

TOWN OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
November 17, 2020
7:00 PM

Call to
Order: The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Raymond at 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Raymond
Deputy Mayor: Ken Poffenroth
Councillors: Ivor Foster
Cory Gilbert
Nathan Raymond

CAO: Christine Burke

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Additions: 4.5 Christmas Market
4.6 Zoom Membership
4.7 Municipal Affairs Town Hall Meeting Nov 18
4.8 CAEP Updates
4.9 Social Media
4.9A 12 Days of Christmas

2020-CoW103 Moved by Councillor Raymond to accept the agenda as amended
Carried

BUSINESS

4.1 Water Infrastructure discussion

Discussion occurred regarding future options for water infrastructure and how to best progress those future options.

2020-CoW104 Moved by Councillor Poffenroth to provide direction to administration to pull all the information on the water facility, what we're allowed to draw, the line, the plant size and cost of it, how much water we actually use and the size of the ponds that we have.
Carried

4.2 Snow Removal Service Level Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding possible changes to the snow removal policy regarding reduction of service levels

No change to current policy; CAO Burke to advise public works to only sand intersections not whole streets.

4.3 Vehicle for Bylaw/Public Works

2020-CoW 105 Moved by Councillor Gilbert that administration confer with our C.F.O. and so long as we are able to fit it within our existing 2020 budget without going over that we authorize the said expenditure.
Carried

4.4 Grant Application updates

C.A.O. Burke updated Council on the estimated costs of work to be considered for a major grant application for water and wastewater for both industrial areas and to close the loop over at Arctic Spas,

Costs for all work, water sewer and roadways came in around \$10,202,862, and as a 75/25 cost share, this would be \$2,550,715 for the Town which exceeds current remaining debt limit.

4.5 Christmas Market

Council enquired as to whether the market was permitted to go ahead under the latest government Covid-19 restrictions. C.A.O. Burke advised Council the latest information provided to Recreation, was that the market could still go ahead as planned.

4.6 Zoom Membership

Council discussed digital meeting attendance to meet the requirements of current legislation.

2020-CoW 106 Moved by Councillor Raymond that administration acquire a subscription to Zoom
Carried

4.7 Municipal Affairs Town Hall Meeting Nov 18

C.A.O. Burke briefed Council that a Town Hall meeting via phone conference was to be held the following day. C.A.O. Burke already registered and Council members to self register if they should wish to attend

4.8 CAEP Updates

C.A.O. Burke provide updates and the work and activities about to be undertaken through CAEP and the Coal Transition funding.

- Information management system
- Business licensing forms
- Lite Housing strategy
- LUB update inclusion
- Website RFP

4.9 Social Media

Councillor Raymond brought to the attention of council that following updates on the Town Facebook page, comments had been received requesting clarification and frustration at the restrictions imposed on recreational activities at the complex due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions

4.9A 12 Days of Christmas

Council discussed what was needed for them to take part in the parade as part of the Chamber 12 days of Christmas.

Town Trailer to be made available for towing the old Ford Fire truck.

DELEGATIONS

CLOSED SESSION

9.1 F.O.I.P. Section 24(1) (a)

Advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council

2020-CoW107 Moved by Councillor Raymond to enter into closed session at 8:29 p.m. as per Section 24(1)(a) and invite CAO Burke to join Council.
Carried

2020CoW108 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to return the Committee of the Whole at 8:56 p.m.
Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2020-CoW109 Moved by Councillor Raymond to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:57 pm.
Carried.



Rod Raymond, Mayor



Christine Burke, CAO

November 24, 2020
Date Adopted