

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 14, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Gee, at 7:03 P.M.
- Present: Mayor: Allan Gee
- Councillors: Jim Robb  
Joanne Osness  
Barry Rasch  
Rick Hart
- CAO: Harold Wynne
- Recording Secretary: Patricia Eklund
- Delegates: Phil Dirks, CA, Hawking Epp Dumont LLP  
Paul DeBeaudrap, Thorsby Memorial Ride  
Bruce Ollson, Thorsby Memorial Ride  
Betty Rondcar, Thorsby Memorial Ride  
Paty Herschel, Thorsby Citizens on Patrol  
Sam Kobeluck, Black Gold Regional Division
- Reporters: Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target  
Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer  
Kate Hamilton, Leduc Representative
- Agenda: Councillor Robb requested an addition of G1 – 49<sup>th</sup> Street, G2 – 53 Street, and G3 – Water Meter Reading.
- C.A.O. Wynne requested an addition of F4 – A.U.M.A. New Building Grand Opening, E5 – Special MSI Letter from Minister Goudreau, E6 – EDA Breakfast, and four items to Closed Session.
- Councillor Osness requested an addition of F5 – RCMP Open House for Corporal Angus.
- 2010-242 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-243 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the August 10, 2010 Regular Council Meeting and August 24, 2010 Committee-of-the-Whole minutes as presented.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-244 Moved by Councillor Robb to adopt the June 15, 2010 and August 10, 2010 Tax Arrears Public Auction minutes as presented.  
*Carried.*

## **DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

### **1. Auditors, Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP, Phil Dirks, CA, Present Financial Statements for 2009**

Mr. Phil Dirks, CA, approached Council on behalf of Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP with the financial statements for the 2009 year. He said that the 2009 year was a tense due to new standards being enforced for Municipalities. Some of the changes were incorporating amortization and changes to the statements.

Mr. Dirks went through the balance sheets on a PowerPoint to explain the financial situation of the Village. He also had some graphs explaining cost per person and comparing the Village financial state to municipalities of similar size.

The Tangible Capital Assets project was also covered. Due to the Tangible Capital Assets being implemented into Municipalities for the first time, a lot of places are still waiting for financial statements to be completed.

Overall, it was found that the Village has low reserves (approximately two months of operating cost), but has minimal debt and running positive net debt numbers. There were no significant noted in the audit findings and the audit went well.

Council reviewed the letter from the auditor.

Mr. Dirks thanked the Village staff for their cooperation during the audit process and Council for selecting them as the auditors for the year.

C.A.O. Wynne brought forward some things that he would like to see the Village work on in the future, such as improved cash flow monitoring and increasing the reserves. He also thanked Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP for the work they had done and the honesty.

Mr. Dirks left the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Delegates C2 – Norm Osness, Fire Chief, Display new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and C3 – Gordon Sands, Executive Director of Leduc Victim Services were not present at this time.

### **4. Thorsby Memorial Ride Weekend, Paul DeBeaudrap, Bruce Ollson, Betty Rondcar Presentation.**

Ms. Betty Rondcar started by presenting Ms. Paty Herschel with a \$90 donation for COPS. The money was raised during the weekend memorial ride.

Mr. Bruce Ollson presented Mr. Sam Kobeluck with a \$113.40 donation for the Elementary School Gymnasium, also raised over the weekend memorial ride.

Mr. Paul DeBeaudrap presented Council with a carved ostrich egg plaque on behalf of the Foundation for Injured Riders, Rights & Education (FIRRE) as a token of appreciation. Mr. DeBeaudrap said that out of the three motorcycle rallies that he had attended this year, Thorsby's was the best.

Council thanked FIRRE and offered continued support.

Mr. Ollson took a second to speak on Bill Markya's current condition as he is recovering from a motorcycle accident. Currently he cannot put any weight on his

foot for 12 weeks, but is doing alright overall. FIRRE members have been donating time to help Mr. Markya in his business by collecting garbage for him.

#### **5. Black Gold Regional Division – Sam Kobeluck**

Mr. Sam Kobeluck began by thanking FIRRE for the donation raised over the memorial ride weekend. The donation is to be put towards the yearly maintenance for the hardwood gym floor. Mr. Kobeluck spoke a little about the memorial ride weekend and said that the steak supper and silent auction that was hosted was a big success.

Currently the school population is similar to the same as last year, but final numbers will not be known until after September 30, 2010. Mr. Kobeluck mentioned that the student and teacher population numbers are pretty stable from year to year.

The new elementary school still needs to be commissioned before opening. The new opening date is set for January 2011, as the current opening date of September 2010 could not be reached. Mr. Kobeluck touched on some of the building stages that the elementary school went through. A contractor has been hired to salvage some of the material out of the current elementary school. These items will be up for sale. Planning is still undergoing for improving the driveway layout into the schools.

This fall a home economics lab was opened in the high school and the class has been filled up to full capacity with students.

Mr. Kobeluck also touched on some plans that both schools have for the future.

Council thanked Mr. Kobeluck for the update.

Mr. Kobeluck left the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

2010-245 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:22 P.M.

2010-246 Mayor Gee called the meeting back to order at 8:31 P.M.

### **REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS**

#### **1. Administration Reports**

2010-247 Moved by Councillor Hart accept the administration reports as presented.  
*Carried.*

#### **2. Bylaw 2010-08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings)**

2010-248 Moved by Councillor Osness to give second reading to Bylaw 2010-08.  
*Carried.*

2010-249 Moved by Councillor Hart to give third reading to Bylaw 2010-08.  
*Carried.*

#### **3. Consider Motion to Adopt Financial Statement for 2009**

2010-250 Moved by Councillor Robb to adopt the 2009 Financial Statement as presented.  
*Carried.*

#### **4. Policy Recommendations**

Deferred to next meeting.

**5. Thorsby Early Education and Child Care Society – Official Signing of Societies Act Application**

All members of Council signed the application for the Child Care Society.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 2010-251      **1. Letter from Envision Edmonton Opportunities Society for Donation of \$1.00 Per Capita for the Edmonton City Centre Airport campaign**  
Moved by Councillor Rasch to accept as information.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-252      **2. Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs approving MSI Capital component use, for the Water Treatment Facility.**  
Moved by Councillor Osness to accept as information.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-253      **3. Letter from Army Cadet League of Canada and Mayor Gee response**  
Moved by Councillor Hart have a plaque made to present to Mr. Benjamin Turner.  
*Carried*
- 2010-254      Moved by Councillor Hart to accept as information.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-255      **4. Letter from Town of Calmar – Bylaw Enforcement Proposal for 2011**  
Direction given to Administration to receive more information.
- 2010-255      **5. Special MSI Letter from Minister Goudreau**  
Moved by Councillor Osness to accept as information.
- 2010-256      **6. EDA Breakfast**  
Moved by Councillor Hart to accept as information

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 2010-257      **1. Letter from Alberta Finance and Enterprise Advising of the Renewable Energy Toolkit for Communities**
- 2010-257      **2. Letter from Alberta Children and Youth Services, re Recruitment of persons to Serve on Children and Youth Services' Boards and Appeal Panels**  
Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items F1 and F2 as information.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-258      **3. Brochure from the Town of Provost hosting the Communities in Bloom Alberta 2010 Provincial Banquet and Awards Night**  
Moved by Councillor Osness that Councillor Rasch attend the Communities in Bloom Banquet and Awards Night with hotels and mileage to be reimbursed.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-259      Moved by Mayor Gee that Councillor Rasch's expenses will also be reimbursed.  
*Carried.*

#### **4. AUMA New Building Grand Opening**

#### **5. RCMP Open House for Corporal Angus**

2010-260 Moved by Councillor Hart to sent a plaque and a platter of food to the event.  
*Carried.*

2010-261 Moved by Councillor Robb to receive items F4 and F5 as information.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. 49<sup>th</sup> Street**

Councillor Robb brought some concerns forward for a resident living on 49<sup>th</sup> Street regarding the Village putting in steps from resident's property to the street. CAO Wynne said that he had already spoken to the person regarding steps and a public sidewalk. Comments were made regarding correcting one resident's property slope to the street, everybody would have to have their property fixed by the Village. Councillor Hart said that the original answer to this concern was no when the Village was making the budget to have the street repaired.

#### **2. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Councillor Robb asked if 53<sup>rd</sup> Street was still under warrantee since the street has developed several dips. It was brought up that the engineers are on Kran Construction's case to fix up the problem.

#### **3. Water Meter Reading**

Councillor Robb had some concerns regarding several homes that are continually being estimated on their water bills and he was wondering what was being done to correct the problem. Treasurer Dennis Litke was asked to speak a little more about the estimating. He said that the average number of homes that are not being read is about 20 and many of the reasons for the meters not being read is due to Public Works not being able to get to the touchpad location.

Discussion occurred regarding ideas on how to minimize the amount of utility accounts being estimated.

Direction was given to Administration to present a utility financial package for the next Council meeting.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Hart

- Attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Osness

- Attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow.
- The last Village FCSS meeting was canceled.

Councillor Rasch

- Rec Board getting started up again. Some park planning is in the process and the Village needs to appoint a new representative to the board.

Councillor Robb

- Meeting with Library Board tomorrow.

Mayor Gee

- Has been meeting with Imperial Oil
- Attended two Capital Regional Board meeting
- Attended the one year BBQ at the Interactive Business Centre
- Staff BBQ on September 10, 2010 was a success
- Has been meeting with Peter Pellatt, C.A.O. Wynne, and MLA Diana McQueen on water issues
- Attended the Recreation Ground Breaking earlier today and it was a booming success.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **1. Budget Variance Report to September 10, 2010**

2010-264 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept as information

2010-265 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 9:37 P.M.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

2010-266 Mayor Gee called the meeting back to order at 9:47 P.M.

2010-267 Moved by Councillor Hart the meeting go into closed session at 9:38 P.M.  
*Carried.*

2010-268 Moved by Councillor Osness to return to the regular meeting at 10:15 P.M.  
*Carried.*

2010-269 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 10:15.P.M.  
*Carried*

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Harold Wynne, CAO

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Allan Gee, Mayor

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Date Adopted