



**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING  
March 12, 2011  
9:00 AM**

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

Distribution: Agenda; draft Thorsby and District regional Recreation and Parks Agreement; draft Terms of Reference Thorsby and District Recreation Advisory committee; Bylaw 2006-09 re: Thorsby & District Seniors Program Planning Board; summary of Thorsby seniors' transportation grants received from 2006 to 2011.

Call to Order

Mayor Rasch called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda: snow removal bylaw; EDA demographics, another committee meeting.

Councillor Hart moved the agenda be adopted as amended.

2. Town Hall Meeting

CAO Wynne facilitated a brainstorming session wherein Councillors discussed the form and content of the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. The THM will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 7-9 P.M. in the Community Hall. The THM will include: the Municipal Affairs PowerPoint presentation comparing Thorsby to other similar villages; an open discussion re: how Council is doing and what residents would like Council to do; community initiatives; the 2011 budget; and a mixer for Councillors and residents.

3. Recreation Board and Seniors Program Planning Board Review

CAO Wynne presented drafts of the Thorsby and District regional Recreation and Parks Agreement and Terms of Reference Thorsby and District Recreation Advisory committee. Details of these documents were discussed by the Committee at length. Consensus was that these draft documents reflect the direction the Thorsby Council wishes to take re: a joint Village-Leduc County district Recreation Advisory Committee. CAO Wynne will work with the Leduc County Recreation Director and CAO to further refine these documents for presentation to both the Thorsby and Leduc County Councils.

At 10:45 a.m. the Committee meeting was adjourned for a break. Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

CAO Wynne tabled a copy of Bylaw 2006-09 establishing the Thorsby & District Seniors Program Planning Board. He stated that, given there would no longer be a transportation grant, there was no need for a senior's program planning board to administer this program. Consequently, he will recommend to Council that Bylaw 2006-09 be rescinded, with current cash-on-hand held by the seniors board being retained for the purpose of seniors transportation or other related activity. The Committee was supportive of this direction.

4. Other Items

The snow removal bylaw was discussed as relates to the issue of clearing snow in residential areas outside the 7 am to 11 pm time frame. The CAO pointed out that snow removal was essentially addressed in at least two bylaws (noise and nuisance) and that the nuisance Bylaw 2006-08 allowed the Village to work outside the hours of 7 am to 11 to clear snow and to authorize other contractors to do likewise.



Councillors Hart and Williams described demographic data for Thorsby and other communities in the area they gleaned from the Leduc-Nisku EDA presentation.

Councillor Hart raised the prospect of a second committee-of-the-whole meeting each month and this possibility was tabled.

5. Adjourn

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

The next committee-of-the-whole meeting will be held in Council Chambers on April 2, 2011 at 9 a.m.

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Harold Wynne, CAO

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Barry Rasch, Mayor

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Date Adopted