

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 2008

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

Absent: Councillor Karen Lalonde

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

AGENDA

08-25 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
BODNARUK Delegation - Hugh Arklie - Cancelled
Protective Service Committee Minutes of Jan. 29, 2008
- Disposal of Police Cruiser
- PAL Program
Resolution for reserves
Visa Cards
Letter of Support - MacTavish
Meeting Delegation
November Financial Statement
Springfield Legion CARRIED (5-0)

MINUTES

08-26 SKRUPSKI WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held January
LUCKO 16th, 2008 have been previously distributed to Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby amended
as follows:
Resolution No. 08-20 - "general operating" should read
"utility operating" CARRIED (5-0)

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Bodnaruk reported on his attendance at the All Council's meeting in Headingley on January 17th, CCD Board meeting on January 21, Red River Basin Commission conference January 22 to 24, ward works meeting with Public Works on January 25, Winnipeg River Brokenhead Community Futures Development Corporation meeting on January 28, and Protective Services Committee meeting on January 29.

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at the All Council's meeting in Headingley on January 17th, CCD Board meeting on January 21, Workplace Safety and Health Committee meeting on January 23, Dugald drainage meeting on January 25 and Protective Services Committee meeting on January 29.

Councillor Thompson reported on his attendance at the All Council's meeting in Headingley on January 17th, Recreation meeting on January 21, Legislative Finance and Personnel Committee meeting on January 23, ward works meeting with Public Works on January 25, interviews for the Manager of Administration and Finance position on January 28 and Protective Services Committee meeting on January 29.

Councillor Lucko reported on his attendance at the All Council's meeting in Headingley on January 17th, meeting with the Development Officer regarding the Zoning By-law on January 18, Groundwater Management Planning Group meeting on January 21, Red River Basin Commission conference January 22 to 24 and Protective Services Committee meeting on January 29.

Alternate Land Use Services Program

08-27 LUCKO
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council members and CAO be delegated to meet with Honorable Vic Toews to discuss local issues to include the Alternate Land Use Services Program. CARRIED (5-0)

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at a Protective Services Committee meeting on January 29, a meeting with Minister Ashton on January 23, Legislative Finance and Personnel meeting on January 23, interviews for the Manager of Administration and Finance position on January 28 and a meeting with representatives from Canad Inns on January 25.

Laurent Tétrault, CAO reported on several meetings he attended and advised a written report would follow.

Maintenance Coordinators Report - Report for December 2007 received as information.

Legislative Finance and Personnel Minutes - Minutes of January 23, 2007 received as information.

BY-LAW

By-Law 08-02 - Regional Municipal Public Library

Councillor Bodnaruk requested that a copy of the Public Libraries Act be provided as it is referred to in the by-law.

Councillor Bodnaruk requested a recorded vote.

08-28 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT first reading be given to By-law No. 08-02 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to establish a regional municipal public library.

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

CARRIED (3-1)

Councillor Bodnaruk abstained from the vote as he felt he did not have the proper information to make an informed decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Lease Extension

08-29 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current library lease be extended to December 31, 2008. CARRIED (5-0)

Springfield/Reynolds Fire Agreement

A discussion took place regarding retainer fees.

DELEGATION

Lloyd Simmons and Anna Robinson, on behalf of FS Materials Ltd., met with Council to submit an expression of interest in purchasing aggregate from the Municipality.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT'D

BFI Contract

The CAO advised that the contract has not been finalized. Deferred to next meeting.

Consent Agenda

08-30 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 11 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be amended as follows:
Remove 8.7 and 8.11 for further discussion
CARRIED (5-0)

Property Damage Claim

Councillor Vaags agreed to meet with the municipal surveyor to discuss the damage claim further.

Workplace Health and Safety

The CAO was directed to send a letter to Workplace Safety and Health with Council's concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Red River Basin Commission

- 08-31 BODNARUK
LUCKO
- WHEREAS the Red River Basin Commission North Chapter has taken on the task of proceeding with the Phase II Dredging Study;
AND WHEREAS the project consultant is expected to raise the funds to proceed with said study and carry out the study;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the R.M. of Springfield supports the RRBCNC and their efforts to proceed with the Phase II Dredging Study.
- CARRIED (5-0)

Manitoba Good Roads Association

- 08-32 SKRUPSKI
LUCKO
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2008 Membership to the Manitoba Good Roads Association of \$130.00 be approved.
- CARRIED (5-0)

Volunteer Service Awards - Information was forwarded to the Recreation Director.

Community Futures Winnipeg River - Eastern Manitoba Showcase - Received as information. Councillor Lucko suggested creating a possible display board to promote the municipality at these types of events.

MMAA Seminar

- 08-33 THOMPSON
VAAGS
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following members of council be delegated to attend "How to Buy; How to Save Money; How to stay out of Trouble" Seminar in Winnipeg on February 15th, 2008:
Councillor Bodnaruk
Councillor Lucko
Councillor Vaags
- CARRIED (4-1)

Handi-Van Service

The CAO reported that he had received a letter from North Eastman Health Association advising that they would no longer be continuing the service as of March 31st, 2008. The CAO was directed to research what other municipalities have done to take over Handi-van services and provide a copy of the financial statement to all of Council.

911 Service Agreement - Received as information.

HED Municipal Insurance Program Rates - Received as information.

Grant-in-Aid Program - Any roads to be considered for grant-in-aid funding to be forwarded to the Manager of Operations and Services.

Gravel Revenues

Councillor Bodnaruk requested a recorded vote.

08-34 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT surplus gravel revenue be distributed equally among the following five reserve accounts:
Public Buildings, Parks & Rec, Community Enhancement, General, and Equipment.

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

CARRIED (4-1)

Land Lease Fees

Councillor Lucko requested a recorded vote.

08-35 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the proposal of the Legislative Finance and Personnel Committee to change land lease fees for the R.M. of Springfield, effective January 1st, 2008, to the following:
Marginal pasture, bush - \$1 per acre plus property tax
Good pasture land - \$2 per acre plus property tax
Farmable land - \$4 per acre plus property tax

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

CARRIED (3-2)

Springfield-Tache Weed Control - Deferred to following meeting.

Regional Library Public Meeting

Councillor Lucko requested a recorded vote.

08-36 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a public meeting for the establishment of a regional municipal public library be held February 21st, 2008 at the Anola Community Club and further more that the municipal staff be instructed to organize said meeting.

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

CARRIED (3-2)

Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame

08-37 BODNARUK SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED that the R.M. of Springfield renew its membership with Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 for 2008.

CARRIED (5-0)

Financial Statement

08-38 SKRUPSKI LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending October 31, 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED (5-0)

Visa Cards

Councillor Bodnaruk questioned whether Visa cards could be an option for purchasing. Air miles could be used as a cost saving measure for conference flights for example. The CAO advised that he will discuss this with the new Manager of Administration and Finance and make recommendations.

Letter of Support - MacTavish

The CAO was directed to send a letter of support for the Elmhurst Golf and Country Clubs application through the Heritage Grant Program.

Meeting Delegation

08-39 THOMPSON VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Ken Lucko and Lorne Vaags and Reeve Peter Skrupski be delegated to attend a tour of a water retention area in North Dakota sponsored by the Red River Basin Commission.

CARRIED (5-0)

Springfield Legion

Councillor Vaags advised that the Springfield Legion is looking for office space.

Police Cruiser

- 08-40 THOMPSON LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Protective Services Committee to dispose of the 2001 Crown Victoria police cruiser at Mordyck Auctions; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proceeds of the sale be placed in the Equipment Reserve.
CARRIED (5-0)

PAL Program

- 08-41 LUCKO THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Protective Services Committee to implement the PAL (Public Alert) Program within the R.M. of Springfield.
CARRIED (5-0)

Transfer of Money

- 08-42 LUCKO THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the RM of Springfield authorize the transfer of money from general reserve to general operating for the following:
\$31,162.53 - Springfield-Tache Weed Control District storage facility and new truck
\$ 4,115.22 - Oil Tank
CARRIED (5-0)

In Camera

- 08-43 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to discuss personnel and real estate purchase issues.
CARRIED (3-2)
- 08-44 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera.
CARRIED (5-0)

Adjournment

- LUCKO THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 10:45 p.m.
CARRIED (5-0)

Peter Skrupski
Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer