

**TOWN OF THORSBY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 28, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Raymond at 6:56 p.m.

Present: Mayor: Rod Raymond  
Councillors: Cory Gilbert  
Ken Poffenroth (electronic attendance)  
Ivor Foster  
Deputy Mayor: Nathan Raymond  
CAO: Christine Burke

Public at large

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION**

Additions to the agenda:

- 7.2 39/20 Alliance
- 7.3 Wall Photos in Council Chambers
- 7.4 Coal Transition Funding update - CAEP
- 7.5 Alberta Environment Meeting Update
- 11.7 Walter Kuzlo Memorial Sign
- 12.1 Closed session as per section 24(l)(d)

2020-20 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept the agenda as amended  
*Carried.*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

2020-21 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to adopt the minutes of January 14 Regular Meeting of Council as presented  
*Carried*

2020-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to adopt the minutes of January 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting as presented  
*Carried*

**DELEGATION**

**5.1 Communities in Bloom – Barry Rasch**

Mr. Rasch presented to Council on several joint initiatives that they would like to undertake in conjunction with the Town:

- Colour selection of florals for 2020 baskets -Three shades of pink
- Floral barrels to Taylor Park area to add to downtown florals
- Developing a Tree Management Program – Target for review with Council end of March
- Creation of a tree nursery on municipal grounds
- Cost share on additional trail area between closed alley on 45 Street behind Haymakers to TWP492
- Improvements to the display bed in front of the Chamber Sign at the north end of Town
- Grant exploration for green initiative to capture plastics at the main storm drain ditch

2020-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond for Administration to send a thank you letter for helping keep our town clean to Grade 2 class.  
*Carried*

2020-24 Moved by Councillor Gilbert for Administration to work with Communities in Bloom to facilitate the construction of the proposed trails and split the cost up to a total Thorsby contribution of \$1,000.  
*Carried*

Mr. Rasch thanked Council for the opportunity to talk with them and their generosity for the support.

#### **5.1 Thorsby Lions Club – Sandi Raymond**

Ms. Raymond approached Council regarding legislative initiatives for collaboration of community groups for fund raising events. Council advised that the request was outside their mandate and suggested the best approach would be for the Lions to speak to community group boards as a whole, rather than to approach individual members to ensure a response was representative of the whole.

Ms. Raymond asked Council for permission for the Lions Group to use the vacant Town property on Hankin Street during the May Long Weekend.

2020-25 Moved by Councillor Gilbert that the Town provide the Lions access to the Town lot for the May Long Weekend  
*Carried*

### **BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Council Appointments to the Emergency Advisory Committee**

C.A.O. Burke advised Council that following adoption of the Emergency Management Bylaw 2019-16 at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, appointment of two members of Council to the Emergency Advisory Committee is now required.

2020-26 Moved by Councillor Foster that Deputy Mayor Raymond and Councillor Gilbert to be appointed to the Emergency Advisory Committee  
*Carried*

#### **7.2 39/20 Alliance AGM Meeting**

Council discussed approval of attendance of Council members at the upcoming meeting.

#### **7.3 Wall Photos in Council Chambers**

2020-27 Moved by Councillor Foster to direct Administration to have the prior Mayors pictures reinstalled in Council Chambers.  
*Carried*

#### **7.4 Coal Transition Funding update – CAEP**

C.A.O. Burke advised Council that no confirmation of the requested changes had yet been received from the Provincial Government, discussions with Economic Development and Trade personnel indicated that they did not believe there should be any issues.

C.A.O. Burke encouraged Council to authorize the approval of engaging the Central Alberta Economic Partnership Roving Economic Development Officer program before

final approval of Coal Transition Grant changes to avoid any loss of work in the current time available as a precaution in case the requested time extension was not approved.

2020-28 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond that engagement of the C.A.E.P. Roving Economic Development Officer Program be approved.  
*Carried*

#### **7.5 Alberta Environment Meeting Update – Goal Zero Program - Swirtex**

C.A.O. Burke updated Council on the outcome of the meeting held on January 28 with representatives of the Town, Swirlx and Alberta Environment. It seemed there was a disconnect between Alberta Environment and Swirtex representatives regarding additional process, who was paying, and if additional processing was necessary.

Mr. Yan of Alberta Environment confirmed to Thorsby that as per regulations, if Thorsby lagoon water continues to meet the standards as set by Alberta Environment in the regulations, then no additional processing would be necessary unless the proposed use of the lagoon water was for on a golf course, rather than fracking or irrigation purposes.

Mr. Yan to confirm in writing.

#### **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time

#### **C.A.O. ACTION TRACKER AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

##### **9.1 Council Action Tracker**

2020-29 Moved by Councilor Gilbert to accept for information  
*Carried*

##### **9.2 C.A.O. Report – January 2020**

2020-30 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to accept for information  
*Carried*

##### **9.3 FCSS Report – January 2020**

2020-31 Moved by Councilor Gilbert to accept for information  
*Carried*

##### **9.4 Public Works Report – January 2020**

2020-32 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept for information  
*Carried*

##### **9.5 Recreation Report – December 2019 & January 2020**

2020-33 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to accept for information  
*Carried*

#### **FINANCIAL**

None at this time

## CORRESPONDENCE

### **11.1 Alberta Health Services – Edibles Information to Municipalities**

2020-34 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to accept as information  
*Carried*

### **11.2 Alberta Municipal Affairs -ICF IDP Agreements**

2020-35 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept as information  
*Carried*

### **11.3 CAEP Connections**

2020-36 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to direct Administration to have CAEP forward  
CAEP Connections email directly to Council  
*Carried*

### **11.4 Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Alberta Order of Excellence**

2020-37 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept as information  
*Carried*

### **11.5 Recycling Council of Alberta – Waste to Energy Symposium**

2020-38 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept as information  
*Carried*

### **11.6 The Chamber – Leduc and Wetaskiwin Regions – Farm to Market to Table + Before the Plate Events**

2020-39 Moved by Councillor Foster to accept as information  
*Carried*

### **11.7 Walter Kuzio Memorial Sign**

Following receipt of correspondence prior to the start of the meeting January 28 it was  
agreed that Mayor Raymond would respond directly to the family member and  
administration would investigate further.

## CLOSED SESSION

2020-40 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to move into closed session as per section 24 (1)  
(d) and to invite in CAO Burke at 9:31 p.m.  
*Carried*

Councillor Poffenroth left the meeting at 9:31 p.m.


Public at large left Chambers

2020-41 Moved by Councillor Foster to return to the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:54 p.m.

Public at large returned to Chambers

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

2020-42 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:55 p.m.  
*Carried*

  
Rod Raymond, Mayor  
Christine Burke, C.A.O.

FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
Date Adopted