

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

08-469 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended as follows:
Add: 1. Tax Sale Date
2. Financial Statement - April
3. Donation in memory
4. Legislative Finance and Personnel, minutes of September 15, 2008
5. Dutch Elm Disease Program
6. Energy Audit from Manitoba Hydro Re: Anola Fire Hall
7. Quads and Bikes
8. 9.18 Deferred to October 8, 2008
9. Public Works Meeting
10. Water and Waste
11. Conservation District

CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES

08-470 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK WHEREAS the minutes of the Council meeting held September 10th, 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 an Economic Development and Planning meeting on September 11, met with a resident regarding drainage concerns near Pineridge Road and Demeyer Road on September 12, Eastman Regional Development Inc. meeting on September 15, Seine Rat River Conservation District meeting and Vic Toews Information meeting on September 16, Manitoba Conservation Districts Association meeting on September 17, Wenzel Road Project meeting on September 19 and an Eastman Regional Municipal Forum meeting on September 24.

Councillor Vaags reported on his attendance at the Economic Development and Planning meeting on September 11, Inland Aggregates Open House on September 12, Vic Toews Information meeting on September 16, North East Agassiz Watershed meeting and Crisis Stabilization meeting on September 18, Manitoba Forestry Tree Planting at Cook's Creek Conservation District on September 23 and met with a developer regarding the Dugald Senior's Home on September 24.

Councillor Thompson reported on his attendance at an Economic Development and Planning meeting on September 11, Legislative Finance and Personnel meeting and Fire Department meeting on September 15 and a meeting with the Solicitor on September 22.

Councillor Lalonde reported on her attendance at a Legislative Finance and Personnel meeting and Fire Department meeting on September 15.

Councillor Lucko reported on his attendance at Vic Toews Information meeting on September 16, North East Agassiz Watershed meeting on September 17, Urban Development Institute meeting on September 18, Anola Fire Hall Open house on September 20 and an Eastern Region Municipal Forum on September 24.

Reeve Skrupski reported on his attendance at a Legislative Finance and Personnel meeting and Fire Department meeting on September 15, Mayors and Reeves meeting on September 19, attended the Lyncrest Airport Young Eagles Program on September 20, meeting with the Solicitor on September 22 and attended the Manitoba Forestry tree planting at Cook's Creek Conservation District on September 23.

DELEGATION

Debbie Discher attended council on behalf of the Drive Away Hunger tour to help promote and raise awareness of their fight against hunger in rural communities in Manitoba. The delegate noted for the Springfield Food Bank that there is a lot of food donations during the Christmas season but not other times of the year. The public needs to be aware of the need for donations all through the year.

Curtis Boughton, Scott Hopkins, Chris McColm and Stephen Soychuk met with Council on behalf of the Springfield Wellness and Recreation Planning Committee (SWARPC) to present their preliminary feasibility report and recommendations for the proposed wellness centre. The Committee requested a resolution recommending that:

1. "The RM of Springfield Wellness and Recreation Centre" be located in the Oakbank school complex site (owned by the Sunrise School Division) adjacent or attached to the Springfield Collegiate and Springfield Middle School.

2. That SWARPC be provided with \$50,000 funding for professional consulting services for a conceptual plan for the facility.

3. SWARPC will commit to manage the selection process to the final conceptual plan, site plan, budget and financial plan.

Warren Morfoot and Norm Tchir met with Council on behalf of the Hazelridge Springfield Legion Branch #146 to discuss their plans of building a memorial park on the Dugald building grounds.

08-471 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Springfield dedicate the use of part of the land surrounding the Costume Museum to the Springfield Legion #146 for the use of a memorial park and that the APC project proceed.
(Pt SE ¼ 4-11-5E) CARRIED (6-0)

BY-LAW

By-law 08-21 - Weeping Tile

08-472 VAAGS BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT second reading be given to By-law No. 08-21 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to govern certain aspects of weeping tile connection, lot grading and drainage on public or private property. CARRIED (6-0)

08-473 VAAGS BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT third and final reading be given to By-law No. 08-21 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to govern certain aspects of weeping tile connection, lot grading and drainage on public or private property.

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

CARRIED (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Springfield Regional Committee

08-474 SKRUPSKI LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a grant of \$1,500.00 to Springfield Regional Committee to help with operating costs for 2008. Funds to come from out of Ward Appropriation equally from the 5 wards. CARRIED (6-0)

Beaver Control

Agreement to be amended to include beaver control in Cooks Creek Conservation District drains.

Cook's Creek High Speed Internet

- 08-475 SKRUPSKI LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Financial Officer contact MTS to cost what fee would it be to provide high speed internet to the Cook's Creek Area for review by November 30, 2008. CARRIED (6-0)

Consent Agenda

- 08-476 SKRUPSKI VAAGS WHEREAS a consent agenda has been submitted consisting of 16 items;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said consent agenda be amended to exclude 8.16 - Manitoba Conservation District Association and add to New Business. CARRIED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

AMM Convention

- 08-477 SKRUPSKI LUCKO BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer & Manager of Administration be delegated to attend the 10th Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, November 24-27, 2008 in Winnipeg. CARRIED (6-0)

Manitoba Eastern Visitors Guide 2009 - Received as information.

AMM Convention - RCMP Meeting

Meeting to be held with Oakbank RCMP prior to the AMM Convention.

Emergency Preparedness Conference - Received as information. Municipal Constable delegated to attend.

Beautification Matching Grants

- 08-478 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK WHEREAS the Oakbank Beautification Committee, Dugald Project Committee and Anola Enhancement Association is raising funds for beautifying the Main Street of their community in 2008;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council offers to match all contributions raised locally in 2008, to a maximum of \$1,000.00. CARRIED (6-0)

Restorative Justice Week

- 08-479 LUCKO THOMPSON WHEREAS the week of November 16-23 has officially been declared Restorative Justice Week across Canada;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Skrupski be authorized to issue a proclamation in respect to Restorative Justice Week.
CARRIED (6-0)

Engineering Opinion Re: Evergreen Lodge

Copies of the Structural Assessment Study of the Elderly Persons Lodges completed to be distributed to Council.

Anola Community Club

Discussion arose on the use of identification badges for canvassers collecting for the Anola Expansion Project.

Development Agreement

- 08-480 THOMPSON LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Darrell May be authorized to enter into a Development Agreement with the R.M. of Springfield;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO and Reeve be authorized to sign the Development Agreement.
CARRIED (6-0)

Mowing Program

Discussion arose on the 2008 program and 2009 budget.

Meeting Delegations

- 08-481 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following members of Council be delegated to attend an informational meeting with Vic Toews on September 16, 2008 in Morris:
Councillor Lucko
Councillor Vaags
CARRIED (5-1)
- 08-482 THOMPSON VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following members of Council be delegated to attend the Urban Development Institute's mix and mingle on September 18, 2008 in Winnipeg:
Councillor Lucko
CARRIED (4-2)
- 08-483 SKRUPSKI BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following members of Council be delegated to attend a Crisis Stabilization meeting on September 18 in Steinbach:
Councillor Vaags
CARRIED (5-1)

- 08-484 LUCKO THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Vaags be delegated to attend a meeting on September 24, 2008 with a developer regarding the Dugald Senior's Housing Project.
CARRIED (5-1)

Supplemental Taxes

- 08-485 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of assessment changes dated September 15, 2008 be accepted and that supplemental tax demand statements be authorized with a due date of December 19, 2008.
CARRIED (6-0)

Bridge Repairs

- 08-486 VAAGS BODNARUK WHEREAS repairs for the Centreline Road Bridge are a priority for Ward 5;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed with the assessment after obtaining approval from Cook's Creek Conservation District.
CARRIED (6-0)

Buried Culvert - Dugald

- 08-487 VAAGS BODNARUK BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$3,500.00 be taken from Ward 5 Ward Appropriation to install a buried culvert in NW 34-10-5E (corner of Jaffray Street and Holland Street in Dugald).
CARRIED (6-0)

Christmas Party

Councillor Lalonde gave a report of the plans for the RM Christmas Party. Saturday, December 6 is the proposed date at Anola Community Club.

Additions to Agenda

- 08-488 BODNARUK VAAGS WHEREAS the frequency and number of additions to agenda for council and committee meetings have been increasingly occurring and;
WHEREAS the additions are often relating to policy and by-laws and;
WHEREAS changes to policy or by-laws or introduction of a new policy or by-law such as Organizational By-law, Procedural By-law, Procurement By-law, Indemnity By-law and any other such regulatory or compensatory policy and by-law requires careful consideration and;
WHEREAS it is desirable to ensure that no additions are being added to limit discussion in public or without representation from all wards;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be instructed to immediately amend the Procedural By-law to include the following:

That no additions regarding policy and by-laws such as the Organizational By-law, Procedural By-law, Indemnity By-law, Procurement Policy and any other such regulatory or compensatory policy or by-law be added to the agenda for consideration at the same meeting, and That any item regarding policy and by-laws such as the Organizational By-law, Procedural By-law, Indemnity By-law, Procurement Policy and any other such regulatory or compensatory policy or by-law must only be considered when all members of council are present and have had an opportunity to review the policies and by-laws. CARRIED (5-1)

Ethics Committee

Councillor Bodnaruk suggested that an ethics committee is required. Discussion took place. Item to be discussed at a later date.

Conduct of Council - Deferred to October 8, 2008.

Tax Sale Date

08-489 SKRUPSKI VAAGS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tax sale of October 17, 2008 be adjourned to December 19, 2008 as per section 369(1)(c) of The Municipal Act. CARRIED (5-1)

Financial Statement

08-490 SKRUPSKI LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending April 30, 2008 be accepted as presented. CARRIED (5-1)

Donation in Memory

08-491 LUCKO LALONDE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a donation in the amount of \$50 be made to the Children's Asthma Foundation in memory of James Brown. CARRIED (6-0)

LFP Minutes - Minutes of September 15, 2008 received as information.

Dutch Elm Disease Program

Representatives of the Dutch Elm Disease Program met with municipal staff to discuss further expansion to the program.

Anola Fire Hall Energy Audit

Manitoba Hydro to be contacted to do an energy audit at the Anola Fire Hall regarding heat loss.

Quads and Bikes

There have been complaints regarding quads and bikes around the Birds Hill Park area. RCMP should be contacted to do more patrols.

Public Works and Water and Waste Meetings

A meeting date of October 15, 2008 was set.

In Camera

- 08-492 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting recess to in camera to
VAAGS discuss personnel issues.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters shall
remain confidential until a report is made public.
CARRIED (6-0)
- 08-493 SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting reconvenes from in
VAAGS camera.
CARRIED (6-0)

CCCD Board Meeting

- 08-494 LUCKO WHEREAS the CCCD is holding a board meeting on
SKRUPSKI September 25, 2008 even though a board member cannot
attend due to the loss of a family member;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Springfield Council
contact the CCCD Board to voice our disappointment in
their decision to not respect the loss of a members
relative by not cancelling the board meeting.
CARRIED (5-1)

Adjournment

- SKRUPSKI THAT this meeting stand adjourned the time being 10:50
p.m.
CARRIED (6-0)

Peter Skrupski
Reeve

Laurent Tétrault
Chief Administrative Officer