

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, September 13, 2006

Present: Reeve John D. Holland
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk (8:00 p.m.)
Councillor Karen Lalonde
Councillor William F. (Bill) Paulishyn
Councillor Douglas Shaver
Dave Donaghy, Chief Administrative Officer
Anne Burns-Bensch, Manager of Administration
& Finance
Greg Elson, Water & Waste Manager

Reeve Holland called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Participants: Peter Kay
Maxine Harten
Garry Brown
Fred Hadaller
Sandra Themmen
Marjorie Koskie
Kelly Percher
James Crandell
Laura Crandell
Darren Ralke
Valerie Ralke
Murray Ronald
Kelly Percher
Keifer Percher
Joshua Percher
Norbert Steinhilber
Ken Lucko
Wes Koskie
Marjorie Koskie
Stacy Cameron
Dean Cameron
Marvin Brown
Paul Delaine
Marsha Delaine
Ron Wroblewski

Reeve Holland advised those in attendance OF the purpose of the Public Hearing, that being the proposal of creating a Local Improvement District for the purpose of providing financing of private costs to those who will be connecting to the Anola sewer and water.

The CAO provided a verbal report concerning the procedure of the proposal and advised there were no objections received by the deadline stated in the August 23 letter that being 4:30 p.m. September 13. He stated the present interest rate from the Province is 5.625% which is different from the amount quoted in the proposal of 5.75%.

The Reeve opened the floor to questions and concerns. They were as follows:

1. Why do we have to pay for a water treatment plant if not taking connection to water services?
A Anyone in the LID area must pay for capital costs as well as for the water treatment plant regardless if they are connected or not.
2. Why do we have to connect to water services if private well water is good?
A Manitoba Health declared the boil water area, the province insisted on providing a public water and sewer system. The LID area was defined by the Province.
3. Concern was expressed to the high costs to connect.
4. Concern expressed that there are some who cannot afford the costs to connect.
5. Why is everyone not forced to connect?
A Municipality does not have the authority to require connection.
6. Why has the Province never lifted the boil water advisory?
A This question should be answered by the Province. Private Wells are sole jurisdiction of the Province.
7. How many residents have hooked up to the sewer and water system?
A 34 out of 55 possibly 2 more to come.
8. Is there an option to pay off the debenture after it is locked in for 20 years?
A Presently there was no option available, however, Administration will investigate further.
9. Residents would like the R.M. of Springfield to investigate the possibility of providing those who connect and require financial assistance to be able to pay off the debenture regardless of the interest rate, should there be a real estate transaction or they have additional money in the future.

10. When is the water treatment opening?

A The forecast is 2007. Funding from the Province will not be available until 2007. The water treatment plant is separate from the meeting tonight and costs will be covered by the mill rate assessment.

11. What will happen if not connected and then told cannot drink water?

A No one is forced to connect to the public water and sewer system. The Province feels the sewer and water system is important, however the decision to connect is up to the homeowner. There is always the option to connect at a later date.

12. How was the cost to connect calculated?

A All costs on Public property are being added and divided by the frontage of the area and appropriated to each individual tax roll number.

13. Why can't the elective areas be part of the LID?

A LID was defined by the Province. Infrastructure funding was targeted to this area. Any additional LID would have a different cost allocation.

14. When will the sewer and water be running?

A Septic will be usable in 2006
Water will be usable in 2007.

15. Can we drill a well right now?

A Must get authorization from the Province.

16. How long will it take Administration to investigate prepayment options?

A Administration will contact the Province and other financial institutions as soon as possible.

17. Will there be another meeting concerning the findings?

A Yes, those in attendance tonight will get a notice advising when the next meeting will be held.

The Reeve closed the question period at 8:19 p.m. He stated that it was imperative to be aware of who was opposed to the LID to come forward and sign their name to the attendance list.

ADJOURNMENT

PAULISHYN That this meeting stands adjourned the time being 9:05
p.m.

John D. Holland
Reeve

D. I. Donaghy
Chief Administrative Officer