

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 9, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:00 pm.
- Present:
- Mayor: Barry Rasch
- Councillors: Rick Hart  
Mitch Williams  
Cathryne Pharis  
Joanne Osness
- CAO: Harold Wynne
- Recording Secretary: Patricia Eklund
- Delegates: Mike Ruhr – Alberta Environmental Resources Ltd.  
Ellie Remar – Green Vision Products Inc.  
Ed Sulz – Green Vision Products Inc.  
Reg McDougall – Communities in Bloom  
Sam Kobeluck – Black Gold School Trustee
- Reporters: Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer (7:02 P.M.)  
Coreena Van de Cappelle, Thorsby Target (7:02 P.M.)
- Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of G8 – November 23 and December 28 Regular Council Meeting.  
Councillor Osness requested an addition of G9 – Business Retirement.  
C.A.O. Wynne requested an addition of C3 – Sam Kobeluck, Black Gold School Trustee.  
Mayor Rasch requested an addition of F1 – EDA Partnership Breakfast.
- 2010-309 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.  
*Carried.*
- 2010-310 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the October 27, 2010 Organizational Meeting minutes and October 26, 2010 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.  
*Carried.*

**DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

**1. Mike Ruhr – Alberta Environmental Resources Ltd.**

Mr. Ruhr approached Council and introduced Ellie Remar and Ed Sulz.

Ms. Remar gave Council a bit of background information on the company Green Vision Products. She stated that they were here to find out what the needs were for the community and discuss some of the products that they offered.

Green Vision Products offer “green” solutions to some items used in construction; such as alternative lumber sources, LED lighting ranging from indoor to street lighting solutions, spray on moisture barriers, solar panels, thermal panels and pervious concrete. Samples of the pervious concrete and an alternative lumber sample were passed around.

The company promises to be a green company and to always have environmentally friendly products. Green Vision Products also offered to do an audit for the Village to show approximately how much money the Village could save over time with the use of their products.

Council mentioned that they are looking for ideas that are more environmentally friendly. There are areas in the Village that do need upgrading but nothing could be decided until budget preparation time. It was recommended that Green Vision Products attend the AUMA Trade Fair to inform more municipalities about the products that are offered.

Some interest was shown in the pervious concrete product called Smart Crete. A road in Tahoe County was made using Smart Crete and is going into its 3<sup>rd</sup> winter. Smart Crete is breathable, allowing water to pass through eliminating black ice risk. Some concerns regarding how Smart Crete would hold up in our climate was talked about and if the product would be approved by Canadian Standards Association. Green Visions Products gave a small demonstration of how water passes through a piece of Smart Crete.

Council thanked Green Visions Products for their demonstration and that the products discussed would be kept in mind during the budget preparation.

Mike Ruhr, Ellie Remar and Ed Sulz left the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

## **2. Reg McDougall – Communities in Bloom, Thorsby Official Flower**

Ms. McDougall approached Council as the Communities in Bloom Chairperson. She discussed how Communities in Bloom had picked four flowers that the group would like as an official flower for Thorsby. She gave a little bit of back ground on the chosen flowers: bleeding heart, tulip, western red lily and lady slipper. She asked if Council would like to choose the official flower or if it should be decided by the public or the Communities in Bloom group.

Council felt that the public should have input on the decision. It was recommended that the flower should be chosen the same way as the Thorsby logo with display boards made and a public vote. It was also suggested that something be put in the water bills to inform the residents.

Communities in Bloom were to prepare something and work with Administration to receive the residents input.

Ms. McDougall left the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

## **3. Sam Kobeluck – Black Gold School Trustee, School Update**

Mr. Kobeluck started by congratulation Council members on receiving their place on Council.

Mr. Kobeluck gave some information on how the new elementary school is progressing. The new school is about 95% complete, with painting in baseboard installation happening now. Hopes are that by the second week of December that the school be ready to go with the children able to attend classes there in the first week of January. A grand opening is planning on being held in mid January. Mr. Kobeluck said that he exchanged some contact information with Green Vision Products Inc. for some product inquiry, since the new school is to be green. Removal of the old elementary school was discussed. Items that could be salvaged would be sold with the remainder of the school hauled to be disposed in either Red Deer or Swan Hills.

Some statistics on school population numbers were given. The elementary school population maintained similar to last year, while the high school saw a decrease in numbers. Some concerns over the expansion of the Genesee Plant affecting student population and bus routes in the Warburg and Thorsby area.

On the Black Gold School Board, 2 new members have joined and some roles have been taken on by different members.

Council thanked Mr. Kobeluck for his report.

Mr. Kobeluck left the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

## **REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. CAO and Manager Reports**

CAO Wynne presented his report to Council. Discussion occurred.

2010-311 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the CAO and Department Manager's reports as presented.  
*Carried.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. Inter-municipal Liaison Committee Reps.**

Discussion occurred.

### **2. Calmar Council reps on 39/20 Alliance Working Committee**

2010-312 Moved by Councillor Osness to nominate Councillor Pharis and Councillor Hart as the Council representatives for the 39/20 Alliance Working Committee with Councillor Williams as the alternate.  
*Carried.*

**3. Recreation Board Recommendation Regarding Soccer Fields.**

2010-313 Moved by Mayor Rasch to accept as information and to defer this item to budget discussions.  
*Carried.*

**4. AUMA 2010 Convention Policy and Resolutions Handbook**

2010-314 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept as information.  
*Carried.*

**5. Thorsby & District Chamber of Commerce 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Night.**

2010-315 Moved by Councillor Pharis to accept as information.  
*Carried.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. EDA Partnership Breakfast**

Discussion occurred.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Open House – Oil and Gas in Your Back Yard**

Discussed earlier in C.A.O. Report.

**2. Community Board Review**

Discussion occurred.

2010-316 Moved by Councillor Osness to direct Administration to have a review of the Community Boards and bring information back for a bylaw and policy review.  
*Carried.*

**3. Thorsby Sustainability and Viability Planning**

Discussion Occurred

2010-317 Moved by Councillor Williams support the motion to direct Administration to work with Municipal Affairs to develop a framework to guide a municipal sustainability/viability self-assessment of Thorsby.  
*Carried.*

**4. Council Team Building Workshop**

2010-318 Moved by Councillor Osness to direct Administration to gather more information and to defer this to the new year.  
*Carried.*

**5. Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting–First Saturday of each Month, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.**

2010-319 Moved by Councillor Hart that every first Saturday of the month from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon a Committee of the Whole meeting will be held excluding the first Saturday of the month for December 2010 and January 2011. With the December 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 27, 2010 instead.  
*Carried.*

**6. Corrine's Companions Proposal for Services to Seniors.**

Discussion occurred

2010-320 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept as information.  
*Carried.*

## **7. Election of Mayor**

Discussion occurred and moved to a Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **8. November 23, 2010 and December 28, 2010 Regular Council Meetings**

2010-321 Moved by Councillor Hart that the Regular Council Meetings of November 23, 2010 and December 28, 2010 be canceled.  
*Carried.*

## **9. Business Retirement**

2010-322 Moved by Councillor Osness that plaques be made for some upcoming local retirees in the community.  
*Carried.*

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Councillor Hart

- Attended an organizational meeting for the Leduc Foundation on November 8<sup>th</sup> and joined the committee. The regular meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup> with the Christmas Party on December 11 at the Denham Inn. Councillor Pharis is attending the Christmas Party for Councillor Hart.
- EDA meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Councillor Osness

- Had a Library Board meeting where budget and the literacy program were discussed. Bylaws and policies will be reviewed for the January meeting.
- FCSS County has some new members.
- FCSS Board meeting is on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Mayor Rasch

- Met with the Capital Regional Board intern on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with the Capital Regional Board intern and chair on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A regular meeting will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Going to the Thorsby Alberta Treasury Branch on November 10<sup>th</sup> with C.A.O. Wynne.
- Laying a wreath on Remembrance Day at the High School for the ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Halloween Social for the Recreation Board sold out. \$2861.00 in profits made from the event. 98% of the people attending showed up in costume with people showing up from as far as Devon and Edmonton. Mayor Rasch wanted to congratulate the Recreation Board for the success of the event and thank Laurie Gellert, Ross Pharis and their spouses for the dedication put forward to the event on their own time. The Board is meeting together later in the month.

### Councillor Williams

- Mentioned that Councillor Osness has been busy working on Christmas in the Village preparations for the Chamber of Commerce. Attending the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting next week.

### Councillor Pharis

- Went to a Wine & Cheese social for the Capital Regional Board and found it to be very informative.
- Had a Seniors Board meeting and will be helping the seniors with the fish fry event that is coming up. The group is still raising funds for a new building.
- The Seniors Planning Board is requesting new members and there is an interest. A meeting is coming up on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Adult and Children Halloween Parties, which were both great. Would like to see a letter of thanks sent to all the volunteers and staff that dedicated to the event. Councillor Osness recommended maybe putting something into the paper to express a thank you. The thank you advertisement was directed to Administration.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **1. 2010 Operating Budget Report**

### **2. Cheque Register 022090 - 022143**

2010-323 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the 2010 Operating Budget Report and the Cheque Register as information.  
*Carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rasch adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

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Harold Wynne, CAO

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Barry Rasch, Mayor

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Date Adopted