

TOWN OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 01, 2020
7:00 PM

Call to

Order: The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Raymond at 7:00 pm

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

CAO: Christine Burke

Recreation: Kristen Szepesy

Delegations: Barry Rasch, Communities on Bloom

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Additions: 5.5 Frontier Road maintenance
5.6 Pop up market, Taylor Park
5.7 Breton request to use electronic facilities

2020-CoW72 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to accept the agenda as amended
Carried

DELEGATIONS

4.1 Communities in Bloom – Barry Rasch

Mr. Rasch approached Council with ideas for widening the network of trails at the Lions Park. Mr Rasch indicated the widening would allow for:

- access and portability of equipment to maintain the trails
- respect Covid-19 social distancing
- provide for better emergency access incase of incident

Proposal to increase signage which could rate the trails for accessibility.

2020-CoW73 Moved by Councillor Gilbert to provide a motion of support for Communities in Bloom to widen the trails to provide better accessibility for both maintenance and emergency access and also to make the trails Covid-19 socially distancing compliant
Carried

Mayor Raymond thanked Mr. Rasch for the presentation and continuing commitment to the community.

BUSINESS

5.1 Tree Recommendation follow up

CAO Burke provided copies of the Tree Educational session/tour report provided by Mr. Bozic, following a recent tour conducted with Mr. Rasch from Communities in Bloom and herself.

2020-CoW74 Moved by Deputy Mayor Raymond that CAO Burke invite Mr. Bozic to present in more detail what would be involved in a Tree Inventory and Plan to Council
Carried

5.2 Arctic Spas Recreation Complex Relaunch plan

Ms. Szepesy presented to Council on impact and relaunch of the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

Discussion occurred regarding financial impacts. Ms. Szepesy left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

5.3 Leduc Regional Housing Foundation Affordable housing

Councillor Foster provided Council with an overview on the document. A brief discussion occurred on how to advance affordable housing in the community

5.4 Franchise Fees

A full discussion occurred regarding franchise fees and the impacts on taxation if they were changed or fully removed.

5.5 Frontier Road maintenance

Mayor Raymond briefed council on the conversation held with Frontier Construction regarding the maintenance of the county road adjacent to their property.

5.6 Pop up Market, Taylor Park

Mayor Raymond brought forward the idea of possibly holding a pop up market at Taylor Park on September 26. Discussion occurred on Covid restrictions and short timeline.

CAO Burke to engage with Recreation to establish protocols and if possible timewise.

5.7 Breton request to use electronic facilities

CAO Burke advised Council, approval had been provided in response to a request to host Breton Councils electronic attendance at the AUMA training sessions and conference, at the municipal office, using our electronic facilities.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL

CORRESPONDENCE

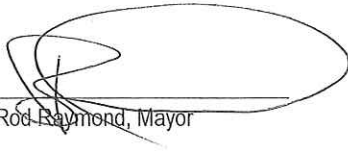
8.1 AUMA – Proposed Bylaw Amendment

8.2 Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs – Municipal Affairs 2019-2020 Annual Report

2020-CoW75 Moved by Councillor Foster to accept items 8.1 and 8.2 as information

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2020-CoW76 Moved by Deputy Mayor to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council at
10:00 pm.
Carried.



Rod Raymond, Mayor



Christine Burke, CAO

November 10, 2020
Date Adopted