

COUNCIL MEETING RM OF SPRINGFIELD June 18, 2019

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

AGENDA - Be it resolved that the agenda be amended as follows. Add #1 Special Invitation for WMR John Q. Announcement.
Carried 6-0

QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Fell - I pulled out our by-law 17-08, our Procedural By-law, so I am going to read what our Question Period allows and what it DOES NOT allow so 15 minutes will be allotted for a Question Period during a Council Meeting agenda. The speaker must be a property owner, resident of the municipality and/or person who is deemed to be directly affected by the matter to be addressed. Speakers must respect the need for the Question Period to proceed in a timely fashion and must proceed according to these guidelines: Address the Chair when speaking, clearly state your name and address prior to presenting your question, agree to **speak for no longer than 3 minutes and to only speak once during the meeting unless agreed by Council to extend the discussion.** A question will be ruled out of order if speaking to matters of current legislation or legal action against the municipality. A speaker making political statements using rude and/or obscene language or defamatory comments will also be ruled out of order. Council reserves the right to defer responding to a question or to obtain the information required to provide a comprehensive and accurate response. Responses will be provided within 30 days. Council's going to adhere what's laid out here. Um if there's improper conduct from the gallery, you will be given one warning and you will be asked to leave. Um if we do need more than 15 minutes of course we have the option to extend. **All questions or comments should be geared to the current agenda and issues on that agenda pertaining to what we are discussing today.**

NOTE: In point of fact, that is exactly what it states in the Procedural By-law on the website. The stating your name and address is never enforced by the Mayor as most people speaking are familiar to her. However for the purposes of the recording, it probably should be required and is a good practice to follow for the benefit of those in the audience that may not be familiar with the speakers. Nowhere in the procedural by-law does it stipulate that your question must be related to what is on the agenda and to the specific matters being discussed. Section 16.3 of the Procedural By-law states a question will be ruled out of order if speaking to matters of current legislation or legal action against the municipality. I am curious as to what is meant by "current legislation" because every by-law is current legislation. Further I would encourage everyone to utilize the section highlighted above. If the 3 minutes is up, request a vote of all of Council to continue. Is that alright with Council? Is there any questions from the gallery? I am going to set your timer. Once the 3 minutes is up, I will move on to the next person.

Heather Erickson - Ok, By-law 18-03 Appendix D of the By-law does not need to be changed as it says the committee shall be comprised of three members...appointed by the Council of the RM of Springfield. The CAO or designate is already an employee of the municipality and on Page 12 "shall initiate a Dangerous Dog hearing" and therefore their role in putting together the Committee is implied. Membership of the Committee goes on to state 1. Two persons with relevant background...2. One taxpayer at large. 3. Chief Administrative Officer or designate. MY OPINION is that since Council, the CAO, and the Animal Control Officer completely misunderstood the statement under Membership of the Committee, that is a clear indication that the statement should be changed to read "The Committee shall be comprised of 3 members over the age of 18 appointed by the Council of the RM of Springfield, two of which are experts in animal behaviour and one taxpayer at large, as well as the Chief Administrative Officer or designate who initiates the hearing but does not vote." The core group that were the authors of this by-law worked on it for at least 6 years and in the final stages were joined by our CAO and the then Animal Control Officer, himself a professed specialist in animal behaviour, and the composition of the Dangerous Dog Committee was debated at length. I think it would be irresponsible of our current Council to arbitrarily change this by-law based on the suggestion of our current contractor and without another public hearing. No one has made contact with the original Chair of the Animal Control Committee that did the bulk of the work over a 6 year period. I did and it was discussed many, many times at length according to the Chair. The CAO, while he initiates the Committee to discuss a dangerous dog, does not vote and therefore there is an odd number on the committee and I disagree it would be difficult to find experts in animal behaviour willing to serve. Four of them spent 6 voluntary years working on this by-law and I have copies just in case. **Mayor Fell** - You cannot come up to the table of the gallery. I will ask our Executive Assistant to go and grab those please. Thank you. Thank you, Heather. Is there any other questions from the gallery? **NOTE:** Nowhere in the Procedural By-law is there any mention of the gallery not being allowed to approach the Council table. Granted there are portable barricades on either side of the presenter's table to deter access. No such barriers existed prior to the inauguration of the current Council. The previous Council welcomed input from the gallery. Members of the gallery were allowed to approach the Council table to provide materials relevant to the discussion at hand. I note at the COW Meeting of June 25th. Mr. Santokh Randhawa Singh of Engineering Department squeezed by the barriers in order to hand out maps to members of Council. No attempt was made to stop him or direct him to give them to the Executive Assistant. Perhaps there is a perceived imminent threat of a senior, who sat at the Council table to the immediate right of the now Mayor for four years when she was Councillor, doing some physical harm to Council members now that she is no longer on Council. I want to assure my readership that I have no such intent in mind. I merely

felt my printed notes would make it easier for Council to assess what I had just presented. My apologies to the Mayor if I made her feel threatened.

Karen Lalonde - I just wanted to find out what #5 you've just got By-Laws down there. Would that mean possibly that you're going to be talking about the Enforcement By-law on this agenda? **Mayor Fell** - No, that's a standing agenda item so if there's nothing under there then there is no by-laws being discussed. If we were discussing the Enforcement By-law you would see it listed there. **Karen Lalonde** - And my other question was, just out of curiosity where is the skate park going? **Mayor Fell** - Right outside the Municipal Office. **Karen Lalonde** - Oh, it's right here, ok. Thank you. **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Um, Vince.

Vince Bennici - Your land negotiations, are we buying or selling land? **Mayor Fell** - Um, I am not sure we can even answer that question because it's still in closed meeting. Once it's a public issue it will be done by resolution and we will allow discussion but right now it's still um in closed session. Janet? **NOTE: When exactly are we going to be allowed to discuss the land sale. It is the last item on the agenda of the July 2, 2019 meeting and we are not allowed to talk during a Council meeting, only in the Question Period. What is meant here but not being said is that on February 26, 2019 the owner of Pineridge Hollow came to Council to promote her idea of expanding her business. I am including my notes on that presentation at the end of these meeting notes for anyone who wishes to read them. In order to expand, Ms. Regehr requires more land and has for some time wished to purchase adjacent land which belongs to the RM of Springfield, that is, to you and I. That land is zoned MX which means Industrial Extractive Zoning District. In other words, gravel and sand. Ms. Regehr's property is located adjacent to Birds Hill Park and right in the centre of aggregate extraction territory. While it may be true that some time ago two test drill core samples done very near to Pineridge Hollow (in the area of the parking lot) revealed only deposits of primarily sand, to my knowledge no further sampling has been done farther afield and gravel extraction is occurring at the far end of that piece of property in the RM of Springfield pit. Sand, while not as valuable perhaps as aggregate, is still a valuable commodity. For some time, there has been a concern that some of the RM land might be sold, at bare land pricing, which does not reflect the true value of the land, to Ms. Regehr. While Section 152(3) of the Municipal Act does allow closing a meeting to the public if it is in regard to (iii) a matter that is in its preliminary stages and respecting which discussion in public could prejudice a municipality's ability to carry out its activities or negotiations, in a case such as this where land of potentially significant value is being re-zoned to allow its sale for an activity other than that for which it is zoned should not apply. The value of property the RM is contemplating selling and the advisability of selling it should be a matter of public discussion in my opinion. Cloaking the entire matter in secrecy, placing it as the last item on a long agenda and describing the land by legal description only which the majority of the population would not understand, is the exact opposite of TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE, four of those Guiding Principles of their Strategic Plan to which they often refer. IT IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 2ND COUNCIL MEETING AS ITEM 10.7 Sale of Land (SE 7-12-5E).**

Janet Nysten - Hi, I prefer to follow the Procedural By-law, I guess. My name is Janet Nysten and I reside at 16 Pecan Bay. Two comments. One, thank you for the Financial Statements, January, February, and March. I notice that the Statements include budget amounts that were approved from May so that's an oddity to me but I don't think I quite understand that and also it says that there's \$66,000. for legal fees and half of it has already been spent. So I guess my question is how does Council authorize legal expenses, like they seem, I remember last year they were considerable and your Financial Officer did say that some of them were recovered from Development Agreements and whatnot but I do think that if Council is going to be going regularly to the lawyer for advice, I think there should be some process in place to authorize you to pay those fees. **Mayor Fell** - Um we can actually, I know we've discussed that before, I am sure Council would be open to putting that on a Committee of the Whole to discuss. **Janet Nysten** - Ok thank you and my next is sort of what you just raised in your opening remarks. It wasn't on your by-law but your Procedure By-law does require everybody to say their name and address and I gather, I understand what you were trying to achieve um so you are recording it in the Minutes and you have the right to defer your responses and stuff but the Minutes aren't recording anything. The Minutes are simply recording Question Period but not who said, who spoke, what the question was or when they would get the answer. I guess that concerns me because I know you are taking a policy that you don't want comment or favour of comment so you are just going by resolution only in the Minutes but I think the intent of that in the Act was that the Recording Secretary wouldn't put any comment in the Minutes. I think, like if people take the time to come and speak at least they deserve a line in your Minutes to say that we spoke and we asked this question and this was your response or the response will be forthcoming. **Mayor Fell** - Thanks, Janet. Is there any other questions from the gallery? Seeing none, I will close the Question Period. **NOTE: Mayor Fell chose not to respond to a question that was related to the absence of TRANSPARENCY. Further the remainder of Council choose not to represent their constituencies with integrity by intervening and requiring the Mayor to be more open to input from the voting public. They should want to hear what the residents of the municipality have to say and the responses should be available to the public to hear. They are our representatives. It would appear the performance of Council at the public meeting is already pre-determined before they enter the Council chamber.**

NEW BUSINESS

Springfield Collegiate Education Award - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield provide a scholarship in the amount of \$500. for an award recognizing academic achievement for the Springfield Collegiate Institute for 2019 and be it further resolved that Mayor Fell or alternate be delegated to attend the graduation ceremony on June 26, 2019 in Winnipeg to present the award.* **Councillor Williams** - There was an individual that came and spoke to Council about an Educational Foundation Award. Are we going to discuss that at any point in time? I don't think it is appropriate for this particular agenda item. **Mayor Fell** - No and I do think we need to discuss that again. I was speaking about that earlier and um I was wondering if the educational award, if Council think one of the criteria for the award, not for this year but going forward, is that you actually participate in, oh it's left my mind.... **Councillor Williams** - Youth Parliament. **Mayor Fell** - Youth Parliament. **Councillor Williams** - But the initiative was to um allow, it was for residents to contribute to this Fund and because it would be maintained by the municipality, there would be some compensatory donation. **Mayor Fell** - Ok. I still, maybe we should keep that Youth Parliament separate but put it on the next Council meeting for discussion. Everyone is ok with that? Any other discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 6-0** **NOTE: Just as added information, the "individual" that spoke to this issue was Councillor Williams' wife, Gladys Williams. She came as a delegation.**

Animal Control Amendments - **Mayor Fell** - Can we read out the resolution and then make amendments if we need to? *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the following amendments to By-law #18-03 Appendix A (1) If an animal is declared dangerous, the kennel facilities which house the animal must be inspected on an annual basis for the life of the animal or until it has left the municipality. Appendix B Add VII (b) Failure to permanently identify dog by microchip (and removing tattoo). Appendix D Membership of the Committee The Committee shall be comprised of five members over the age of 18, appointed by the Council of the RM of Springfield as follows: 1. Two persons with relevant background 2. Two taxpayers at large 3. Chief Administrative Officer or designate. Quorum of the Committee is 3 but it must consist of one person with relevant background, one taxpayer and the CAO or designate to proceed with a hearing. And we're going to add Roles and Responsibilities - Chief Administrative Officer or designate.* **Mayor Fell** - Any discussion from Council. **Councillor Wilson** - I'd like to confirm whether or not the CAO, is he a voting member of this Committee, like it was my understanding that they would be as we were going through this process and if that's the case, then we're back to an issue of an even number of people voting which was Council's concern and um, so I think before we move forward on that, we should make sure of it, whether or not the CAO is a voting.... **Mayor Fell** - Well, by how it is written out, the CAO would be a voting member of the Committee, whether that was the intention or not that's a different issue but how it's written right now they're part of the Committee, therefore they're a voting member. **Councillor Ralke** - Only for the dangerous dogs section. **Mayor Fell** - That's right. **Councillor Ralke** - This is only relevant to the Dangerous Dogs and that's what these changes are, only for the dangerous dogs. **Mayor Fell** - Correct. **Councillor Ralke** - It has nothing to do with the rest of the document. **Mayor Fell** - That's right. **Councillor Ralke** - That runs under a whole different concept is what I'm understanding and what I've read. Ok that's my concurrence as well? Ok. **Mayor Fell** - So I guess the question would be with all due respect do we want the CAO or designate on there as a voting member or not. If we don't then we can just change the wording or remove that altogether but from what I understand they are a voting member. So what is Council, what's the thoughts of Council. **Councillor Williams** - I am for keeping the CAO as a voting member or designate. **Councillor Bredin** - I have no problem with that. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I would agree with that. **Councillor Ralke** - mumbled. **Councillor Wilson** - Um, well I honestly don't remember what the wording says, whether or not the CAO is, was identified as being a voting member. I am a little concerned that Council would have in any way, shape or form a vote on this um and um I wouldn't necessarily want to see our CAO be put in a position of casting a vote on something that is not a decision that I think Council really should be involved in and if the CAO is voting we are involved whether we like it or not. **Mayor Fell** - So I take your point as well..on one of the suggestions I made...go ahead Colleen. **Colleen Draper** - Ya I think the intent of the Committee was to take it out of the RMs hands and have it a separate committee that makes that decision so I would agree that the CAO shouldn't be a voting member. The way it is written right now indicates that but I think if we just re-word it to leave it as a 3 member, 2 members with relevant background and one taxpayer and then remove the CAO there but then have it that the CAO is initiating the dog hearing and making the arrangements and so we can just re-word that section. **Councillor Wilson** - I think this is where the confusion came in in the first place. Um it is a 3 person...**Mayor Fell** - And there's 4 listed. That's where the problem is. **Councillor Wilson** - But it is you know to be arms length from something like that is very important for the Council. **Mayor Fell** - So does Council agree based on what the CAO said that we'll change that to the 3 person committee and the CAO will set up the hearing and probably facilitate the hearing but will not be a part of the committee or the voting process. Is everyone ok with that? **Colleen Draper** - So we have amended it to *The committee shall be comprised of 3 members* and we can leave it at *two members with relevant backgrounds, one taxpayer* and remove the CAO from that listing. THEREIN ENSUES A DISCUSSION OF ENSURING THE CAO IS IN ATTENDANCE BUT JUST PARTICIPATES AS A FACILITATOR. **Colleen Draper** - So we can add *The CAO will facilitate the hearing and attend with no voting rights.* **Councillor Ralke** wanted to have "or designate" added. **Mayor Fell** - All those in favour? **CARRIED 6-0** **Janet Nylen - Point of Order.** This is an amendment to a by-law I understand. So you are going to have to have 3 readings to a by-law to amend it, right? **Mayor Fell** - We will check with our solicitor. **Janet Nylen** - Why not check with your CAO. Like, don't keep going to the solicitor. **Colleen Draper** - We were told we can make an amendment to an appendix without going through three readings. That's the process we're following without having to re-do the whole by-law with three readings. **Janet Nylen** - Wow. Thank you. **NOTE: I do feel it would have been better to have the CAO read out the entire amendments to the Appendices of the**

by-law as amended after all the discussion before a vote was called because it is a little confusing trying to envision what the final wording will say. I just checked the agenda of the July 2nd meeting where the Minutes of this meeting are posted. The resolution is not in keeping with what was agreed at the meeting and I will be bringing this up in Question Period. In point of fact, I sat on the Animal By-law Committee and it was the understanding of the Chair, the CAO and the Animal Control Officer that appendices to a by-law can be changed without having to go through the entire process of re-doing the by-law and the three readings. That is why the fee schedules and other material that might need to be changed in future were deliberately placed in appendices. I have checked with a lawyer who has a background in municipal law and have been advised that this IS NOT CORRECT. In actual fact, appendices to a by-law are considered part of the by-law and any amendment are subject to three readings as for any by-law amendments.

Cooks Creek Parking Lot - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield accept the Request for Proposal from Edie Construction for the Cooks Creek Re-construction/Expansion at a cost of \$147,719.18 plus applicable fees and taxes.* **Doug Murray** read out his report. **CARRIED 6-0**

LED Lighting Upgrades - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield accept the request for quotations submitted by Trush Enterprise Limited for LED Lighting Upgrades at a cost of \$39,760.00 plus applicable fees and taxes.* **Doug Murray** - This is a carryover from the 2018 capital budget. There is a total of \$180,307 that was budgeted for that project. The pricing from Trush, we also have to include commercial lighting. They were a lighting supplier, kind of went a little bit different direction with this one. We got our lighting supplier to supply the specifications and do the lighting on it to make it fair for all the contractors that bid on the project for this so we're working with a supplier and a contractor on this one. The facilities that are included in this is Anola Public Works, Anola Firehall, Anola Community Club, Oakbank Firehall, RM Office, Springfield Public Library, Dugald Community Club, Oakbank Public Works, and Springfield Police and Planning. If we meet the budget demands because we may have some changes that after our contractor goes through and confirms the audit that was done by Commercial Lighting, we will end up doing the Transfer Stations and the Pump Houses as well and I believe we will be able to fit this in the budget with the budgeted amount. We had 5 prices that were submitted on the RFQ that was put out to qualified contractors. I reached out to all the electrical contractors that are registered in our RM of Springfield plus a couple of other ones. Trush Enterprise had the best price at \$39,760. and we had Martin Electric, Lowe Mechanical Services, Group Electrical Contractors, and Robin Electric Co. Ltd. The highest pricing was \$109,000. and that was just for the labour for the install. Commercial Lighting their price was \$63,127 for the lighting. Through Efficiency Manitoba, the old Power Smart Program we will be receiving \$30,206. in rebates for the lights. The Financial Impact \$180,307 can be found in the budget. Right now we are at a total cost of \$72,681 after the rebates. I expect that to go up somewhere around the range of \$10,000. by adding a few lights that were missed in the audit. The money is in the Capital Budget and it's a combination of Manitoba Hydro Rebate and Gas Tax Funding. **Councillor Ralke** - So ya I'm thank you very much and I know this is about picking the contractor to do the job however you had stated that because you are below budget or within budget you would include transfer station and someone else **Doug Murray** - Transfer stations and pump houses. **Councillor Ralke** - So my question that I had brought forward and I guess now is the time for me to ask for confirmation is the Over 50 Club has come forward and asked for assistance with this project as well and they are owned by the RM like other community clubs that are not. So I am wondering if they can be included in this list to be considered for LED lighting. **NOTE: The Community Clubs included in this project are owned by the RM, while those that are not are not included.** **Doug Murray** - I don't believe that we own that building. **Councillor Ralke** - The President says we do. They've got the paperwork for it. They signed it off about 4 years ago. **Doug Murray** - I have never seen that. **Councillor Ralke** - So they were asking to be considered. **Doug Murray** - I have reached out to them and I told them to find a contractor to pick the lights for them and come back with pricing before we would consider it so that's what I've asked them to do. That was a few months ago. I gave them a contractor's name and called a contractor to do the lighting contract for them and then come back with their pricing and they could come to Council and ask for funding for that. **Councillor Ralke** - Alright and then of course and also Sunrise Lodge come to us as well. **Doug Murray** - And I mentioned the same thing to them and actually one of the contractors that bid on this project had mentioned that he had met with Sunrise so they did reach out to a local electrical contractor. **Councillor Ralke** - Ok and I guess because of the deer in the headlights I am going to ask for that paperwork then for the Over 50 Club so that you start to, if they are owned by the RM, that we start treating them the same way. **Doug Murray** - We help them out a lot with previous insurance claims but I am totally unaware as a Facility Manager for 13 years here that we actually own that building. **Mayor Fell** - That is something we can ask Administration to look into. I don't remember that from our term ever coming forward but it could have happened right before we were elected in 2014, I don't know but we can definitely ask to verify either way if everyone is ok with that around the Council table. **Councillor Wilson** - I think we did their floor, didn't we? Some years ago we did their floor. **Doug Murray** - Ya, that was an insurance claim. They had a flood there and because we carried the insurance on the building, I looked after the work that needed to be done in the building. **Mayor Fell interrupting** - So I am wondering if that is where the confusion is coming in because we carry the insurance so they are assuming we own it so maybe there's some ambiguity there. **Councillor Ralke** - She's got the paperwork that says the RM has taken it over because they were going to lose it. **Mayor Fell** - Interesting. Ok. We'll look into it. **Doug Murray** - Very interesting. If you're speaking with them, the contractor that was working with Sunrise Lodge's group electrical

contractors GEC and they're out of Anola. **NOTE: They wanted to upgrade to a better quality of flooring so I, as their Councillor at the time, dedicated some of my ward allotment to them toward the preferred quality of flooring.** CARRIED 6-0

Anola Public Works - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield award DGH Interior Design Services in Construction Management the Anola Public Works Garage at a cost of \$60,000. plus applicable fees and taxes.* **Doug Murray** - In 2013 the municipality purchased land at 32 Gas Avenue in Anola for the eventual construction of a new Public Works Building. This was deferred in 2015. So as we all know, we've got a lot of growth that's going to go on out in that area and the need for another space for Springfield Fire Department which is requiring a Rescue Truck which has been in the budget for I think a couple of years already but we've had no place to put it. With that being said, the Springfield Fire Department would take over the existing side of the Public Works Building when we build a new 3 bay Public Works garage on Gas Avenue. We'll go with the 3 bay, right now they have 2 bay but in speaking with the Director of Public Works, they would like to bring out a sand plough truck there which they think would save a lot of time and money on fuel and servicing that area of the municipality. So the building we are looking at building is a 4800 sq. ft., approximately 60 x 80. I issued an RFP for construction management and design services. ... We only received the one price from DGH Engineering. I did have a couple of phone calls regarding this project from architects. They didn't like the timing that was given to bid the project and one of them was actually trying to put more time into bidding on other projects in our municipality. We've worked with DGH in the past on design services with the firehall, I believe Anola too 10 years ago, I am quite confident that they can get the work done for what's required. Their price came in at \$63,980. I've negotiated a flat fee of \$60,000. with them for the project. It is \$1.1 million so it comes in well below that 7 to 8% standard that we usually see with these types of bids. We could have our drawings completed by mid July if we move forward now and then we would move forward with construction, therefore we could start building sometime in August if we move forward. In the 2019 budget there is a total of \$1 million from the Public Buildings Reserve and in 2020 there's an additional \$441, 000. and it's budgeted for the completion of the Public Works Building and the Firehall improvements that will be required when they move. Our Fire Department, it's not a safe building for them to be changing beside the fire trucks when the fire trucks are going out. There's no showers in the facility, there's one washroom so the renovations in 2020 would take care of that. I expect the construction costs to come in right around the \$1 million for the Public Works Building. ...There is also another \$100,000. included for landscaping in 2021. **CARRIED 6-0 NOTE: It seems to me this is an excessive amount for landscaping, especially considering the land around the Administration building is not landscaped fully, the land around the current Public Works building in Oakbank is not landscaped, and the property adjacent to the firehall on the RM property is not landscaped.**

Hazelridge Community Club Project Revisions - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve \$24,963.78 plus applicable fees and taxes for the Hazelridge Sports Complex to complete new dressing room Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical project revisions to be funded from the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Reserve Account.* Report prepared by Shawn Wilkinson and presented by Doug Murray. Mr. Murray stated they had some extension of benches that they wanted, reconfigure the ductwork and replace the "metal interior plywood sheets" where we had the ductwork coming through the wall, fill the wall cavities with the spray foam and provide bulkheads for them. The financial impact, the 2019 Operating Budget for that building maintenance reserve fund, that's just for Hazelridge, is \$72,400. in the skating rinks and arenas program line, \$24,963 will be funded from the Recreation Maintenance Reserve account, leaving them with a balance of \$46,454 for Hazelridge Community Club upgrades or whatever they need in the future. **CARRIED 6-0**

Oakbank Community Club Maintenance Project - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve \$49,507.42 plus all applicable fees and taxes for the Oakbank Community Club to complete 2019 maintenance projects to be funded from the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Reserve Account.* Mr. Murray stated the background was the same as the last, through the Recreation Master program following the BOMA standards using their Building Maintenance Reserve Fund. They had a substantial amount of things to be done based on the Fire Inspection they had such as a new door, reconstruction of a room with a leaky valve and remediation of mold on the walls and reconstruction of the wall, some electrical work, installation of a new compressor and motor compressor and installation of new radiant tube heaters. **Councillor Wilson** - I am in favour of this but there was a line in the report that I didn't understand. There was a \$20,000. 2019 budget allocation mentioned and I am just wondering what was that all about because I don't remember that. Mr. Murray, Mayor Fell and Councillor Ralke all believed that was for the new compressor. **CARRIED 6-0**

Skate Park Construction - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield award the construction of the Springfield Skate Park to Radius Contracting and Transition Construction up to a total project cost of \$390,000.* **Colleen Draper** - Reading from a report prepared by Shawn Wilkinson who was not able to make the meeting. In the fall of 2018 Scatliff & Miller & Murray was retained to undertake a site selection, community engagement, and conceptual design process which is located to the south east of the RM Building. A conceptual design was developed and presented to the public for comment and further refinement. Two bids were received. The funding sources are Federal Gas Tax Fund, Bi Pole III CDI reserve, and a donation of \$40,000. from the Springfield Kinsmen. Radius Contracting and Transition Construction came in with a bid of \$345,750.00. **CARRIED 6-0**

NOTE: I would like to know what happened to the portable Skate Park that was purchased in 2015, I believe, for \$30,000. or thereabouts and was mainly located at the Oakbank Community Club. I cannot seem to get an answer from anyone on its whereabouts. It seems to me this could be located at the Anola Community Club to provide recreation for children in the area.

School Division Ward Boundaries Request - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield direct Administration send a letter to the Sunrise School Division requesting that the Sunrise School Division Ward Boundaries be reviewed.* **Mayor Fell** - I think just, I think that's appropriate or maybe a study be undertaken, like I don't know what, I don't have any suggestions for wording. Does anybody else on Council have suggestions for wording? **Councillor Fuhl** - Well, my concern is that if it's to be reviewed, they will say they reviewed it and is that really what we're asking for, just reviewing it or are we actually asking them to go out there and do.... **Mayor Fell - Interrupting** Ok so we can put in something like to reflect representation by population before the next election cycle, ooh to be implemented by the next election cycle. (2020) This is weird. Can you read it out again. *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield direct Administration to send a letter to the Sunrise School Division requesting that the school division ward boundaries be reviewed and revised to reflect representation by population prior to the next election cycle.* **Mayor Fell** - Any further comments or questions from Council. **CARRIED 6-0** **NOTE: Council is responsible for reviewing the ward boundaries of the RM of Springfield. Has any progress been made in that regard?**

Financial Statements - *Be it resolved that the Financial Statements for the months of January, February and March 2019 be accepted as presented.* **Mayor Fell** - Is there any comments or questions from Council? The only comment I will make is we have that question from Ms. Nysten on the reporting so we can pass that on to Jody and as per our by-law, she will have 30 days to get back to her. Any other comments from Council? **CARRIED 6-0**

List of Accounts - Salaries \$594,633.36 Western Financial AMM Health Plan \$13,741.10 **Councillor Wilson** - I just had a question as to what we spent \$14,608.52 for Broadview Networks. **Colleen Draper** - That would be the new IT server at the new building on Main. **CARRIED 6-0** **NOTE: I would have a question if I were on Council and that is, why are there 2 cheques to an aggregate business, one for \$99,886.50 and another for \$100,239.24 if there are outstanding amounts owing the RM from that company.**

John Q WMR Announcement - *Be it resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend a WMR John Q special announcement on June 20th in the RM of Rosser at their discretion.* **CARRIED 6-0** **NOTE: At one of the meetings earlier in this Council's term it was announced the intention to send only one or two people to events, courses, conferences, etc. Here they are again delegating all of Council to attend and this is not even a work meeting, it is merely an announcement. I believe all those attending will receive mileage and an hourly rate for attending the event. Is this in keeping with the Guiding Principles of their Strategic Plan and good fiscal management of tax dollars?**

CLOSED MEETING **Land Negotiations** **ADJOURNED.**

DELEGATIONS - Jan Regehr re Pineridge Hollow Expansion Plans. She began by mentioning the purpose of her delegation, their guiding values, the expansion, the timelines, and the benefits to the RM. She gave a brief history of her business since its inception in June 1992 on her acreage. A carriage house was added in 1995 which was later moved to the current property, sold to her by a private aggregate company as the sand beneath it by her report is of little value. She spoke of what they currently offer including the restaurant, retail area, furniture showroom, clothing boutique, and general store. As well, they have a wedding venue on the premise which can seat up to 250 people and a farmers market that is currently operated from 9 to 1 every weekend in season. Short hours are due to lack of parking. She mentioned their values, people (their tribe) which are the most important asset, staff and patrons alike, healthy community, environmental responsibility (they have geothermal heating, use of local products and grow their own wherever possible, buy Canadian and North American if they can, seek out environmentally responsible suppliers, and discourage waste). They have started a regenerative farm, the philosophy of which is to input to the soil more than they extract. She more than once referred to the natural beauty of the area. She then spoke of their three year expansion plans of a farm store, farmers market expansion, merchants village with quaint stores run by local entrepreneurs, expanding the greenhouse and garden centre, and building an inn and spa with outdoor treatment areas. She had a slide show with examples of what they would like to develop in the future, describing the expansion of the business as an organic process. She showed the section of land they wish to purchase from the municipality, approximately 11 acres. She said the Birds Hill Park authority are receptive to having a gate access to the park from there. The expansion would be phased over 3 years. The benefits would include increased tourism, increased spending in the community, increased tax revenue, increased employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for residents, and community pride. Mayor Fell said Council would put it on their Committee of the Whole for discussion, ask their CAO to do some research on the land along with Planning, then would bring it back after Committee of the Whole to a Council meeting. She had asked the CAO to check if there was a previous resolution about selling this piece of land to Ms. Regehr but nothing was found so there is nothing to rescind. There were no questions of Council but **Councillor Wilson** remarked the idea was wonderful.

NOTE: Ms. Regehr owns a very large piece of property nearby that would be sufficient to have everything she proposes in one location away from aggregate extraction. Why would she not want to locate her business in a place more conducive to pedestrian traffic and more aesthetically pleasing to the eye on the drive to the venues?

A concerned citizen sent the following to me via e-mail.

There were some objections to the changes that were proposed to the Springfield Development Plan on May 23, 2019. Council doesn't seem to listen or care, so we sent ours to Minister Jeff Wharton. They need Provincial approval to pass these changes, so please send your objections to his office. Email address is minmr@leg.gov.mb.ca

These were our comments sent to him. "We had sent an email to all of the RM of Springfield Council and the CAO Colleen Draper on May 9, 2019 related to concerns about many of the decisions that they were making. It included an objection to the change in designation to Rural Residential. Here is a copy of what was sent on this issue:

ZONING BY-LAW and SECONDARY PLANS: Your newsletter makes it sound innocent. Yet, I have heard talk about multi-family residential development planned for land that was zoned agricultural. Any multi-family residential development should be in an area that will be connected to water and sewer lines. Growth needs to be balanced with environmental issues to be able to sustain the RM." At the May 23, 2019 planning meeting, they held a public hearing which we weren't able to attend. Our objections weren't counted. There were 5 others who did object. The only one who supported it was the applicant. The audio file of the meeting has a male giving the history of what was done. Comments that he made were:

- Recommend second reading after public hearing if there are no objections.
- Reply from your office referred to the Development Plan and mentioned the proximity to aggregate operations.
- Manitoba Agriculture objected because it is inconsistent with the Development Plan
- Sustainable Development said there should be engineered drainage plans.
- **There were 5 objections at the hearing, objections from three Provincial departments plus our previous email. Yet they gave second reading. Only 4 council members voted to pass it.**

The Development Plan that was just recently passed took many years to complete. It involved a lot of public input to get approval. It is our understanding that your office can prevent this by-law from progressing to a third reading or call for a public hearing. Your assistance in protecting the Development Plan would be appreciated."

Reply from the Province received today:

"Thank you for your recent email to Honourable Jeff Wharton, Minister of Municipal Relations, outlining your opposition to Rural Municipality of Springfield By-law No. 19-08 that proposes to amend Springfield Development Plan By-law No. 18-09. As Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Planning and Development in Municipal Relations, I am pleased to respond. I understand that the intent of the By-law is to redesignate certain lands in a rural portion of Springfield to accommodate additional rural residential development and that you are opposed to the proposed land use change. Please be advised that under The Planning Act, the Minister must approve any development plan By-laws or amendment By-laws before they can be given third reading and come into force and effect locally. The Minister will take all correspondence received regarding By-law No. 19-08 into consideration in his review of the By-law."

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOICE YOUR OBJECTIONS TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF AUTHORITY. Spread the word to those who may have concerns about this. More objections can only help!