

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, June 25th, 2007

Present: Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor Brian Thompson
Councillor Ken Lucko
Councillor Lorne Vaags
Laurent Tetrault, CAO
Anne Burns-Bensch, Manager of Administration
& Finance

Absent: Reeve Peter Skrupski

Councillor Bodnaruk chaired and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Participants: S. McCarthy, Fort Knox Storage
Diamond J. Farm Ltd.
Matheson Industrial Park
Markham Enterprises
W. King
J. Pshednovak
R. Denomme
P. Minske
W. Copp
D. Schultz
A. Bodnaruk

Councillor Bodnaruk described the background and area for badly needed infrastructure work. An LID is proposed to provide funding for the work to begin in 2008.

Anne Burns-Bensch provided costs based on three debenture years - 10 years, 15 years and 20 years. She provided the possible mill rate based on the interest charges at the present time.

Councillor Bodnaruk opened the floor to questions.

Q - What costs are paid annually for maintenance of Springfield Road?

R - \$50,000.00 annually is paid with minimum repairs and maintenance. There are still concerns regarding drainage and road slides.

Q - Would property taxes go towards LID?

R - Local improvement charges are levied towards the Local improvement area. Property tax levies are separate and applied to the appropriate areas of taxation.

Q - Do the rules change with a local improvement district?

R - All money levied for the LID remains in that area only.

Q - What benefits does the ratepayer have when paying taxes?

R - Taxes are used for many purposes i.e. education, municipal requirements.

Q - Would the R.M. of Springfield contribute a share towards the costs to lower the debenture?

R - This issue will be brought forward to council.

Q - Is the LID on Industrial land?

R - The LID will encompass the entire mapped area as presented which could include Industrial.

Q - Would the mill rate for the LID be lowered for those who aren't affected by the new infrastructure?

R - No the mill rate is for the entire Local improvement district.

Q - What is the realistic start time?

R - There is still a process required in the Municipal Act to form a LID i.e. Municipal Board and preparation of a new by-law. Provided weather conditions are good the project should be completed by end of 2008.

Q - How long should the debenture be for?

R - 20 years.

Q - Can those in attendance be provided a copy of the proposed debenture for 10, 15, and 20 years?

R - Those who have signed in will be provided the appropriate copies.

Councillor Bodnaruk thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at the time being 8:00 p.m.

Karen Lalonde
Deputy Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer