

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 14th, 2008

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

Reeve Skrupski called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

08-228 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
1. Anola Community Club
2. CCCD - Neil Van Ryssel
3. Naming of Library
4. Policy Statements
5. Expenditures for April 10 to May 14, 2008
CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES

08-229 SKRUPSKI LUCKO WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held May 7, 2008 have been previously distributed to Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby approved.
CARRIED (6-0)

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Bodnaruk reported on his attendance at the Financial Plan Hearing on May 13.

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at a Cooks Creek Conservation District meeting in Tache, Wellness Committee meeting on May 8, Financial Plan Hearing on May 13 and Water and Waste Committee and Public Works Committee meetings on May 14.

Councillor Thompson reported on his attendance at a meeting on May 12 with the Development Officer to discuss the proposed zoning by-law, Financial Plan Hearing on May 13 and Water and Waste Committee and Public Works Committee meetings on May 14.

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at the Financial Plan Hearing on May 13 and Water and Waste Committee and Public Works Committee meetings on May 14.

Councillor Lucko reported on his attendance at the Anola Community Club Kickoff on May 12 and the Financial Plan Hearing on May 13.

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at a Wellness Committee meeting on May 8, Financial Plan Hearing on May 13 and Water and Waste Committee and Public Works Committee meetings on May 14.

CAO, Laurent Tétrault, submitted a written report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control Report for April 2008 received as information.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 08-09 - Taxation By-law

08-230 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT second reading be given to By-Law
LALONDE No. 08-09 being a By-Law of the Rural Municipality of
Springfield to establish rates of taxation and impose
taxes for 2008. CARRIED (4-2)

08-231 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT third and final reading be given to
VAAGS By-Law No. 08-09 being a By-Law of the Rural
Municipality of Springfield to establish rates of
taxation and impose taxes for 2008.

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

CARRIED (4-2)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Navin Road Crossing

Ginnette McKee, a resident of Springfield, requested to speak about the Navin Road Crossing. She advised council that there is a noise issue that has not been addressed yet from hooking up cars (pull backs) and bells ringing. She is concerned that if the Navin crossing closed how Emergency responders would access the area.

Councillor Bodnaruk read emails he received from residents in opposition.

Councillor Bodnaruk requested a recorded vote.

08-232 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

WHEREAS Transport Canada inspected the railway crossing at Canadian National Railway Company Crossing Mile 145.20, Sprague Subdivision and Navin Road, in the Rural Municipality of Springfield (the "Navin Crossing"), on April 20, 2005;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada advised the Rural Municipality of Springfield ("R.M.") that the installation of an automated warning system or the closure of the Navin Crossing would be an overall improvement in the level of safety;

AND WHEREAS the R.M. passed a resolution in August, 2007, that it negotiate an agreement with the Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") and Transport Canada to close the Navin Crossing;

AND WHEREAS the R.M. has an opportunity to enter into an agreement with CN to close the Navin Crossing at no financial cost to the R.M.;

AND WHEREAS the R.M. will avoid contributing to the capital costs and maintenance costs associated with installing and maintaining an automated warning system at the Navin Crossing if it is closed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the R.M. agrees to the following terms with CN:

- 1) The Navin Crossing will be permanently closed at such time as a diversion road has been constructed and opened for vehicular traffic between Navin Road and Murdoch Road ('diversion road") and at that time the R.M.'s rights relating to the Navin Crossing will be permanently extinguished;
- 2) CN will construct the diversion road for vehicular traffic between Navin Road and Murdoch Road at suitable location(s) determined by CN's consulting engineer, UMA engineering. The diversion road will be built to the same standards as the existing portion of Navin Road;
- 3) The R.M. will acquire the land for the construction of the diversion road at a price not to exceed fair market value as determined by CN. The R.M. will consent to and provide permits and will obtain whatever regulatory approvals are required for the construction and the opening of the diversion road. CN will reimburse the R.M. for all the expenses and acquisition costs of the land;
- 4) The R.M. will make application to the Minister of Transport pursuant to the provisions of the Railway Safety Act, 1985, c. 32, ("Act") for a grant under the Grade Crossing Closure Program;
- 5) CN will make application to the Minister of Transport pursuant to the provisions of the Act for a grant in respect of the construction of the diversion road between Navin Road and Murdoch Road;

- 6) CN will fund and be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with the closure of the Navin Crossing and the construction of the diversion road between Navin Road and Murdoch Road that are not covered by the grant(s) received pursuant to the Act;
- 7) After completion of the construction of diversion road between Navin Road and Murdoch Road, CN and the R.M. shall work cooperatively to close the Navin Crossing forthwith. Thereafter, CN shall have no further responsibility for the operation or repair or maintenance of the diversion road, including any costs related thereto;
- 8) CN will make the signalization improvements to the railway crossing at CN Crossing Mile 144.80, Sprague Subdivision and Murdoch Road, in the R.M. (the "Murdoch Crossing"), as required by Transport Canada;
- 9) CN will make application to the Minister of Transport pursuant to the provisions of the Act, for a grant in respect of the signalization improvements at the Murdoch Crossing;
- 10) CN will fund and be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with the signalization improvements at the Murdoch Crossing that are not covered by the grant received pursuant to the Act;
- 11) The R.M. will provide any consent necessary and will support CN's applications to the Minister of Transport for grants pursuant to the provisions of the Act;
- 12) CN will implement, at its sole cost, the roadway improvements at the intersection of Murdoch Road and Highway No. 1 as recommended by UMA Engineering in its Traffic Study completed in September, 2007;
- 13) The R.M. and CN agree to seek any approvals or complete any applications required by Transport Canada and/or the Minister of Transport to implement this Agreement; and
- 14) The R.M. and CN will take any and all reasonable steps necessary to see that the Navin Crossing is closed and that the diversion road between Navin Road and Murdoch Road is constructed in a timely fashion and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the R.M. and CN agree to implement this agreement forthwith after enactment of this resolution.
- 15) The improvement to Murdoch Road crossing for extra lanes and shoulders to the satisfaction of the municipal Manager of Operations Public Works.
- 16) South side ditch of tracks at 206 CN Redditt crossing to be cleaned for 1 mile East to West.

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

CARRIED (4-2)

DELEGATIONS

Dan Doucet, Development Officer, met with Council to discuss the bare land condo proposal by Aspen Lakes Development Corporation.

Consent Agenda

08-233 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 13 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be amended:
- to take out 8.6 to New Business

CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Ecole Dugald School - Tree Planting

Correspondence regarding tree planting at Ecole Dugald School was received.

Winnipeg River Brokenhead Community Futures

Councillor Bodnaruk advised that he will be attending.

2008 Manitoba Planning Conference

08-234 LUCKO
LALONDE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be delegated to attend the 2008 Manitoba Planning Conference in Winnipeg, July 13-16:
Marilyn Van Dorp, Planning Assistant
Reeve Skrupski
Councillor Vaags
Councillor Bodnaruk
Councillor Lucko
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Lalonde

CARRIED (6-0)

HED General Insurance

The CFO gave a report regarding insurance cost increases of recreation facilities.

Manitoba Good Roads Annual Competition

Council to provide entry information to the administration office.

Manitoba Good Roads Honorary Membership - Received as information.

Council Meeting Schedule

The summer council meeting schedule was discussed.

Works Program

08-235 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Department be
LALONDE authorized to complete the 2008 Works Program as
presented. CARRIED (6-0)

Ward Appropriations

08-236 LUCKO WHEREAS the 2008 Financial Plan allots Ward
LALONDE Appropriation Funding for each Ward Councillor to spend
at their discretion;
AND WHEREAS each Councillor has provided Public Works
with proposed jobs up to their ward appropriation
limits;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attached
spreadsheets listings the proposed works with estimated
costs. CARRIED (6-0)

Dust Control Program

08-237 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2008 Dust Control Program be
LALONDE accepted as presented. CARRIED (6-0)

DELEGATION

Don Reid and Ken Edie, on behalf of the Dugald United Church, met with Council to discuss a possible seniors housing complex in Dugald. They are proposing a 55+ housing complex with the option of assisted living. They have \$200,000 dollars in their own fund and would like to sell the church property as well. They requested a letter of support from Council.

Trailer Buyout

08-238 VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield purchase
BODNARUK the Float King trailer for the sum of \$33,533.60 plus
applicable taxes. CARRIED (6-0)

MATTERS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Seniors Housing Proposal

08-239 VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees in principle to
BODNARUK creation of a senior housing on the Dugald (Evergreen
Lodge) property to be spear headed by the Dugald United
Church. CARRIED (6-0)

Truck Quotation

08-240 VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield purchase
 BODNARUK two Extended Cab, 4 x 4, ½ ton trucks from Steeltown
 Ford for the sum of \$56,883.02 plus applicable taxes.
 CARRIED (6-0)

Wastewater Disposal Policy

Councillor Lucko requested a recorded vote.

08-241 VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wastewater Disposal Policy and
 BODNARUK application be approved as presented.

	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)

Oakwood Road Low Pressure Sewer Tender

08-242 THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield enter into
 LALONDE an agreement with Buus Construction for the
 installation of the Oakwood Road Low Pressure Sewer
 system as per their bid of April 22, 2008 for the sum
 of \$23,341.25 plus applicable taxes.
 CARRIED (5-1)

Expropriation - NW 26-11-4E

Item to be discussed in camera.

Inter-municipal Golf Tournament - Received as
information.

Collective Agreement

08-243 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality hereby ratifies
 THOMPSON the collective agreement 2008-2012 between the R.M. of
 Springfield and the International Union of operating
 Engineers, Local 987;
 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and CAO be
 authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the
 Municipality.
 CARRIED (6-0)

South Interlake Credit Union - name change - Received
as information.

DELEGATIONS

Marc Wankling and Trent Hreno, on behalf of Manitoba
Hydro, met with council to discuss the Bi-Pole III
Transmission Line project.

Bruce MacLean and Neil Van Ryssel on behalf of Cooks Creek Conservation District met with council to discuss the Trans-Canada Prairie Grove Diversion Project. They reported that the RM of Tache would like the Seine River included in the project which would result in several years delay. The delegates requested support in principle, for the joint project with Tache, from council with the condition that an additional drop structure is built in the future.

08-244 LUCKO
THOMPSON

WHEREAS the RM of Tache is pursuing the project formerly known as the Seine River North Tributary Diversion;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Springfield support their bid for the project in principle conditional upon a new drop structure being constructed into the floodway.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield approve in principle the construction of the proposed Trans-Canada Prairie Grove Diversion project as proposed by the Cooks Creek Conservation District;

CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Truck Purchase

08-245 THOMPSON
LALONDE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Chief Constable to move forward on the purchase of a 2007 GMC Envoy for \$27,800, plus applicable taxes, from Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd.

CARRIED (5-1)

Anola Community Club

08-246 LUCKO
SKRUPSKI

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Springfield provide \$2,500 funding to Anola Community Club for advertising etc. for fund raiser kickoff for addition to Anola Hall and Public Works support.

CARRIED (6-0)

Naming of Library

Several name options were discussed. A naming contest was also considered. To be discussed further at a future council meeting.

Policy Statements

08-247 BODNARUK
LUCKO

WHEREAS by virtue of our position as members of council we cannot satisfy all the needs of the ratepayers;
AND WHEREAS members of the public may have issues with the manner in which council conducts themselves and our decisions;
AND WHEREAS council wishes to encourage freedom of speech and expression of concerns;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT no council or members of council of the Rural Municipality of Springfield use public money from any source to initiate or carry forward any legal action against any ratepayer of the Rural Municipality of Springfield as a result of an expression of opinion.
DEFEATED (2-3)

Councillor Vaags abstained from the vote.

List of Accounts

08-248 LALONDE WHEREAS disbursements have been reviewed for the period
LUCKO of April 10, 2008 to May 14, 2008;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all accounts listed on the attached
printout from cheque #123327 to #123524 totaling
\$481,437.45 be approved for payment.
CARRIED (6-0)

In Camera

08-249 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to
LUCKO discuss personnel and legal issues.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall
remain confidential until a report is made public.
CARRIED (5-1)

08-250 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in
LUCKO camera.
CARRIED (6-0)

Adjournment

SKRUPSKI THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 5:00
p.m.
CARRIED (6-0)

Peter Skrupski
Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer