

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2006

Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor Brian Thompson
Councillor Ken Lucko
Councillor Lorne Vaags
Anne Burns-Bensch, Manager of Administration
& Finance
Colleen Draper, Recording Secretary

Reeve Skrupski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 06-632 LALONDE THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
Add:
- Delete Item 9.1
 - Notice of motion to rescind Resolution #06-305
 - Floodway Expansion
 - Highways Issue
 - Furnace for RM Municipal Office
 - Notice of motion to rescind Resolution #06-616
 - Van for Planning Department
- CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES

- 06-633 LALONDE THOMPSON WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held October 24, 2006 have been previously distributed to Council;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the same be and are hereby amended as follows:
- Header change to October 24th, 2006
 - Change to Reeve Peter Skrupski
- CARRIED (6-0)

In Camera

- 06-634 SKRUPSKI LALONDE 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 (6-0)
- 06-635 SKRUPSKI LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in camera.
- CARRIED (6-0)

06-636 SKRUPSKI
LALONDE

WHEREAS Council has concluded that the CAO's skill set does not provide the type and nature of leadership required to attain our goals;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be released from our employment.

	For	Against	Absent	Abstain	Reason
Skrupski	x				
Bodnaruk		x			
Lalonde	x				
Thompson	x				
Lucko	x				
Vaags		x			

CARRIED (4-2)

DELEGATIONS

Staff Sergeant Dan Murchison and Corporal Kelli Windsor-Brown, attended Council. A statistical report for the month of October was distributed to Council. Council was advised that each month a report will be provided to them. Council asked questions regarding staffing levels and off road vehicle concerns.

CAO Employment

06-637 SKRUPSKI
LUCKO

WHEREAS Council has requested the employment of Eric Towler as CAO on a monthly contract as per Option 2 designated by the consultant, Eric Towler, of \$1,900.00 weekly;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eric Towler begin employment effective Thursday, November 16th, 2006.

CARRIED (4-2)

REPORTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at the Recreation Conference.

Councillor Lucko reported that he has been visiting different municipal sites and buildings. He reported on the cleanliness of the Anola Public Works building.

Councillor Bodnaruk reported on his attendance at the Seine Rat River Conservation District meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CAO report - received as information.

Administration report - A verbal and written report was provided.

RM Christmas Party

06-638 THOMPSON
BODNARUK

WHEREAS the following have volunteered to be part of the 2006 Christmas committee:

- Councillor Karen Lalonde
- Anne Burns-Bensch
- Mike Purtill
- Tony Zerucha

AND WHEREAS the budget for the 2006 Christmas Party is \$4,500.00;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Christmas committee be appointed to plan and prepare the 2006 Christmas party not to exceed \$4,500.00.

CARRIED (6-0)

Office Christmas Hours

06-639 SKRUPSKI
VAAGS

WHEREAS Christmas Day falls on Monday, December 25 and Boxing Day falls on Tuesday, December 26 and;

WHEREAS it is desirable to close Municipal Offices from December 25 to December 29, 2006 and;

WHEREAS staff has either vacation, banked time or will take time off without pay;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration, Planning, Public Works, Public Safety, Recreation and Fire closes the offices, subject to recall, from December 25 to December 29, 2006.

CARRIED (6-0)

Council broke for lunch from 11:50 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Department Head minutes - Minutes of September 21 and October 19 received as information.

Fire and Rescue report - The October 2006 report was received as information.

Animal Control report - The October 2006 report was received as information.

BY-LAWS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Oakbank Christmas Lighting

06-640 THOMPSON
LALONDE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Works be authorized to extend Christmas lighting along Main Street up to Springfield Road in Oakbank (electrical upgrades on 9 poles, and 2 additional sets of lights) at a cost of \$3,300 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED (4-2)

Second Access - 2730 Day Street - Item referred to Public Works Committee for comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

06-641 SKRUPSKI WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting
BODNARUK of 9 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be adopted
as circulated.
CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Conference Delegation

06-642 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Lalonde be delegated to
BODNARUK attend the Recreation Conference held in Brandon,
November 3-5, 2006.
CARRIED (6-0)

October List of Accounts

06-643 SKRUPSKI WHEREAS disbursements have been reviewed for the month
THOMPSON of October 2006;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all accounts listed on the attached
printout totaling \$1,329,818.36 be approved for
payment.
CARRIED (6-0)

Non-Profit Organizations

06-644 LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Non-Profit
VAAGS Organizations and Community Service Groups have their
taxes cancelled for the year 2006:

1. Costume Museum	\$5,063.27
2. Oakbank & District Community Club	\$9,781.48
3. Zora Community Club	\$ 749.49
4. Columbus Community Centre	\$1,068.59
5. Sunrise Lodge Inc.	\$2,893.51
6. Anola & District Museum	\$ 466.01
7. Anola & District Over 50 Club	\$ 791.22
8. Springfield Agricultural Society	\$5,833.50

CARRIED (6-0)

Springfield Ag Society

06-645 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT Springfield Agricultural Society
THOMPSON be given a grant of \$962.50 towards local improvement
costs.
CARRIED (6-0)

Grant of Easement

06-646 LALONDE
THOMPSON

WHEREAS a Development/Servicing Agreement entered into by 5257060 Manitoba Ltd., Federated Co-operatives Ltd. and the Rural Municipality of Springfield contemplates Easement Agreements for specified purposes;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following Easement Agreement between 5257060 Manitoba Ltd. and the Municipality, and authorizes the Reeve and CAO to execute this agreement on behalf of the Municipality:

- an easement authorizing drainage works

CARRIED (6-0)

Floodway Drop Structures

Councillor Bodnaruk gave a verbal report regarding the Floodway drop structures. Council also discussed the news release regarding bridges over the Floodway. Councillor Bodnaruk requested that dust abatement be brought forward at the next meeting for Floodway construction vehicles using municipal roads.

Eastdale Road

06-647 LUCKO
THOMPSON

WHEREAS there have been numerous complaints about the section of Eastdale Road for approximately ¼ of a mile south of Cedar Lake Road; and
WHEREAS the poor condition of this road presents a safety concern; and
WHEREAS in the event of an accident on this section of road the Municipality could be held liable; and
WHEREAS this road provides an alternative means of exiting a development of 48 homes as well as making Eastdale a through road; and
WHEREAS this road is being used year round by all types of traffic from cars to school buses; and
WHEREAS there is no signage advertising the designation of the road; and
WHEREAS the remaining ¾ of a mile of this road is graveled and graded on a regular basis; and
WHEREAS the ¼ of a mile of road in question was maintained (graded) on October 24, 2006, but not graveled; and
WHEREAS if this gravelling is not done this year, the road will be left in its current state until well into next summer. No aggregate would be hauled prior to the lifting of the 2007 road restrictions which would normally be around the beginning of June;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Department immediately undertake the gravelling of Eastdale Road for approximately ¼ of a mile south of Cedar Lake Road. That approximately two to three inches of regular traffic gravel be used as required and that the area be graded afterward. That the expense does not exceed \$4,000.00.

CARRIED (4-2)

Crime Stoppers

- 06-648 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Springfield agrees to provide a grant in the amount of \$1,260.20 to Manitoba Crime Stoppers for 2007.
CARRIED (6-0)

Caveat Removal - A letter requesting caveat removal was referred to the Planning Department.

Sunrise Avenue

A letter from residents on Sunrise Avenue was received. Reeve Skrupski advised that he would reply to the letter. A copy of the letter was referred to Public Works for budget consideration.

Manitoba Good Roads Association

- 06-649 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to contact Rocky Chaika and arrange to supply banquet tickets for the Manitoba Good Roads Association award presentation on February 25, 2007 in Brandon.
CARRIED (6-0)

Canada Day

- 06-650 LUCKO VAAGS WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Springfield has been providing an annual grant of \$3,000.00 for fireworks for the Canada Day celebration; and WHEREAS this grant has been confirmed annually by resolution of Council; and WHEREAS the support for 2006 has been requested; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a grant of \$3,000.00 for the 2006 fireworks display.
CARRIED (6-0)

Anola 100th Anniversary

Councillor Lucko advised Council that in June of 2007 Anola will be celebrating their 100th anniversary with a parade and ball games. He advised that Council should consider a grant when preparing 2007 budget.

Notice to Rescind Resolution

Councillor Lucko gave notice to rescind Resolution of Council No. 06-305 of June 13.

Highways Issues

Councillor Lucko requested permission from Council to meet with representatives from the Province of Manitoba highways regarding sidewalk and drainage issues. It was also suggested that a representative meet with Council to discuss all of Council's concerns.

RM Office - Furnace

The Maintenance Coordinator was requested to obtain additional quotes for replacing the furnace in the administration building.

Notice to Rescind Resolution

Councillor Lucko gave notice to rescind Resolution of Council No. 06-616 of October 24.

Van - Planning Department

Council will consider the purchase of a van for use by the Maintenance Coordinator after a complete review of all vehicle fleet inventory.

Furnace repair - Former Costume Museum

06-651 THOMPSON
LALONDE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marcel Lamoureux be authorized to repair the furnace at former Dugald Costume Museum, the cost not to exceed \$800.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED (6-0)

Notice to Rescind Resolution

Councillor Lalonde gave notice to rescind Resolution of Council No. 06-554 of September 26.

Signing Authority

06-652 LALONDE
THOMPSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dave Donaghy be removed from signing authority effective immediately;
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Eric Towler be given signing authority starting Monday, November 20th, 2006, until contract completed.

CARRIED (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

LALONDE

THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED (6-0)

Peter Skrupski
Reeve

Anne Burns-Bensch
Manager of Administration and Finance