

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 2011
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch

Councillors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams

CAO: Harold Wynne

Recording Secretary: Patricia Eklund

Delegates: Reg McDougall, Communities in Bloom

Reporters: Coreena Van Cappelle, Thorsby Target
Gregory Yapp, Leduc Representative

Agenda: Councillor Hart requested an addition of G1 – 39/20 Alliance Meeting.
Councillor Osness requested an addition of G2 – FCSS and an item to Closed Session.
Councillor Pharis requested an addition of G3 – Budget Meeting Dates,
Councillor Williams requested an item for Closed Session.
Mayor Rasch requested an addition of G4 – Business Plaques, an item to Closed Session and C1 – Reg McDougall, Communities in Bloom Presentation.

2011-82 Moved by Mayor Rasch to accept Reg McDougall, Communities in Bloom presentation as a delegation for the Council Meeting.
Carried

C.A.O. Wynne requested an addition of F3 – Elementary School Grand Opening, and G5 – Lions Committee Meetings at Recreation Complex.

2011-83 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

Councillor Pharis requested an amendment be made to the March 22, 2011 minutes under the Council Committee Reports, Councillor Pharis be changed from “The group is planning to sell 50/50 tickets at an Edmonton Oiler hockey game on April 8, with all the proceeds going towards the Recreation Complex.” to “The group is planning to sell 50/50 tickets at an Edmonton Oiler hockey game on April 8, with some of the proceeds going towards the Recreation Complex.”

2011-84 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the March 22, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Reg McDougall – Communities in Bloom Presentation

Ms. McDougall approached Council with a report on the outcome of the vote for the official flower for Thorsby. A total of 65 votes were received, 30 of those votes belonged to the top placing flower, the Western Red Lily. Ms. McDougall asked if Council would consider the Western Red Lily to be the official flower for the Village of Thorsby.

Discussion occurred around the low voter response for the project. Mayor Rasch stated that vote response is usually low and that those who wanted to participate would have.

2011-85 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept the Western Red Lily as the official flower for the Village of Thorsby.
Carried.

Ms. McDougall left the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne presented his report and the Corporate Services Manager, Christine Burke's report to Council.

C.A.O. Wynne left the Meeting at 7:13 P.M.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. AUMA – Increases to Registry Fee Schedule

Discussion occurred.

2. Red Coast for Kids

3. Elementary School Grand Opening

Notice of date change for the Grand Opening of the Elementary School to May 25 at 1:00 P.M.

2011-86 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept items F1, F2, and F3 for information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 39/20 Alliance Meeting

Discussion occurred over the selecting members of Council to act as representatives for the Economic Development and Senior Transportation Committees, which the 39/20 Alliance was in the process of setting up.

2011-87 Moved by Councillor Osness that Councillor Williams act as a representative on the 39/20 Alliance Economic Development Committee for the Village of Thorsby, with Councillor Hart as the alternate.
Carried

2011-88 Moved by Councillor Osness that Councillor Pharis act as a representative on the 39/20 Alliance Senior Transportation Committee for the Village of Thorsby, with Councillor Osness as the alternate.
Carried.

C.A.O. Wynne returned to the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

C.A.O. Wynne continued to present the Administration Reports to Council. Discussion occurred around the 39/20 Alliance Boards and some budgeting concerns.

Councillor Hart left the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Councillor Hart returned to the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

2011-89 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the Administration Reports as presented.
Carried.

2. FCSS

Discussion was brought forth on concerns about not having a FCSS Coordinator hired for the Village and the cancelation of the FCSS Board meetings until a coordinator was hired. Council brought up concerns that the needs of the community were not being met.

3. Budget Meeting Dates

Discussion occurred around planning budget meetings and how Council felt that there should be more than two dates. The dates for the budget meetings are April 13th at 7:00 P.M., April 16th at 3:00 P.M. and April 19th at 6:00 P.M.

4. Business Plaques

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 7:59 P.M. due to pecuniary interests.

Mayor Rasch brought forward that Ms. Megan Williams has a business that makes plaques and that he would like to purchase the plaques from her rather than Leduc Trophies.

Council supported the idea of buying local and stated that as long as purchasing was made in correspondence with the purchasing bylaw.

Councillor Hart directed Administration to do a price check on the plaques.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

5. Lions Committee Meetings at Recreation Complex

C.A.O. Wynne brought forward the idea of the Lions Club using the larger Scouts room in the Recreation Complex for meetings. In exchange for using the space the Lions Club would assist in making some renovations to the recreation complex. One of the first projects that the club is to undertake is the renovating the baseball diamonds.

Councillor Hart asked if he and Councillor Williams should be excused from the meeting since Councillor Williams is the President and Councillor Hart a member of the Thorsby Lions Club. It was discussed and agreed that since there were no pecuniary gains to be made, both Councillor Hart and Councillor Williams were permitted to stay in the meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding the Lions club storage space. Councillor Hart stated that he and Councillor Williams were planning on attending the auction sale at the Elementary school to see if any appropriate movable shelving would be for sale. C.A.O. Wynne asked that he could approve any shelving before it was purchased.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| Councillor Osness | - Nothing to report at this time. |
| Councillor Hart | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- May be attending an Ambulance Board meeting this week. There was discussion about having meetings where all the members of Council from each town could be present to have discussion.- There is a Leduc Foundation meeting on April 28th, which Councillor Pharis will be attending on his behalf.- Has an upcoming Chamber meeting. |
| Councillor Pharis | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- An upcoming Capital Regional Board Housing meeting.- Gave an update on the 50/50 ticket sale fundraiser. All the tickets sold. She thanked Thorsby Minor Hockey for arranging the fundraiser and thanked the volunteers for their efforts.- Has an upcoming Leduc Foundation Meeting which she is attending for Councillor Hart.- On April 19th she is attending a Habitat for Humanity unveiling luncheon in Edmonton for Mayor Rasch. |
| Councillor Williams | - Has a Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 20 th . |
| Mayor Rasch | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communities in Bloom have an Open House on April 14th.- At the last Rec Board meeting, \$7500.00 in grants were given out. 16 groups applied for funding and everyone received funding, but less than the amount they had requested.- Attended the Capital Region Board meeting. Lots of items were discussed that were in closed session. Premier Stelmach attended to answer question about the increase in fees.- Met one-on-one with Jim Edwards, the new interim chair for the Capital Region Board at the Nisku Inn to talk about some Thorsby concerns.- Has an EDA Partnership Breakfast on April 19th which he hopes to attend along with Councillor Hart.- Asked to attend the Edmonton Economic Development Conference at the Shaw Conference Centre.- There will be a volunteer supper on June 14th. |

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022530 to 022597

2011-90 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque register as presented.
Carried.

2011-91 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 8:24 P.M.
Carried.

Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:35 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

2011-92 Moved by Councillor Osness that the meeting go into closed session at 8:36 P.M.
Carried.

2011-93 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 10:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-94 Moved by Councillor Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted