

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Present: Reeve John D. Holland
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor Robert Osiowy
Councillor William F. (Bill) Paulishyn
Councillor Douglas Shaver
Dave Donaghy, Chief Administrative Officer
Anne Burns-Bensch, Manager of Administration
& Finance

Reeve Holland called the Public Hearing Portion of the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Participants: Mr. J. McCombe
Mr. Mark Miller
Mr. T. Lefko
Mr. F. Robinson
Ms. K. St. Vincent
Ms. J. Nylen
Mr. B. Hooper
Mr. D. Matheson

AGENDA

06-251 PAULISHYN BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as
BODNARUK presented.

CARRIED (6-0)

CAO presented highlights 2006 Financial Plan. The Manager of Administration & Finance explained the revised changes of the Financial Plan. Questions were raised from local residents in attendance regarding the following areas:

- Improved communication with public re: budget info
- Divesting EPH's to other non-profit organizations or setting up a partnership.
- How are Public Works projects decided.
- Recreation needs should be considered.
- Concerns about increase of assessment and effect on taxes.
- Negotiations with Union should be with new Council.
- Availability of cash flow reports.
- 13% tax increase in election year.
- Not living within means of tax growth.
- Taxes are not comparable to City of Winnipeg.
- Intergovernmental Affairs have new format should include balance sheet.

- Inconsistencies between numbers.
- Inquiry regarding Aggregate revenue.
- Inquiry regarding added taxes.
- Return from investments too low.
- Concern regarding convention increase.
- Inquiry regarding Recreation budget increase
- Interest rate for debenture not competitive.
- Inquiry regarding lagoon cost for whole of R.M.
- Inquiry regarding what capital expenditures have already been committed to.
- Inquiry concern R.M. vehicles being taken home by staff; taxable benefit.
- Inquiry regarding Gas Tax Rebate and procedure for reserves.
- Request that R.M. investigate alternative interest rates with other financial institutions to ensure best percentage
- Inquiry regarding sidewalks just Oakbank?
- Concern regarding drainage issue on Poplar Drive and when work will be completed.
- Request for openness and accountability.
- Inquiry regarding Council remuneration.
- Concern regarding multiple attendees at conventions.
- Concern regarding increase in staff.
- Concern regarding strategic planning and long term vision.
- Inquiry regarding preparation of financial plan without year end financial statement.
- Concern public did not have adequate opportunity to review financial plan.
- Inquiry for capital expenditures for both 2005 and 2006.
- Status of reserves should appear on financial plan.
- Inquiry Oakbank and Dugald utility deficit and applicable assets.
- Concern regarding Oakbank recreation facilities, nothing in budget and greatly needed.
- Request for a complete package of information to be available for those who are in attendance.

Council took a short break at 10:00 p.m.

Reeve Holland closed the evidentiary portion of the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

06-252 HOLLAND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration request approval to
BODNARUK an extension of time to submit the financial plan
(beyond May 15th).

CARRIED (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

PAULISHYN That this meeting stands adjourned the time being
10:30 p.m.

CARRIED (6-0)

John D. Holland
Reeve

D. I. Donaghy
Chief Administrative Officer