

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 24

December 8, 22

Regular and Special Council meetings commence at 9:30 a.m. in the County Admin. Bldg. and are open to the public.

COUNCIL MINUTES

You can obtain approved minutes on our website (www.thorhildcounty.com) or at the County Administration Building. Agenda packages for upcoming meetings are now available online as well.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The County Offices will be closed from Friday, December 25 to Friday, January 1st (inclusive). Offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2010. Emergency Staff will be on call.

2009 MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Open Houses and completed surveys in order to convey their opinions about proposed changes to the County's Electoral Boundaries. Consultants from Sierra Systems have compiled public feedback into a report which is available online or at the Admin office. A bylaw is now being prepared in order to implement the new boundaries in time for the next municipal election which is scheduled to take place on October 18, 2010.

TAX DEADLINE REMINDER

On Dec. 1, 2009, a 15% penalty will be added to all outstanding tax balances. Payments may be made during regular office hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, closed from 12 PM to 1 PM) or dropped off in the box on the south side of the Admin building against the glass double doors after regular business hours.

CORRECTION LINE ROAD

Hart Construction will finish two miles of Correction Line Road from Highway 827 west this fall and the remaining two miles will be completed in 2010. The County is also looking at rebuilding the remaining two miles of road to Highway 63 as well. Landowners will be contacted this fall and winter to discuss this further.

SNOWPLOW FLAGS

Effective immediately the cost of driveway snowplow flags will increase from \$15.00/flag to \$35.00/flag. Easements are ready to be signed at the Administration Office, Radway Post Office and at the Public Works Department.

RENTERS: THE LANDOWNER MUST SIGN THE EASEMENT

LAND USE AND PLANNING

Proposed Development Notices

A permit granted for a permitted use where no variance or relaxation of a regulation as identified in the County of Thorhild Land Use Bylaw 989-98, are advertised in the County Communicator or The Review.

Appeal Deadline Date for the following applications is November 25, 2009

Legal Description	Description	File No.
SW 22-58-21-W4	Mobile home with front variance from 130 ft to 121 ft.	1518

New Bylaws

Bylaw 1127-2009 Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

This program allows County ratepayers to pay their property tax in monthly installments via automatic withdrawal from a bank account. To enroll in this program, please fill out an application form (available on-line & at the Admin office) before Dec. 15 to ensure that your first installment is withdrawn on Jan. 1.

Bylaw 1128-2009 Aggregate Bylaw

The County has enacted a Community Aggregate Payment Levy for all sand and gravel businesses in the County. Information packages are being mailed to all existing businesses.

Further information on these bylaws is available on the website, <http://www.thorhildcounty.com/publicnotices.htm> or at the County Office.

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Share in the Christmas Spirit

2009 Christmas Hamper Campaign

Once again we are looking for donations of non-perishable goods, mitts, coats, toys and monetary donations to be used for the Christmas hampers. Donations will be accepted at the County of Thorhild Community Services office, Thorhild Co-op and some schools will be accepting donations. For more information please contact the Community Services Department at 780-398-3978.

Community Adult Learning - Upcoming Courses

Course	Date	Fee
Winter Feeding Discussion	Nov. 23	\$35/farm unit
Shelterbelt/Woodlot Info Session	Dec. 8	\$5/person
Athabasca Christmas Choir Exc.	Dec. 13	\$15/person

Rural Women's Conference - Planning Committee

The 2010 Rural Women's Conference will be held in Newbrook in February or March, 2010. We are looking for interested individuals to serve on the planning committee.

Committee members meet once per month to provide direction on the conference format, provide ideas for speakers, entertainment, registration packages, etc. and then assist with set up for the conference.

To register for any course or for more information, call Carol Kassian at 780-398-2806.

Parent Link Center - Parent/Child Programs

Join us Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Parent Link Center in the County Admin Bldg for some interactive, informational, and social parent/child programming.

NEW! - Evening Group at the Radway School Library on Nov. 16 & 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Childcare may be provided with advance notice.

Call Tammy at 780-398-2809 for more information on these programs and to book your car seat inspection.

Fire Permits

REMEMBER, Fire Permits are required for all types of fires and are necessary to monitor, control and promote safe burning activities.

For fire permit issuance, please contact Brett Demary, Emergency Operations Supervisor, at 780-398-2828.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Gas Leaks

Reminder: If you discover and report a gas smell that leads to a confirmed underground gas leak, you will be rewarded a **\$100.00 credit** on your gas bill or towards a natural gas infill.

Natural Gas Line Marker Signs

If you inadvertently knock down a natural gas line marker sign while conducting farming or mowing activity, please contact Jessica at 780-398-2811 for immediate repair or replacement. Missing signs involve significant safety and cost implications.