

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The originally scheduled Council meeting for Jan. 26 has been rescheduled to Friday, January 22, 2010.

February 9, 2010

February 23, 2010

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.

MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION

Watch for a brochure in this month's utility bills that answers many questions about the boundary redistribution process and the rationale behind it. This information may also be found on the County website. Please phone (780) 398-2812 if you require more information about this process.

LONG LAKE SKI HILL

The ski hill is now open on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. The hill is also open to the public on certain weekdays during school programs. Please call 1-866-576-2161 for availability and updates on ski conditions. Snow Fest is coming soon! (Feb. 11 - 15) For more details check out their website at www.skilonglake.com

Off-road vehicles are not permitted on the ski area.

Looking for a scenic and comfortable venue for your retreat, reunion, wedding, meeting, or other special event? Call Brenda at the above number for more information on renting this newly renovated facility for your next gathering. It is available for use year round.

MCSNet

If you are interested in being connected to high speed internet, please contact MCSNet directly at 1-866-390-3928 to determine if you are situated in an area that currently receives service. MCSNet would like to keep a list of all interested individuals in order to determine the feasibility of erecting more towers in the County. Website: www.mcsnet.ca.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

When plowing snow out of your driveway, please push the snow to the right of your driveway, so that the grader operator will take it away from the driveway.

PLEASE DO NOT push the snow across the road as this leaves ridges. If a vehicle hits these ridges and gets damaged or if the driver gets hurt, you the landowner would be liable.

Snowplow Flags

Effective immediately the cost of driveway snowplow flags will

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.

New Development Notices

Legal Description	Description	File No.
SW 36-63-19-W4	Gravel extraction	1523
NW 18-59-22-W4	Replace existing mobile home.	1524

New Bylaw

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. More information on this bylaw and the application form can be found on the website or at the Admin Office.

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Strychnine

The Government has announced that the 2% Liquid Strychnine Program for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels will be available again this year (2010). The County of Thorhild Agricultural Services Department will be participating in this program.

The Strychnine will be sold in 250 mg bottles. Sales for this program will be done by **PRE-ORDERS** only so please call (780) 398-3978 to place your order.

(Same paper work and conditions as last year).

Parent Link Center - Parent/Child Programs

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM: Triple P helps build positive behaviors in children, confidence in parents' abilities, and community support for raising children. Join us at Radway School Library on Feb 1st from 6:30-8:30 PM for a Triple P Session titled the Power of Positive Parenting. Please contact the Parent Link Centre to register on or before Jan 27. There is no cost to attend & childcare can be provided with advance notice. Watch for details on our upcoming session Raising Competent Confident Children.

OTHER PROGRAMS & RESOURCES OFFERED: Morning Play Groups, Stories Rhymes and Creative Times, Child Safety Seat Inspections, Ages and Stages Developmental Screenings, as well as an extensive book and video resource library.

Call 780-398-2809 or email Tammy@thorhildcounty.com for more information or to register for any of our programs.

Fire Permits

REMEMBER, Fire Permits are required for all types of fires

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

and are necessary to monitor, control and promote safe burning activities. Permits are required 365 days a year and are **NOT** seasonal. Anyone burning without a permit is in violation of County of Thorhild No. 7 By - Law No. 1119-2009.

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

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Abee Truckfill

Abee Truckfill is now operational. Customers that already have an account at the Thorhild Truckfill can use the same information at Abee. To set up an account, please call Jessica at (780) 398-2811.

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.