

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

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Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski  
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk  
Councillor Karen Lalonde  
Councillor Brian Thompson  
Councillor Ken Lucko  
Councillor Lorne Vaags  
Laurent Tétrault, CAO  
Colleen Draper, Recording Secretary

Reeve Skrupski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

09-194 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:  
Add: 1. Kinsmen Youth Centre  
2. Sunrise School Division Correspondence  
3. Council Seat Rotation  
4. Riel Station  
5. In Camera - Non-union wages  
- By-law  
CARRIED (5-0)

**MINUTES**

09-195 SKRUPSKI LALONDE WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held April 8, 2009 have been previously distributed to Council;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby approved.  
CARRIED (4-0)

Councillor Lucko abstained from the vote as he was not present at the April 8 meeting.

**BY-LAWS**

By-Law 09-02 - Fire Prevention

Deferred to next council meeting.

*Councillor Thompson entered the meeting.*

By-Law 09-05 - Tax Cancellation

09-196 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT second reading be given to By-law No. 09-05 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to authorize the cancellation of taxes and debts owing to the Municipality. CARRIED (6-0)

09-197 THOMPSON LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT third and final reading be given to By-law No. 09-05 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to authorize the cancellation of taxes and debts owing to the Municipality.

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain	Reason
Reeve	x				
Ward 1	x				
Ward 2	x				
Ward 3	x				
Ward 4	x				
Ward 5	x				

CARRIED (6-0)

*Reeve Skrupski left the meeting. Deputy Reeve Vaags resumed the Chair.*

**Consent Agenda**

09-198 VAAGS  
BODNARUK

WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 5 items;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED (5-0)

**DELEGATION**

Darryl Speer, attended Council regarding his concerns with water protection. He requested that Council obtain commitments in writing from all those licensed to mine gravel in Springfield, that they will abide by all regulations related to their excavation and transport of gravel. He also requested that Council advise all enforcement officials to be diligent in enforcing these regulations and to levy penalties for infractions and provide monthly reports of their activities.

Mr. Speer indicated that the operator adjacent to Municipal wells has stock piled over 200 barrels, open to the elements, with tar like residue. Mr. Chabot, the operator in question, was in attendance. He explained that the substance in the barrels is bitumen, a sticky, tar-like form of petroleum used in the manufacturing of asphalt and tar. He also noted that the barrels would only be on the property for a short time and that he had a letter from the Province authorizing the storage of the barrels.

Mr. Speer requested that Council hire a consultant to have an environmental assessment completed.

Richard Kuffner, attended Council to confirm that money is in this year's budget to clean the Melrose Road ditch. He noted that it was on the list for last year but funds had run out and it was not completed.

Mr. Kuffner also noted that he feels the municipalities mandate should be roads and drainage not community club and that the public should be initiating the community clubs not the municipality to ensure that it is meeting the needs of the area.

Ray Anema, attended Council to request that Council replace the gravel on Vernon Road (South of Springfield Road) that was removed during creation of the drainage ditch. He received a letter from the Public Works Department in 2005 stating that the municipality would not replace the gravel as the road was not an all weather road. The CAO would discuss further with the Manager of Operations and get in touch with the delegate.

Springfield Zoning By-law Public Hearing

A second public hearing will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Kinsmen Springfield Days

The CAO advised that he was contacted by the Kinsmen to retract their request for financial support at this time. They are in the process of meeting with other community groups in order to plan the event.

Municipal Board - Penner - NE 20-11-7E

Information was received regarding a municipal board hearing to be held in council chambers on May 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Councillor Lucko to attend.

Seniors Housing Site Selection

Councillor Vaags reported that the Dugald Area Seniors Residence Steering Committee will be meeting on May 12, 2009 with members of Council, Manitoba Housing and North Eastman Health Association to discuss site selection.

Lyncrest Airport

Information was received regarding the May 9<sup>th</sup> grand opening.

Kinsmen Youth Centre - Received as information.

*Reeve Skrupski returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.*

Sunrise School Division Correspondence - Received as information.

Riel Station

Councillor Bodnaruk reported that he was contacted by Manitoba Hydro regarding available topsoil. The CAO will contact Public Works to see if there is a need. Councillor Bodnaruk also reported that Manitoba Hydro will be installing a rail line between PR 207 and the Floodway and would be willing to dig a ditch on the East side of the rail line to drain the area to the Bibeau Drain. Manitoba Hydro would also like the municipality to prepare road closing by-laws for both Suthwyn and Mission Roads, both which are not being used on the West side of PR 207.

Council Seat Rotation

The six month council seat rotation took place.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Springfield Wellness Centre

Reeve Skrupski reported that the Wellness Committee will be completing a site selection report shortly. Reeve Skrupski also reported that he would like to see a fund created to fund existing community clubs and the proposed Wellness Centre by increasing taxes by one mill over a 20 year debenture.

Terms of Reference

The Springfield Wellness and Recreation Centre Fundraising Committee terms of reference were reviewed. No changes were suggested.

Stantec Re: Municipal Office

The item was deferred until further information on grants is available.

**In Camera**

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| 09-199 | SKRUPSKI<br>THOMPSON | BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to discuss personnel and legal issues.<br>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.<br>CARRIED (5-1) |
| 09-200 | SKRUPSKI<br>THOMPSON | BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera.<br>CARRIED (6-0)   |

Non-Union Salaries

09-201 THOMPSON  
LUCKO

WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate that Council confirms, by resolution, non-union salary levels;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annualized salary schedule as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer be confirmed as the salary levels in effect for non-union municipal employees effective January 1, 2009 and that employees work contracts be amended accordingly.

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain	Reason
Reeve	x				
Ward 1		x			
Ward 2	x				
Ward 3	x				
Ward 4	x				
Ward 5	x				

CARRIED (5-1)

Flood Mitigation

09-202 SKRUPSKI  
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all employees that participated in the overland flooding mitigation to save the residents homes, businesses and farms shall be recognized by the R.M. of Springfield with one extra day holiday during the summer of 2009 between May 15 and September 15, 2009.

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain	Reason
Reeve	x				
Ward 1	x				
Ward 2	x				
Ward 3	x				
Ward 4	x				
Ward 5	x				

CARRIED (6-0)

Adjournment

SKRUPSKI

THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 9:00 p.m. CARRIED (6-0)

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Peter Skrupski  
Reeve

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Laurent Tétrault  
Chief Administrative Officer