



December 28, 2016

Capital Region Board
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REF – Town of Thorsby Municipal Development Plan

We ask that you please consider the provided documents as part of the Regional Evaluation Framework required by Ministerial Order M.O. L:270/10 section 3.1, which requires that a municipality refer to the Board any proposed new Inter-Municipal Development Plan, Municipal Development Plan or any proposed amendment to an Inter-Municipal Development Plan or Municipal Development Plan.

The General Plan for Thorsby was created in 1984, and although a Municipal Development Plan is not required under the current M.G.A. Section 632 (2) for municipalities under 3,500, it states that municipalities may adopt a plan. As we move from Village to Town status effective January 1, 2017 by Order in Council 344/2016, Thorsby Council elected to be proactive to ensure Thorsby had solid direction for the future growth and development of our community and directed administration to prepare a new municipal development plan in addition to other important documentation that would set the way forward for our community.

Following proposals from West Central Planning, ISL and The Werkz and Vicinia Planning & Engagement Inc., for the MDP, the The Werkz and Vicinia Planning & Engagement Inc were selected.

The Request for Decision to provide first reading of the Municipal Development Plan was submitted at the Special Meeting of Council held Monday October 24, 2016 and subsequently, resolution 2016-405 was proposed and carried giving first reading of Bylaw 2016-17. A copy of the Request for Decision and Bylaw #2016-17 are attached.

2016-405 Moved by Councillor Hart that Bylaw #2016-17 Municipal Development Plan (MDP) be given first reading.
Carried.

We hereby respectfully request that the Capital Region Board provide consideration and approval to the submitted Municipal Development Plan and supporting documentation and we look forward to working with the Board regarding any questions or concerns they may have.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Burke
Town Manager