

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 28th, 2008

Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor Brian Thompson
Councillor Ken Lucko (6:46 p.m.)
Councillor Lorne Vaags
Laurent Tétrault, CAO
Colleen Draper, Recording Secretary

Absent: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk

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

AGENDA

- 08-252 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as follows:
Add: - Aggregate By-law
- Offer to Purchase - Regula
- Sale of 7-acre parcel of land in Oakbank
- Gravel Haul Rates
- Hydro Invoice - Parking lot lighting
- Website update
- Council meeting schedule
- Springfield Days parade
- Unfinished Business, Wenzel Road
CARRIED (4-0)

MINUTES

- 08-253 SKRUPSKI VAAGS WHEREAS the minutes of the Special Council meeting held May 13, 2008 have been previously distributed to Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby amended as follow:
Page 1 - 2.27% changed to 2.7% CARRIED (4-0)
- 08-254 SKRUPSKI LALONDE WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held May 14, 2008 have been previously distributed to Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby approved. CARRIED (4-0)

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at the Northeast Agassiz Watershed Management Association meeting on May 21, Cooks Creek Conservation District meeting on May 23, Public Works Open House on May 24, Oakbank Water Public meeting on May 26, Library Visioning Exercise on May 27 and the Mock Disaster on May 28.

Councillor Thompson reported on his attendance at the Public Works Open House on May 24 and the Mock Disaster on May 28.

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at a meeting with the Development Officer on May 16 to discuss the Zoning by-law, Recreation Commission meeting on May 20, Public Works Open House on May 24, Oakbank Water Public meeting on May 26, Library Visioning Exercise on May 27 and the Mock Disaster on May 28.

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at the Public Works Open House on May 24, Oakbank Water Public Meeting on May 26, attended the Legislative building to welcome the President from Ukraine and the Mock Disaster on May 28.

All of Council reported on the great job staff did organizing the Public Works Open House and Mock Disaster.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance Coordinator - Report for April, 2008, received as information.

Councillor Lucko arrived the time being 6:46 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Springfield Kinsmen Centre

Council requested that the Recreation Director keep a record of attendance numbers at the centre over the next month for information. The CAO was directed to contact Springfield Kinsmen.

Association for Community Living

08-255 SKRUPSKI
LUCKO

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield agrees to provide a grant of \$2,520.00 towards the Association for Community Living for 2008. CARRIED (5-0)

Ecole Dugald School

Reeve Skrupski advised that 200 White Spruce trees were delivered to the school.

Ward Boundaries

The CAO reported that administration staff was compiling population count, assessment values and dwelling unit counts for each ward.

Wenzel Road

Reeve Skrupski requested that Council should take the next 10 days to examine the Wenzel Road upgrade project before approving the \$350,000.00 of gas tax spending. He requested that the following be reviewed:

- Is Wenzel Road a boundary road where the RM of East St. Paul should be responsible for 50% of the costs associated with the upgrade?
- Will the new chip seal be destroyed by unregulated heavy truck traffic which will result in another problem such as Day Street and increase future costs?
- How many of our residents will benefit from the project? 20 homes have been counted in this area
- Would it be more prudent to chipseal the remaining two miles of Oakwood Road to form a feeder route between Hwy 206 and Hwy 207? This would take some of the congestion off of the dangerous Hwy 15 and serve hundreds of homes in the area.

Consent Agenda

08-256 LUCKO
THOMPSON

WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 15 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED (5-0)

The CAO was directed to send a letter to North Eastman Health Association and the Minister of Health regarding Council's disappointment with the lack of ambulance service on the long weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Manitoba Pork - Bill 17 - Received as information.

Funding and Grant Request

The CAO advised that council had previously passed a resolution that all future grant requests over \$500 be accompanied with a year end financial statement and that this resolution was not being enforced. Council directed the CAO to provide a copy of the resolution to any one applying for a grant before the cheque is issued.

No Parking Sign - Murdock Road

It was noted that cars are being parked on both sides of Murdock Road making it difficult for cars to travel down the road. Item to be referred to the Municipal Constable and Manager of Operational Services for comment.

Wenzel Street Truck Route

Item was deferred to June 4 council meeting.

Manitoba Water Services Board

08-257 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the offer of the Manitoba Water Services Board respecting the lagoon decommissioning and water system functional design. CARRIED (5-0)

Association of Rural Municipalities - Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament - Received as information.

Manitoba Ombudsman

A letter received from the Manitoba Ombudsman regarding ecological land was discussed. Item to be discussed with municipal solicitor.

Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program - Correspondence regarding future infrastructure projects was received as information.

Manitoba Farms Women's Conference - Received as information.

Municipal Accounting

08-258 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality approves the registration for the Municipal Accounting University Course for Colleen Draper, with payment of fees to be prior to the course being taken. Fees to be reimbursed if course is not completed. CARRIED (5-0)

Procurement Policy

Department spending limitations under the Procurement Policy were discussed.

Local Purchasing

The CAO discussed the importance of the municipality purchasing from local business when financially feasible as much as possible and advised Council that he has encouraged department heads as such. Council supported this decision.

Relocation - Office of the Fire Commissioner - Received as information.

BY-LAWS

Aggregate By-law

- 08-259 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT first reading be given to By-law
LALONDE No. 08-13 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of
Springfield to deal with the issuance of Aggregate
Transport Licenses, Aggregate Mining Licenses and the
Fees prescribed there under. CARRIED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Sale of 7-acres in Oakbank

The CAO gave an update on the 7-acre parcel of land in Oakbank. It was discussed to split the lot into two 3 ½ acre lots and sell.

Gravel Haul Rates

Current gravel haul rates were discussed. No changes were implemented.

Anola Parking Lot Lighting

- 08-260 LUCKO WHEREAS Resolution of Council No. 08-72 authorized the
THOMPSON payment of \$3,700.00 plus GST for the installation of
parking lot lighting at the Anola Community Club;
AND WHEREAS the required payment to Manitoba Hydro is
\$3,867.00 plus GST, a difference of \$175.35;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve payment in full.
CARRIED (5-0)

Website Update

The CAO was directed to obtain quotes for website development. Council would like to see the website refreshed by fall.

Council Meeting Schedule

- 08-261 SKRUPSKI WHEREAS By-law 07-19 establishes the schedule for
VAAGS meetings of Council; and
Whereas Council may vary the date and time of any
meeting by resolution;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regularly scheduled council
meetings on Wednesday, July 9th, 2008 and Wednesday,
July 23rd, 2008 be cancelled. CARRIED (5-0)

Springfield Days Parade - Information regarding the Springfield Days parade and activities was received.

In Camera

08-262 SKRUPSKI VAAGS 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 (5-0)

08-263 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera.
 CARRIED (5-0)

Municipal Solicitor

Councillor Lucko requested a recorded vote.

08-264 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT solicitor Orvel Currie be instructed to send a letter to Janet Nylén and Peter Williams as to defamatory statements towards council of the R.M. of Springfield.

	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)

Adjournment

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

Peter Skrupski
 Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
 Chief Administrative Officer