

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, January 28th, 2009

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Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski  
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk  
Councillor Brian Thompson  
Councillor Ken Lucko  
Councillor Lorne Vaags  
Laurent Tétrault, CAO  
Randall Znamirovski, CFO and Manager of  
Administration

Absent: Councillor Karen Lalonde

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

**AGENDA**

09-55 SKRUPSKI  
BODNARUK

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:

Add: 1. Damage Claims  
2. Tax Arrears - In Camera  
3. Wellness Committee Additions  
4. Cemetery Fencing  
5. Building Canada Fund - Dugald Diversion  
(Disaster Mitigation)  
6. Regula Land - In Camera  
7. Bylaw 09-02 defer  
8. South East Ground Water  
9. Weed Board  
10. Contract negotiations  
11. Applications for funding  
12. Magnetic Field Manitoba Hydro

CARRIED (5-0)

**MINUTES**

November 18<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing

Minutes of the public hearing held November 18<sup>th</sup> were deferred to the next council meeting.

January 14 Council minutes

09-56 SKRUPSKI  
VAAGS

WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held January 14, 2009 have been previously distributed to Council;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby approved.

CARRIED (5-0)

**BY-LAW**

By-law 09-02 - Fire Prevention

Item was deferred to the February 11 Council meeting for further review.

**Consent Agenda**

- 09-57 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 8 items;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED (5-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Water Retention - Edie Creek

Councillor Lucko suggested that Cooks Creek Conservation District should apply for funding as well as the municipality. Councillor Lucko requested that the item be deferred to the next council meeting.

Association of Rural Municipalities

- 09-58 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2009 Membership to the Association of Rural Municipalities Capital Region of \$700.00 be approved. CARRIED (5-0)

Lease renewals

Item was deferred to the February 11 Council meeting.

Seniors and Healthy Aging Forum

- 09-59 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Vaags and Lalonde attend the Communities Connecting: Leading the Way Conference on March 6, 2009 in Winnipeg. CARRIED (5-0)

North Eastern Municipal Curling Bonspiel

Item was received as information.

Sunrise School Division

Sunrise School Division responses to Council's questions from a previous meeting delegation were discussed. Council requested that another council delegation be arranged and that a tour of all schools be conducted in Oakbank, Dugald, Anola and Hazelridge.

**DELEGATIONS**

Gord Barton addressed Council regarding his concerns with the conduct of council. He addressed fairness, equality and showing respect for each other on Council.

Joseph and Annette Leclair addressed Council regarding a complaint about the neighbours outdoor wood stove and the smoke pollution coming from it. The Fire Prevention by-law was reviewed and several employees from the municipality attended to inspect the wood stove and found no contraventions. The Municipal Police Constable, Fire Chief and Development Officer were asked to revisit the premises to see if infractions exist and offer suggestions to mitigate the smoke and smell complaint.

Wellness Committee Additions

09-60 SKRUPSKI  
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following people be appointed to the Wellness Committee: Ian Hutchinson

CARRIED (3-2)

Cemetery Fencing

Item was deferred until additional quotes are available.

Southeast Groundwater Association

Councillor Lucko advised that 14 groups are involved and are allowed to make a presentation. He feels that the R.M. of Springfield should do a presentation showing history and future developments. Councillor Lucko and Reeve Skrupski to prepare a powerpoint presentation with possible staff assistance.

Weed Board

Councillor Lucko provided a map showing areas which have been sprayed for milkweed and other weeds.

Contract Negotiation

Contract negotiation protocol was discussed.

Magnetic Field Manitoba Hydro

Council requested that Manitoba Hydro be asked to attend a council meeting to discuss the proposed project.

**In Camera**

09-61 SKRUPSKI  
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to discuss personnel and legal issues.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.

- Damage Claims
- Tax Arrears
- Regula Land

- 9.2 Bellan Wasylin Law Office Re: Aggregate Invoice CARRIED (5-0)

09-62 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera. CARRIED (5-0)

Council questioned a member of the gallery if they were audio tape recording the meeting. The person indicated they were. Council stated that this was against the R.M.'s procedural by-law.

Damage Claim

09-63 VAAGS SKRUPSKI WHEREAS apparent damage to trees and an abandoned well on SW 33-10-5E happened in 2002 (over 6 years ago); AND WHEREAS this damage is not the responsibility of the R.M. of Springfield; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield will not compensate for these damages. CARRIED (5-0)

Tax Arrears

09-64 VAAGS SKRUPSKI WHEREAS tax arrears have accumulated as a result of an alleged property damage claim on SW 33-10-5E; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Charles Reid's tax penalty arrears be forgiven for 2007 tax year related to the above alleged property damage dispute.

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

Adjournment

SKRUPSKI THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 8:45 p.m. CARRIED (5-0)

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Peter Skrupski  
Reeve

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Laurent Tétrault  
Chief Administrative Officer