sewage disposal concerns from Alberta Health Services</li> </ul>
Questions from Council	<p>Can you elaborate on the need for a traffic impact assessment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Pasay – An assessment would ensure that the turn off lane is sufficient and if the road needs to be widened.</li> </ul>
Applicant Presentation	<p>Glen and Treena Kinsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 site seasonal park for older adults; no overnight camping allowed</li> <li>• No ATV's allowed on the property</li> <li>• Are aware of older people (approx. 11) who be interested in this campground</li> <li>• would not generate much extra traffic</li> <li>• need to supplement income; have experience in operating campgrounds</li> <li>• not looking to add extra retail services such as a gas station</li> </ul> <p>Are there any special activities planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests will use as a summer home then travel south for the winter; would use the recreational activities already in the area</li> </ul> <p>Have you accounted for the younger family members that will visit the park's guests?</p> <p>Can you elaborate on how you would police the rule for ATV use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential guests are not ATV users; would like to be judged on how they operated Long Lake campground; can't totally control people's ATV use; can address this in the business licensing part of the application</li> </ul>
Call for Others to Speak	<p>There were no registered speakers for this hearing. There were three written submissions.</p> <p>Reeve Charles Newell called for any others not registered to come forward to make their presentations.</p>
Wayne Larsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lives 3 miles east of Kinseys</li> <li>- Concerns about threats made and stretched truths</li> <li>- Work was started without permits</li> <li>- New landowners could rent to anyone</li> <li>- What if known renters don't follow through?</li> <li>- All residents have shared concerns; have been in area for a lot longer than the Kinsey</li> <li>- Class action lawsuit?</li> <li>- Position of fire pits, fire guards</li> <li>- Areas already designed for RV use and storage</li> <li>- Can't control off property activities; would affect neighbors</li> </ul>

- Tatianna Lazowski
- Speaking on behalf of family
  - Proposed development could cause adverse effects on their agricultural operation and way of life
  - Concerned about fires, trespassing, vandalism, and theft
  - Uninvited guests disturb livestock and pastures
  - Will not turn down guests that aren't in the target market
  - Potential to oppose lifestyle of long time residents
  - Recreational options already available elsewhere in the County
  - Can't stop rules from changing or guarantee the enforcement of current rules
  - Local residents are second and third generation
- Jocelyn Toronchuk
- Owns three adjacent quarters
  - Concerns over regulations after possible sale
  - Can't control ATV use of visiting guests
  - Not a recreational area; already RV parks down the road that aren't full
- Todd Toronchuk
- Third generation resident
  - Owns 2000+ acres in area
  - ATV's in pasture releasing cattle; most are from RV parks around Long Lake
  - Development will cause more disruption
- Development Officer's Final Comments
- Cheryl Pasay, Director of Land Use & Planning, stated that she had no additional comments
- Applicant's Final Comments
- For sale sign was put up to see if anyone was interested in buying the property so they could relocate; is no longer for sale
  - There is nothing stopping people from riding ATV's
  - Already know enough mature adults to fill the sites but would try to rent out as many sites as possible
  - Received no calls from neighboring residents about their concerns
  - Directly adjacent neighbors had no objections
  - Can't afford to take two years to develop property; did some leveling to improve the land
  - Property is already fenced
  - Each site will have water to reduce fire threat; supply of water at the entrance
  - Will have garbage containers on site
  - Want to work with the neighbors; would provide tours to anyone interested in viewing the project
- Donna Toronchuk
- No one ever came to their house to talk to her about the development
- Potential Conditions of Approval or Recommendation
- Reeve Charles Newell reviewed the potential conditions of approval or recommendations provided and asked for further concerns or comments.
- There were no further concerns of comments raised.
- Conclude Hearing
- Reeve Charles Newell asked if this concluded the presentation.
- Adjournment
- Resolution 746-2011
- Moved by Wayne Crosswell that the Public Hearing portion of the meeting adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Confidential Items-  
AAMDC Draft  
Position Paper,  
WM Hosting  
Agreement, Legal,  
Personnel (cont.)

Resolution 747-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council receives the AAMDC Draft Position Paper on Forced Regionalization as information.

CARRIED

Resolution 748-2011

Moved by Shelly Hanasyk that Council authorizes the signature of an agreement to amend the terms of the Waste Management Hosting Agreement as outlined on the attachment.

CARRIED

Resolution 749-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the legal update on the 2008 fires as information.

CARRIED

Resolution 750-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council accepts the legal update on the Namepi Kennedy Creek Crossing Replacement as information.

CARRIED

Resolution 751-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council accepts the SRD complaint about the property at Long Lake Hamlet as information.

CARRIED

Resolution 752-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council authorizes the Reeve to sign the contract with Jim Squire as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations  
Blair Birch,  
Associated  
Engineering

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Blair Birch of Associated Engineering to the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Birch presented information on the feasibility and estimated costs of options for water and wastewater services to the Hamlet of Long Lake.

Resolution 753-2011

Moved by Kevin Grumetza that Council directs Administration to meet with administration staff of Alberta Parks to discuss their interest in receiving water and wastewater services at Long Lake Provincial Park.

CARRIED

Resolution 754-2011

Moved by Wayne Croswell that Council accepts the draft Hamlet of Long Lake Water and Wastewater Servicing Study Update from Associated Engineering as information.

CARRIED

Mr. Birch left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Delegations  
Joanna Rusinko,  
Angela Zilinski,  
FOTSPA

Reeve Charles Newell welcomed Joanna Rusinko and Angela Zilinski of FOTSPA to the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Rusinko presented information on the past and current activities of FOTSPA that support the swimming pool. Mrs. Rusinko requested the formation of a pool advisory committee comprised of FOTSPA, County pool liaison, and the pool manager. Mrs. Rusinko presented the organization's plans to construct a spray park next to the swimming pool. Mrs. Rusinko and Mrs. Zilinski left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.