

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 12th, 2008

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

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

AGENDA

08-573 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
Add: Delegation: 3:00 p.m. - Darryl Speer
Cooks Creek Community Centre Soccer Nets
Grant - Public Library Services
Nominations - RHA
Traffic Gravel
Centreline Bridge
Letter from Ombudsman - In Camera
Year End
Meeting Delegations
Zoning By-law
Credit Cards
Correspondence - MGRA
Recreation Resolution CARRIED (6-0)

Correspondence

Councillor Lucko read correspondence received that the RM of Springfield was the winner of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Shield for Best Maintained System of Municipal Roads - Division A in the Manitoba Good Roads Association competition. He advised that the Manager of Operations and Services had requested that some of the operators be allowed to attend the banquet in Brandon when the award is presented.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2008 Public Hearing and the November 5, 2008 Council meeting were deferred until the December 3, 2008 council meeting.

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at the Association of Rural Municipalities meeting on November 6, Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers on November 7, Remembrance Day Service and Fall supper in Dugald on November 11 and Public Works and Water and Waste Committee meetings on November 12.

Councillor Bodnaruk reported on his attendance at the Association of Rural Municipalities meeting on November 6, Conference call with the Manitoba Conservation Districts Association on November 10, Remembrance Day Service and Fall supper in Dugald on November 11 and Public Works and Water and Waste Committee meetings on November 12.

Councillor Lucko reported on his attendance at the Association of Rural Municipalities meeting on November 6, a meeting with Vic Toews on November 7, Remembrance Day Service on November 11 and Public Works and Water and Waste Committee meetings on November 12.

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at the unveiling of the Historic PTH 44 highway sign, Remembrance Day Service on November 11 and Public Works and Water and Waste Committee meetings on November 12.

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at the Association of Rural Municipalities meeting on November 6 and the Remembrance Day Service on November 11.

CAO Laurent Tétrault reported on his attendance at the Association of Rural Municipalities meeting on November 6, a municipal administrator's course on November 7 and Public Works and Water and Waste Committee meetings on November 12.

Consent Agenda

08-574 SKRUPSKI
BODNARUK

WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 10 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

08-575 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

WHEREAS the municipality has established a number of committees over the years composed of both elected officials and citizen representatives;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following committee appointments be made for the period ending November 15, 2009:

Association of Rural Municipalities (Capital Region):

Reeve Peter Skrupski, Alternate Councillor Brian Thompson (all members of council may attend at their discretion)

Springfield Resource Centre: Councillor Lorne Vaags, Alternate Councillor Karen Lalonde

Eastern Regional Development Inc.: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Alternate Councillor Ken Lucko

North East Agassiz Water Management Association:

Councillor Ken Lucko, Alternate Councillor Lorne Vaags

Seniors Housing (including EPHs): Councillor Karen Lalonde, Councillor Lorne Vaags
Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers: Councillor Ken Lucko, Councillor Lorne Vaags
Eastern Tourism Association: Councillor Brian Thompson, Alternate Councillor Karen Lalonde
Floodway Expansion Committee: Reeve Peter Skrupski, Alternate Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
Public Cemeteries Committee:
Elected Officials: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Councillor Lorne Vaags
Citizen Representatives: Howard Smith, Jack Mavins, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown, Bill Heather, Richard Kuffner, Fred Emms,
Springfield Taché Weed Control District:
Elected Officials: Councillor Ken Lucko, Councillor Brian Thompson
Citizen Representatives: Lorne Kyle, Ed Bredin
Cooks Creek Conservation District: Councillor Thompson, Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Councillor Ken Lucko, Councillor Lorne Vaags
Workplace Health and Safety:
Elected Officials: Councillor Ken Lucko, Alternate Councillor Brian Thompson
Employee Representatives: Doug Murray, Blaine Moffat
Brokenhead River Restoration: Councillor Ken Lucko, Alternate Lorne Vaags
Red River Basin Commission/North Chapter: Councillor Ken Lucko, Reeve Peter Skrupski
Seine Rat River Conservation District: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Alternate Councillor Lorne Vaags
Handi Transit: Councillor Karen Lalonde, Alternate Councillor Brian Thompson
Winnipeg River Brokenhead Community Futures: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Alternate Reeve Skrupski
Red River Trails Association: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, Alternate Councillor Lorne Vaags

CARRIED (6-0)

Committee Appointments

08-576 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

WHEREAS the Organizational By-law establishes six Standing Committees composed of not less than two members of council on each;
AND WHEREAS due consideration has been given to recommendations submitted by the Head of Council relative to the appointment of said standing committees;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following appointments be made to Standing Committees for the period ending November 15, 2009
Legislative, Finance, Personnel Services Committee (LFP)
Chair: Reeve Peter Skrupski
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor Brian Thompson

Public Works (Transportation, Drainage, and Environmental Protection) Services Committee (PWS)

Chair: Councillor Ken Lucko

Councillor Karen Lalonde

Reeve Peter Skrupski

Water and Waste Water Utility Committee (WWU)

Chair: Councillor Lorne Vaags

Councillor Ken Lucko

Councillor Bob Bodnaruk

Protective Services Committee (PS)

Chair: Councillor Brian Thompson

Councillor Bob Bodnaruk

Councillor Ken Lucko

Recreation and Cultural Services Committee (RCSC)

Chair: Councillor Karen Lalonde

Councillor Brian Thompson

Councillor Lorne Vaags

Economic Development and Planning Services Committee (EDPS)

Chair: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk

Councillor Lorne Vaags

Reeve Peter Skrupski

CARRIED (6-0)

Deputy Reeve

08-577 SKRUPSKI
BODNARUK

WHEREAS the Organizational By-Law requires the appointment of a Deputy Reeve and outlines associated duties;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Brian Thompson be appointed Deputy Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Springfield. DEFEATED (3-3)

Seine Rat River Conservation District

08-578 SKRUPSKI
BODNARUK

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following sub-committee members for SRRCD be appointed as follows:

Sub-District No. 9 Lower Seine

Ratepayer: Claude Roeland

CARRIED (6-0)

Strategic Plan

08-579 THOMPSON
LALONDE

WHEREAS it is clearly evident the municipality would benefit from a strategic plan for parks and recreation; AND WHEREAS the makeup of the Springfield Recreation Commission (SRC) represents a clear cross section of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the SRC and Director have the expertise and contacts to conduct such a review;

AND WHEREAS the Province has offered support for such a process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provide a statement of support to engage in a strategic planning process for parks and recreation. CARRIED (6-0)

Soccer Nets

- 08-580 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation & Cultural Services Committee and provide \$2,800.00 to Cooks Creek Community Centre for soccer nets. Funds to be taken from SRC children's programming. CARRIED (6-0)

Refrigeration Plant

- 08-581 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation and Cultural Services Committee to provide assistance to the Hazelridge Sports Complex in the amount of \$6,792.86 for refrigeration plant maintenance. Funds to come from Community Centres. CARRIED (6-0)

Municipal Solicitor

- 08-582 SKRUPSKI VAAGS WHEREAS the municipal solicitor, Orvel Currie, is leaving the firm Levene Tadman Gutkin Golub to join the firm D'Arcy & Deacon effective January 1, 2009; AND WHEREAS Council can either have Mr. Orvel Currie continue to represent the municipality, have Levene Tadman Gutkin Golub continue to represent the municipality or hire another firm; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Mr. Orvel Currie to continue to represent the municipality. CARRIED (5-1)

Sunrise School Division

The Reeve requested that the CFO complete a comparison of what school taxes are coming out of other municipalities. The CAO and CFO were directed to draft a letter concerning drainage funds, recreation funding and a new school.

MTS High Speed

The CAO was directed to invite an MTS representative to a council meeting.

Notice to Rescind

Councillor Lalonde gave written notice to rescind Resolution of Council No. 08-569.

Deputy Reeve

- 08-583 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Vaags be appointed Deputy Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Springfield. CARRIED (6-0)

Council took a short break.

DELEGATIONS

Jack Stafford, Chair of the Springfield Library Board, met with Council to provide an update. He thanked all of the volunteers who have helped bring the library this far and municipal staff Tony Zerucha and Randy Znamirovski for helping with the process, applying for grants and creating a library budget. The Province has matched the funds of the municipality per capita. The Board is now requesting that those funds be placed in an account to be managed by the library board. The Board will be looking at costs for renovating the Dugald building into a library and hiring a librarian which will be a paid position.

The Reeve thanked Mr. Stafford and the Board for all their hard work.

Accounts Payable

08-584 SKRUPSKI
THOMPSON

WHEREAS disbursements have been reviewed for the period of October 9th, 2008 to November 12th, 2008;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all accounts listed on the attached printout from cheque #124497 to #124718 totalling \$8,659,452.04 be approved for payment.

CARRIED (5-1)

DELEGATIONS CONTINUED

Jim Osler, along with several students of Springfield Collegiate Institute, past and present, met with Council to discuss their plans for developing a competition grade 8-lane running track with a multi use playing field for rugby, soccer, football etc. The project was started in February 2006 and they have raised approximately \$20,000.00 to date. They estimate the project will cost between \$400,000.00 to \$630,000.00. They requested a letter of support, permission to use the RM logo on signage and a donation in kind to help complete surveying.

08-585 LALONDE
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a letter of support for the Fields of Visions project, use of the RM logo for signage and in kind donation of survey, core sampling and consideration of usage of equipment in 2009.

CARRIED (6-0)

Library Grant

The CAO read correspondence received from the Public Library Services regarding a grant received in the amount of \$79,381.00.

Nominations - Regional Health Authority

The CAO advised that nominations are being called for the Regional Health Authority Board. Any names to be forwarded to the administration office.

Gravel Tender

08-586 LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED that the tender from Nelson River for
LUCKO the supply of Traffic Gravel be accepted as submitted.
CARRIED (6-0)

Centreline Bridge

08-587 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED that the Manager of Operations and
LALONDE Services be authorized to contract Stantec Consulting
Ltd. to complete the Engineering services for the
replacement of the Centreline Bridge for the sum of
\$30,000 plus disbursements in 2009 in Ward 5 gas tax
allotment. CARRIED (6-0)

Council took a short break.

DELEGATIONS CONTINUED

Darryl Speer met with Council to discuss his concerns with the traffic flow at Heatherdale Road and Garven Road. He noted there is increased truck traffic, an improper access on to the highway, improper drainage on Heatherdale Road and that trucks are riding on the shoulder and creating muddy conditions which are hazardous for driving conditions. The delegate asked Council to put pressure on the Province for proper enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act.

The delegate requested an update on water protection. He was advised that the solicitor is drafting up a terms of reference.

Reeve Skrupski left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Jim Hayes, Judy Coleman and Karen Stevens-Chambers met with Council on behalf of the North Eastman Health Association to discuss senior housing and a long term care strategy. The delegates advised that the Municipality of Springfield has been chosen as a site to build a supportive housing care home. The funding for infrastructure would come from Manitoba Housing and the funding for nursing care would come from Manitoba Health. The municipality would have to agree to provide a serviced, 2 acre minimum, lot at no cost.

Councillor Lucko requested a recorded vote.

08-588 VAAGS THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Springfield partner with Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation for the establishment of a supportive care seniors facility in either of the communities Dugald or Oakbank with the RM providing serviced land at no cost.

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

CARRIED (5-0)

Meeting Delegation

08-589 BODNARUK VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Lucko be delegated to attend meetings with Vic Toews and the municipal solicitor. CARRIED (5-0)

Springfield Zoning By-law

A discussion took place regarding the zoning by-law public hearing. The CAO advised that Curwood Ateah, Landmark Planning, would provide a list of the issues addressed at the public hearing for council to review and consider.

Credit Cards

Department Heads to provide a list of employees who require municipal credit cards to the CAO.

In Camera

08-590 VAAGS BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to discuss legal issues; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public. CARRIED (5-0)

Out of Camera

08-591 VAAGS THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera. CARRIED (5-0)

Adjournment

THOMPSON THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 4:45 p.m. CARRIED (5-0)

Lorne Vaags
Deputy Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer