

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
July 19, 2022

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING **Approximately 14 minutes and 38 seconds**

Mayor Fell - Councillor Williams will be away for this meeting. **NOTE: For someone like Peter Williams who for years during the reign of Reeves Skrupski and McCarthy, attended most meetings and informed constituents of what was not being done correctly, his performance as a Councillor has left a lot to be desired as he misses a large majority of meetings and when present, is barely heard from.**

3. Approval of Agenda - Blaine Moffat - *Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved.* **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any additions for the Council meeting, Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0**

5. Question Period (Only Pertaining to the Current Agenda) - No one took advantage.

6. Reports - 6.1 Department Reports - Animal Services - *Be it resolved that the June Animal Services Operating Report be accepted as information.* **NOTE: There was only 1, Animal Services, attached and it was a blank Animal Control Services Contract Agreement, not completed and unsigned.** **Mayor Fell** - (sneezes) Is there any further (thank you), is there any further discussion from Council? **Councillor Bredin** - Just for clarification, that report kind of had, it was a resolution to rehire so I'm just...wondering if we have to look at that. So it wasn't a typical report. So that's just my question about that. **NOTE: It was actually a blank contract, not a resolution but kudos for his reading the material provided with the agenda even if he doesn't understand it.** **Mayor Fell** - I'm just going to let Erica clarify for a moment. **Erica Wood** - I just realized that it was the wrong attachment so that's the contract that we approved the resolution for 2 meetings ago. Um they did do a monthly Department Report and it's not attached so I will ... **Mayor Fell** - (interrupting) OK, so we will... we will defer this until next Council meeting when the rest of the Reports are on and will do it at that time if Council's alright with that. Perfect.

9.1 List of Accounts - *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of June 4th. to July 14th., 2022, be it resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from Cheque #155021 to 1553540 totaling \$2,990,264.79 and the following EFT entries be approved for payment:* **Mayor Fell** - (interrupting) Thank you. Is there any further discussion from Council? Sorry, Blaine, did you have something ..I thought..? **NOTE: It was brought to the Mayor's attention that Blaine Moffat had not as yet finished reading the resolution. As someone who has sat as Head of Council for the last 4 years, she should have known the resolution was incomplete. Is the Mayor that anxious to wrap up the meeting?** **Blaine Moffat** - Ya, I've got a little bit more to add on there, sorry... (OK) .. uh the payments are as follows: *June 1, 2022 Western Financial \$10,790.16; June 6th PetroCanada \$23.31; June 3rd. Amelia \$296.14; June 14th. RBC Visa \$11,930.52; and June 30th. Red River Co-op for \$36,209.96; and Be it Further Resolved that June payroll in the amount of \$269,412.49 be approved.* **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any further discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0** **NOTE: As usual, a review of the List of Accounts raises a number of questions and I have directed my inquiry to Colleen Draper, CAO, with a copy to Erica Wood, for response. Anything I learn of interest will be shared subsequently.**

9.2 Springfield Centre Security Camera Installation - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approves up to the budgeted amount of \$32,000. plus applicable fees and taxes to complete the installation of 14 security cameras and associated infrastructure by Dakota Lock and Safe.* **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any further discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0**

9.3 A Night with STARS Gala - *Be it resolved that Council be delegated to attend a Night with STARS Gala Dinner on September 8, 2022 at their discretion.* **Councillor Ralke** - I think I just wanted to say um how pleased I am we would be supporting something like this. Um again STARS has been used quite a lot in this last year due to uh various reasons um from accessibility, water, um not being able to access in any other way um so I am very um thrilled to think that we can go ahead and support something that is so beneficial to our community. **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. I agree with that. I have seen them out here and heard about them out here quite a few times and they do amazing life saving work so...Any other comments from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0** **NOTE: The cost for being a STARS ALLY TABLE SPONSOR is \$2,500. No free tickets are included in that, merely the RM logo on a table. The other 2 options for \$2,500. provide 4 free tickets to Night with STARS. For \$5,000. one table of 10 tickets is included. For \$7,500. one table of 10 tickets is included or you get 8 free tickets and the bonus of 2 STARS members at your table. For \$10,000. one table of 10 tickets is included. IT DOES NOT LIST THE COST FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND. I have sent an e-mail to Colleen Draper with a copy to Erica Wood asking which option was chosen and suggesting they pass another resolution at the next meeting specifying the option chosen. Further for events such as these, I feel the expense should be borne by the individual members of Council.**

9.4 Audit Services - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield authorizes the Administration to enter into a 1 year Audit Contract Extension with Exchange Charter Professionals Accountants LLP. Be it further resolved that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.* **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any further discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0**

9.5 Council Schedule - *Be it resolved that Council of the Rural Municipality of Springfield approve the following schedule changes: July 26th at 1:00 p.m. Council meeting instead of Committee of the Whole.* **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any further discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 4-0**

Mayor Fell - And we do have a, at 1:15 Quarterly Report with uh the R.C.M.P. from April to June covering that time period and they will be here shortly and we will reconvene at that time.

Mayor Fell - I will call the meeting back to order and I'm going to invite um the R.C.M.P. Cpl. Sookermany to come up to the mike, please and just do your...thank you for coming and um providing us with your Quarterly Report.

7. Delegation - 7.1 - Cpl. Courtney Sookermany - RCMP Quarterly Report (April to June 2022) - Ok. Goodday everyone. This is just a quick overview of some of the stuff that's kind of between 2021 and 2022. So we have had just a decrease this quarter in assaults um as well for the numbers that we have in comparison 2021 to 2022, Fail to Stop - Remain at the Scene so it's mostly hit and runs probably parking lots and businesses, we get a lot of those, Speeding has gone up um 289 to 491, I think that's a big increase. Um the summer's just started so the patrols in the quarries and parking area around there, members are slowly doing them so the stats haven't gone up as yet but we have been called there quite a bit, the quarries for people partying so parking illegally there. Other Non Moving Violations mostly like we get called for a hazard on the highway, uh various registrations on vehicles that's expired, the biggest one increase is Impaired. We have 31 this year so far compared to 24 from last year and those are charges for Impaired and we also have in our IMP First Time Offenders in usually they just get a CON ticket against their license and registration, seize for 30 days or 90 days and after that then it will be just straight criminal code. So the first time you kind of get a break but it's also you're getting a fine of about I think it's \$780. and pretty much the last page um if you look we just have an increase in False Alarms and mostly it's in the Industrial Area, businesses, sometimes people come in and forget to turn off their alarms and sometimes just motion detectors I guess they are very sensitive so it sends off and then the members have to attend. And prisoners held we just went up from 9 to 15 which is not bad compared to the last place I've been. was pretty good. Only had calls 2 incidences uh and one person lodged. **Mayor Fell** - That's good to hear (ya) ..thank you for the update. No we appreciate the communication that you are keeping with the public and Council, coming in to do these quarterly reports and we look forward to you coming back in a couple of months. **Cpl. Courtney Sookermany** - Ya well I wish hopefully I'll be back to full duties by then um so I've only been back for a few weeks. I'm stuck in the office. Can't wear my gun now, can't wear my uniform once I leave the office so... **NOTE: Why is the Corporal not back on full duty yet? Why is he stuck in the office, cannot wear a gun, and is unable to wear his uniform when he leaves the office? Does this have anything to do with the accidental discharge of a firearm in the Detachment office as was reported in the Clipper May 5, 2022 referring to an incident that occurred February 14th, 2021 that is now under investigation by the IIU? How can he make a report to Council when he is restricted from active duty? Is there no one else from the Detachment that could have made the report?** **Mayor Fell** - Well thank you so much. Take care. **Councillor Ralke** - Can I ask a question? **Mayor Fell** - Oh, yes, Councillor Ralke, sorry. **NOTE: Mayor Fell is so used to playing the role of dictator, she forgets she is the Head of a Council consisting of 4 members, most of whom are silent most of the time.** **Councillor Ralke** - Hi I just want to say you're welcome again and are you ok with your staffing? Are you finding that you're ok with how many officers you have on site cause I see your numbers sure not are going down so it seems like you have everybody almost everybody and.... **Cpl. Courtney Sookermany** - Well, we did um..we just lost 3 members. One just transferred to Moose Lake, uh one went to the Airport, and one member is going uh OAS **NOTE: I know we all tend to use abbreviations but not everyone knows what they mean. I presume OAS is "off active service".** due to some issues with health so we'll be down 3. I just got the Corporal, I guess he was here the last quarter um so we're down a few. We could use a few more (laughing) other than the ones we have but we have members coming in. It's just that one guy is coming from Nunavut. He won't be here until August and another member from Fisher Branch, he won't be here until November, yep. **Councillor Ralke** - Ya, I know there was something in the news there about the R.C.M.P. having difficulty with membership and stuff like that so ... **Cpl. Courtney Sookermany** - Well, it's all over. I think that, I think it's just a recruiting issue. I think the appeal to join the R.C.M.P. and go to northern communities is no longer for the younger generation. 19, 20 year olds, they don't want to go up north and be away from the city and stuff so I think it's harder to recruit, yes attract people, hopefully we will get Goodbye and thank you. **Mayor Fell** - Thank you for the standing update too. Take care. Um can I have a mover and seconder to adjourn, please.

NOTE: There was a Closed Meeting on the Agenda but no mention was made of it.

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