

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 2008

Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Deputy Reeve Brian Thompson
Councillor Ken Lucko
Councillor Lorne Vaags
Laurent Tétrault, CAO
Randy Znamirovski, Chief Financial Officer
and Manager of Administration
Colleen Draper, Recording Secretary

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

AGENDA

08-87 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
BODNARUK Add: MGRA Banquet and Municipal Officials Seminar
Planting of Trees
Anola Community Club
Cook's Creek Conservation District
Condolences
Transfer Station Employees
CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES

08-88 BODNARUK WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held
LALONDE February 13th, 2008 have been previously distributed to
Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby
approved. CARRIED (6-0)

08-89 LUCKO WHEREAS the minutes of the Special Council meeting held
VAAGS February 19th, 2008 have been previously distributed to
Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby
approved. CARRIED (5-0)

Councillor Thompson abstained from the vote as he was not present at the February 19th meeting.

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at a Eastern Manitoba Tourism Association meeting on February 18, Legislative Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and Wellness Coalition meeting on February 19, Public meeting regarding the library on February 21, Kin Board meeting and Recreation Commission meeting on February 25 and the Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

Councillor Bodnaruk reported on his attendance at a meeting with the Provincial Senior Planner on February 14, an MMAA Seminar regarding tendering on February 15, Eastman Regional Development Inc. meeting on February 18, Special Council meeting and Eastman Regional Development Inc. presentation on February 19, Library public meeting on February 21, Cook's Creek Conservation District meeting on February 22, Groundwater Management meeting on February 25, Cook's Creek Conservation District Board meeting and Eastman Regional Development Inc. board meeting on February 26 and the Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at a meeting with the Provincial Senior Planner on February 14, an MMAA Seminar regarding tendering on February 15, Springfield Food Bank grand opening on February 16, Public Works Committee meeting, Special Council meeting and Legislative Finance and Personnel committee meeting on February 19, Wellness Coalition meeting and Garven Road subdivision meeting on February 20, Library public meeting on February 21, Cook's Creek Conservation District meeting on February 22 and CCCD Board meeting on February 26 and the Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

Councillor Thompson reported on his attendance at the Springfield Food Bank grand opening on February 16, Public library meeting on February 21, Recreation Commission meeting on February 25 and Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

Councillor Lucko reported on his attendance at the MMAA Seminar regarding tendering on February 15, Springfield Food Bank grand opening on February 16, Public Works, Legislative Finance and Personnel committee meeting and Special Council meeting on February 19, Public library meeting on February 21, Groundwater Management meeting on February 25, Cook's Creek Conservation District meeting on February 26 and the Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at the Springfield Food Bank grand opening on February 16, Public Works Committee meeting, Legislative Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and Special Council meeting on February 19, Public library meeting on February 21, Mayors and Reeves meeting on February 22 and the Disaster Management Conference on February 27.

CAO, Laurent Tétrault reported on his attendance at the Public Works Committee meeting, Legislative Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and Special Council meeting on February 19, meeting regarding the Kosheluk subdivision with Councillor Vaags on February 20, Public library meeting on February 21, Department heads meeting on February 25 and he also reported that Iders has requested to tap into the Public Works well for washroom facilities as they have drilled four wells and have found no water.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Legislative Finance and Personnel - Minutes of February 19, 2008 received as information.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 08-03 - Cancellation By-law

08-90 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT second reading be given to By-law 08-03 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)

08-91 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT third and final reading be given to By-Law No. 08-03 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)

Consent Agenda

08-92 SKRUPSKI LUCKO WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 15 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be amended to remove 8.1 and add to New Business.

CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Employee Benefits Program

- 08-93 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the customary
BODNARUK probation period to allow Randall Znamirovski to join
the benefits program at the time of hiring.
CARRIED (6-0)

East Borderland Community Housing Inc. - Received as
information.

Donation in Memory

- 08-94 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield give a
SKRUPSKI donation of \$100.00 to the Anola and District Museum in
Carl Cameron Cook's name. CARRIED (6-0)

Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs - Key Initiatives
- Received as information.

Oakbank Springfield Kinsmen - Congregate Meal Program

- 08-95 LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield provide a
LUCKO grant of \$4,000.00 to the Oak Bank Springfield Kinsmen
Senior Citizens Complex Inc. for 2008 to provide meals
to the seniors of the community. CARRIED (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

Industrial Area Local Improvement District #4

In Attendance: Bob Perfanick
Jim McKerchar
Lawrence Homenko
Chris Ross

The Chief Financial Officer and Manager of
Administration distributed a financial overview of the
project and gave a brief report.

The Chief Administrative Officer gave an overview of
ten letters of objections that were received.

The Chair opened up the meeting to the gallery.

Bob Perfanick from 483 Bluecher Avenue noted that his main concerns were that capital lot levies from new developments should be covering any infrastructure improvements in the area and that old businesses in the area are paying for new businesses now coming into the area. He also thought that more money should be coming from the government.

Jim McKerchar from 70 Roderick Street noted that he feels the industrial area does not receive any benefits from taxes being paid already. He reported that a 3 tonne truck load of debris was dumped on the road and this had happened on numerous occasions with nothing being done about it. With the tax increase the delegate stated that it will make their business uncompetitive.

Lawrence Homenko from 1200 Redonda Avenue noted that he objects to the tax increase. When he purchased his lot, part of the price included the paving of the road by the developer so he has already paid his share.

Chris Ross from 1218 Redonda Avenue noted that he is opposed to the increase in taxes. It is difficult to run a viable business when taxes are always increasing. He also noted that they have used their own money to ensure they have fire protection on their property.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Council took a short break.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Bridge Rehabilitation Project

08-96 LUCKO THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council award the Bridge Rehabilitation Tender to Minty's Moving Ltd. at a total contract price of \$189,000.00 plus applicable taxes.
CARRIED (6-0)

Manitoba Good Roads/Municipal Officials Seminar

08-97 LUCKO THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED that the following members of Council be delegated to attend the Manitoba Good Roads Association banquet on April 15, 2008 in Brandon and the Municipal Officials Seminar and Trade Show on April 15 to 17, 2008 in Brandon: Reeve Skrupski, Councillor Bodnaruk, Councillor Lalonde, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Lucko, Councillor Vaags, CAO, Laurent Tétrault
CARRIED (6-0)

Planting of Trees

Reeve Skrupski reported that Manitoba Forestry is willing to plant trees in the municipality for free. He requested that each Councillor prepare a map of their ward showing possible tree planting sites.

Anola Community Club

Councillor Lucko reported that the Anola Community Club had raised \$20,000.00 in 2006 towards the cost of repairing the soccer fields. He noted that there have been numerous problems with the preparation of the fields and requested that council consider waiving the outstanding accounts receivable.

Cook's Creek Conservation District

Information regarding the Trans Canada Prairie Grove Diversion and Station Road Drain Reconstruction project was discussed.

Concerns with the inefficient operating and over all expenses of the Cook's Creek Conservation District were discussed.

Condolences

Administration was directed to send a card with condolences to Dick Mulder.

Transfer Station Employees

The CAO advised that the Manager of Operations and Services will look after filling the vacant positions.

In Camera

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| 08-98 | SKRUPSKI
LUCKO | BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to discuss personnel issues.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.
CARRIED (5-1) |
| 08-99 | THOMPSON
VAAGS | BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera.
CARRIED (6-0) |

Land Purchase

Council provided the CAO with direction regarding the land purchase for the ambulance building and deposit required.

Adjournment

LUCKO

THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 9:15
p.m. CARRIED (6-0)

Peter Skrupski
Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer