



**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING  
February 5, 2011  
9:00 AM**

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch  
Councillors Rick Hart  
Mitch Williams  
Joanne Osness  
Cathryne Pharis  
CAO: Harold Wynne

Distribution: Agenda; Draft Corporate Services Policies

Call to Order

Mayor Rasch called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

1. Agenda

Councillor Hart moved the agenda be adopted.

2. Thorsby Elementary School Roadway Development

CAO Wynne reported that he attended a meeting with Black Gold Regional School Superintendent Yanitski, Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Andres, Project Manager Warren Watson, Architect Chris Woollard and MLA Diana McQueen to discuss the development of the elementary school bus lanes, staff parking, parent drop-off zones and the upgrading of 48 Avenue. As the elementary school project is under budget, Black Gold will request that Alberta Education re-profile these monies to be used for on-site parking, traffic routing and landscaping. CAO Wynne explained that the Village did not have funding available to upgrade 48 Avenue and he enquired as to whether Black Gold would be interested in leasing 48 Avenue for 20 years for a nominal fee to undertake any improvements needed to 48 Avenue as part of school traffic routing design. He suggested the Village would likely be amenable to continue maintaining 48 Avenue, including clearing snow and repairing any problems associated with the sanitary or water mains.

The MLA and Black Gold Superintendent were very favorably disposed toward this solution and requested that the CAO discuss this possibility with Thorsby Council. The Superintendent agreed to likewise present this solution to the Black Gold Board of Trustees.

Mayor Rasch informed Council that a tour of the new elementary school has been arranged for March 16 from 6 to 6:30 pm.

3. Policy review

CAO Wynne presented drafts of the following policies:

2011-001- Comprehensive General Liability Insurance - Societies, Clubs, Organizations;

2011-002 - Purchasing of Goods and Services;

2011-003 - Use of Municipal Vehicles; and 2011-004

2011-004 - Expense Cards

Council discussed these policies and suggested some changes to be incorporated in the final draft. Council directed CAO Wynne to present the final draft of these policies for Council approval at the February 8 regular meeting.

Councillor Hart moved the meeting adjourn for a break at 10:50 am.

Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 11 am.

4. Thorsby Strategic Planning

Council briefly discussed the three main goals within the Thorsby strategic plan. It was agreed that CAO Wynne would chair three Council subcommittees that would assume primary responsibility for working towards each of these three goals. The three committees were constituted as follows:

Parks Development -Wynne, Rasch, Williams



Downtown Revitalization      -Wynne, Osness, Pharis  
Marketing                              -Wynne, Hart, Pharis

5. Meeting with MLA and Cabinet Ministers

Council briefly discussed the upcoming February 10 meeting in Drayton Valley with MLA McQueen and various Cabinet Ministers. It was agreed that Council would reiterate Thorsby's priorities as articulated at the January 26 MLA McQueen-Municipal elected officials meeting in Thorsby.

6. Adjourn

Councillor Hart moved the meeting adjourn at 12:00 PM.

The next committee-of-the-whole meeting scheduled for March 5 will be **rescheduled to March 12, 2011 at 9 am in Council chambers.**

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Harold Wynne, CAO

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Barry Rasch, Mayor

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Date Adopted