

**THOMPSON'S NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE SWORN IN AT INAUGURAL MEETING**
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**THOMPSON, November 4, 2014** – Last night our new Mayor and Council was sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting of Council for the 2014 – 2018 term. It began with an opening prayer led by Elder Jack Robinson, spoken in both English and Cree, followed by the official swearing in presided by the newly appointed Judge Huberdeau.

During his opening remarks, Mayor Fenske thanked everyone who ran in the election and their family and friends who supported them. He continued by giving a nod to the past Mayor and Council and moved to laying out the vision for the next four years. “We are proud of the work that was accomplished over the last 4 years, and moving forward, we will continue to build upon the progress that was made in public safety, infrastructure renewal, quality of life, education and housing,” he stated. “We will work in the best interest of the community guided by the Thompson Aboriginal Accord, Master Parks Plan and the Sustainable Community Plan.” He also encouraged residents to be engaged. “I value debate and input from residents and believe they have a responsibility to participate,” he remarked.

Incumbent Penny Byer was named Deputy Mayor for the first year. This will be her second term and was one of two members of the previous council to be re-elected. When accepting her appointment she commented, “I am honoured to be appointed Deputy Mayor. I look forward to working with this dynamic group of people and believe that the best things are accomplished when we work together.”

Committee Chairs were also appointed along with the Councillor elections to Standing Committees. The results are as follows:

<b>Standing Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Administration</b>	Councillor Kathy Valentino	Councillor Duncan Wong
<b>Human Resources</b>	Councillor Colleen Smook	Councillor Blake Ellis
<b>Public Works &amp; Infrastructure</b>	Councillor Ron Matechuk	Councillor Duncan Wong
<b>Public Safety</b>	Councillor Blake Ellis	Councillor Judy Kolada
<b>Recreation &amp; Community Services</b>	Councillor Dennis Foley	Councillor Kathy Valentino
<b>Legislative &amp; Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	Deputy Mayor Penny Byer	Councillors Kathy Valentino & Colleen Smook
<b>Development Review</b>	Councillor Judy Kolada	Deputy Mayor Penny Byer

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