

TOWN OF THORSBY  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
April 21 2020  
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Raymond at 6:32p.m.

Present: Mayor Raymond  
Deputy Mayor: Nathan Raymond  
Councillors: Ivor Foster  
Cory Gilbert  
Ken Poffenroth

CAO: Christine Burke

Delegation: Barry Rasch – Communities in Bloom

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / ADOPTION

Additions: 4.1 Delegation – Communities in Bloom  
6.6 Thorsby Haymakers Rodeo  
6.7 Town Gardens  
7.1 CAO Updates

2020-CoW41 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept the agenda as amended  
*Carried.*

DELEGATION

**4.1 Communities in Bloom**

Mr. Rasch approached Council regarding concerns as to how the current Health Emergency and subsequent budget review may impact intended joint projects with Communities in Bloom and how we can continue to work together to advance community development.

Funding was committed in 2019 to allow orders to be placed with the grower for ordering of flowers for 2020 season – As contracted with the grower, funding will stand. CIB to approach the grower to see if any reductions/cost savings can be made.

Mr. Rash agreed to discuss with other CIB group members the possibility/options for the group to take on watering of the flowers.

Discussion occurred regarding the previously agreed trail extension at the south end of town. Council supported CIB to continue the first phase at CIB's cost, with funding for phase two deferred to future years.

2020-CoW42 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to advance item 6.7 while Mr. Rasch present  
*Carried*

**6.7 Town Gardens**

Discussion occurred regarding introducing Town/Community Gardens as a way to encourage self/local sufficiency and with the current economy it would also help food security/costs.

CIB and the Town will work together to develop a joint initiative to garner interest and action accordingly.

## BYLAWS

### BUSINESS

#### **6.1 Bylaw 2016-08- Livestock Bylaw**

Discussion occurred regarding modifications/repeal of Bylaw 2016-08  
Additional information on Provincial legislation to be reviewed by Council before  
direction can be provided to administration.

Community engagement on potential changes to be sought.

#### **6.2 Wet Lot**

Councillor Poffenroth brought forward concerns regarding sitting water on vacant  
residential lots due to lack of grading

Discussion occurred regarding liability during an act of trespass.

#### **6.3 Community Building – May Long Weekend – Socially Distanced Drive by Parade**

CAO Burke floated the idea of building on drive by birthday greetings to a socially  
distanced drive by parade on Saturday May 16 at noon.  
Residents would be encouraged to decorate their vehicles with what they have at home  
and to line up their vehicle on 50 Ave, with the RCMP leading the parade as usual. The  
route would be different as I would encompass the majority of streets in Town, allowing  
nonparticipants to watch from the safety of their yards or from inside their homes.

Council was in accord to support the idea, CAO Burke to contact RCMP.

#### **6.4 Thorsby Lions Campground**

Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) had been contacted, for information  
regarding reopening of parks for the season. In addition to Provincial requirements for  
social distancing and restrictions on group gatherings they also referred to the  
Recreation Area Regulation which had brought to attention the requirement for backflow  
valves at the site.

Site to remain closed until corrective actions/restrictions can be met/controlled.

#### **6.5 Government of Alberta – Non-Residential Propter Tax Deferral**

CAO Burke provided information of the Government initiative to provide tax relief for a  
six month period on the education tax and the mechanisms proposed to achieve the  
deferment.

#### **6.6 Haymakers Rodeo**

Mayor Raymond advised Council he had been contacted by the Ag. Society advising  
they had decided to cancel the Haymakers Rodeo due to the pandemic situation and to  
comply with provincial restrictions.

## REPORTS

None at this time.

## FINANCIAL

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

**9.1 Minister of Municipal Affairs – Letter and Ministerial Orders**

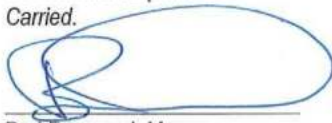
2020-CoW43 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept for information  
Carried

CLOSED SESSION

None at this time

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2020-CoW44 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of  
Council at 9:52 p.m.  
*Carried.*



Rod Raymond, Mayor



Christine Burke, CAO

April 28, 2020  
Date Adopted