Village of Spring Lake
Regular Council Meeting Agenda
May 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm
Village of Spring Lake Council Chambers
990 Bauer Avenue, Spring Lake, AB

Council or Administration may attend via tele/video conference.

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Agenda – May 14, 2024
Recommendation: Motion to adopt

3. Adoption of Council Minutes

3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2023
Recommendation: Motion to approve

3.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023
Recommendation: Motion to approve

4. Presentations

None

5. Delegations

None

6. Correspondence

6.1 Information Correspondence

- Financial Statements
- Parkland County, Re: March 2024 Enforcement Services Activity Report
- April 2024 Speed Sign Statistics
- Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, Re: Response to Village's Correspondence Regarding Drought

6.2 Other Correspondences

- M Vermeiren, Resident, RE: 2024 Property Assessment Concerns

Recommendation: Motion to accept the above Correspondence and direction from Council

7. *Reports*

7.1 Capital Region Assessment Services Commission – Councillor Quinn
7.2 Yellowhead Regional Library – Mayor Shewchuk
7.3 Environmental Advisory Committee – Councillor MacCormack
7.4 Website/Social Media Advisory Committee – Councillor Zaplotinsky
7.5 Event Planning Committee – Deputy Mayor Sera
7.6 Community League – Councillor MacCormack
7.7 Administration/Public Works – Emily House and Tony Siegel
Recommendation: Motion to accept as information

8. *New Business Items*

8.1 Bill 20
Recommendation: Discussion and motion from Council

8.2 2024 Municipal Budget
Recommendation: Motion from Council

UNADOPTED

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9. ***By-Laws and Policies***

9.1 **Community Standards Bylaw**
Recommendation: Direction from Council

9.2 **Bylaw No. 406 – 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw**
Recommendation: Motions from Council

9.3 **Bylaw No. 407 – 2024 Tax Penalty Bylaw**
Recommendation: Motions from Council

10. ***Unfinished Business***

10.2 **Community Sustainability Plan**
Recommendation: Motion from Council

10.1 **Firesmart**
Recommendation: Discussion and direction from Council

11. ***Additions***

None

12. ***Public Question/Answer***

- Maximum time allotment of 15 minutes

13. ***Closed Sessions***

13.1 **Lands – Enforcement - Plan 2586CL, Block 2, Lot 5**
As per FOIP Section 24

13.2 **Lands – Enforcement - Plan 962 3765, Block 3, Lot 5A**
As per FOIP Section 24

13.3 **Lands – Enforcement - Plan 2219 CL, Block 5, Lot 5**
As per FOIP Section 24

13.4 **Lands – Proposed Recommendations and Advice**
As per FOIP Section 22

14. ***Adjournment***

UNADOPTED

VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
APRIL 9, 2024
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
990 BAUER AVENUE, SPRING LAKE, ALBERTA
AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor:	Jason Shewchuk
Deputy Mayor:	Melanie Sera
Councillors:	Adam MacCormack Kasey Quinn Chris Zaplotinsky
Administration:	Emily House, Chief Administrative Officer (via tele/video conference) Janet Zaplotinsky, Administrative Manager
Public Works:	Tony Siegel, Public Works Manager
Others Present:	Laura Marcato, Seniuk & Company.

There were six members of the public present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shewchuk called the April 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Agenda – April 9, 2024

Motion 2024-059 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that Council adopts the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting agenda with the following additions:

11.1 West Parkland Gas Co-Op AGM

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – March 12, 2024

Motion 2024-060 **MOVED BY** Councillor Kasey that Council adopts the March 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 L. Marcato, Seniuk & Company, Re: 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Ms. Marcato reviewed the 2023 Audited Financial Statements with Council. It was reported that the municipality is in a good financial position.

Motion 2024-061 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack to accept and approve the 2023 Audited Financial Statements for the Village of Spring Lake as presented.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Information Correspondence

- Financial Reports including:
  - Payment of Accounts – March 2024
  - Revenue and Expense Summary – as of March 31, 2024
- March 6, 2024, Parkland County, Re: February 2024 Enforcement Services Activity Report
- March 2024 Electronic Speed Sign Statistics
- March 18, 2024, ABMunis, Re: Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2024 Budget

6.2 Other Correspondence

None

Motion 2024-062 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky to accept and file the above correspondence for information purposes.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

7.1 Assessment – Councillor Quinn

Councillor Quinn verbally reported that there is a CRASC Meeting scheduled for April 18, 2024.

7.2 Yellowhead Regional Library – Mayor Shewchuk

Mayor Shewchuk presented the YRL 2023 Annual Report was presented to Council. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2024.

7.3 Environmental Advisory Committee – Councillor MacCormack

Councillor MacCormack verbally reported that the EAC reached out to Rona to see if they would be interested in supplying composters at a reduced price and that they have signed up for Pitch in Canada again. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024

7.4 Website Advisory Committee – Councillor Zaplotinsky

Report attached.

7.5 Event Planning Committee – Deputy Mayor Sera

Deputy Mayor Sera verbally reported on the status of the Summer Vendor and Community Garage Sale where posters are made and sent to office for printing. There are five vendors that have signed up. The Rain Barrel Sale at Rona is scheduled for May 4, 2024 and volunteers have been found to work this event.

7.6 Community League – Councillor MacCormack

Councillor MacCormack verbally reported that the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt was successful along with the coloring contest. There is a fundraiser with Kiwi Nurseries that is currently happening. Some fun recreational evenings will be scheduled when the rick opens. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024

7.7 Administration/Public Works – Emily House/Randy Denby

Report attached.

Motion 2024-063 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that the reports, both written and verbally presented, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Special Council Meeting Date

Motion 2024-064 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn to schedule a Special Council Meeting for May 8, 2024 at 7:00pm to discuss the 2024 Budget.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

9.1 Community Standards Bylaw

Council was presented with several Community Standards Bylaws for review. Council will review these bylaws and provide Administration suggestions on what should be included.

Motion 2024-065 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky that Council accept the discussion and table Agenda Item No. 9.1 – Community Standards Bylaw to the May 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Community Sustainability Plan Update

Council reviewed and discussed amendments to the Community Sustainability Plan.

Motion 2024-066 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Council direct Administration to make the minor grammatical issues and to table Agenda Item No. 10.1 – Community Sustainability Plan Update to the May 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.2 Smith Crescent Meadow Lane Access

Administration reported that one letter was received regarding the maintenance of the South Meadow..

Motion 2024-067 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council approve the continuation of the summer and winter maintenance of the South Meadow following Policy No. 2014-02 and No. 2019-02 provided the maintenance does not cause damage to the Village's equipment.

CARRIED

10.3 Firesmart Committee

Administration presented the Request for Decision which was discussed by Council.

Motion 2024-068 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council direct Administration to continue with the Wildfire Assessment and Mitigation Strategies.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-069 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Council direct Administration to schedule a date with Kyle Sherman to do a sample FireSmart Assessment.

CARRIED

11. ADDITIONS

11.1 West Parkland Gas Co-Op Annual General Meeting

Motion 2024-070 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that Council approve the attendance of three Members of Council to attend the West Parkland Gas Co-Op Annual General Meeting being held on April 16, 2024.

CARRIED

12. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

There were questions and comments regarding the booking of the arena and purchase of arena equipment.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion 2024-071 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Agenda Item No. 13.1 Lands-Enforcement-Plan 2586CL, Block 2, Lot 5 as per FOIP Section 24, Agenda Item No. 13.2 Lands-Enforcement-Plan 962 3765, Block 3, Lot 5A as per FOIP Section 24, Agenda Item No. 13.3 Lands-Enforcement-Plan 2219 CL, Block 5, Lot 5 as per FOIP Section 24, and Agenda Item No. 13.4 Lands-Proposed Recommendations and Advice as per FOIP Section 22 at 9:56pm

CARRIED

Present: Mayor Shewchuk, Deputy Mayor Sera, Councillor MacCormack, Councillor Zaplotinsky, Chief Administrative Officer Emily House, Administrative Manager Janet Zaplotinsky, and Public Works Manager Tony Siegel.

13.1 Lands – Enforcement – Plan 2586CL, Block 2, Lot 5
FOIP Section 24

13.2 Lands – Enforcement - Plan 962 3765, Block 3, Lot 5A
As per FOIP Section 24

13.3 Lands – Enforcement - Plan 2219 CL, Block 5, Lot 5
As per FOIP Section 24

13.4 Lands – Proposed Recommendations and Advice
As per FOIP Section 22

Motion 2024-072 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack to open the meeting to the public at 9:22pm.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-073 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council extend the compliance date for Enforcement Order on lands legally described as Plan 962 3765, Block 3, Lot 5A until August 31, 2024.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 2024-074 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that the April 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:38 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Administrator

VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
MAY 8, 2024
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
990 BAUER AVENUE, SPRING LAKE, ALBERTA
AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor:	Jason Shewchuk
Deputy Mayor:	Melanie Sera
Councillors:	Adam MacCormack Kasey Quinn Chris Zaplotinsky
Administration:	Emily House, Chief Administrative Officer (via tele/video conference)
Public Works:	Tony Siegel, Public Works Manager

There were six members of the public present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shewchuk called the May 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda – May 8, 2024

Motion 2024-075 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that Council adopts the May 8, 2024, Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 2024 Municipal Budget

Council was presented with the 2024 Municipal Budget and Grant/Capital Plan Overview for 2024 to 2027. Council reviewed the budget in detail, discussed options to fund future capital projects and different tax rate scenarios for 2024. Council opened the floor to the public for questions and clarification.

Motion 2024-076 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council accepts the 2024 Municipal Budget and related documents as information and direct administration to make the amendments as discussed.

CARRIED

4. CLOSED SESSION

Motion 2024-077 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Agenda Item No. 4.1 Budget – Human Resources as per FOIP Section 17 at 9:35pm

CARRIED

Present: Mayor Shewchuk, Deputy Mayor Sera, Councillor MacCormack, Councillor Zaplotinsky, Chief Administrative Officer Emily House, and Public Works Manager Tony Siegel.

13.1 Budget – Human Resources
FOIP Section 17

Motion 2024-078 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn to open the meeting to the public at 9:35pm.

CARRIED

No motions arose from the Closed Session.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 2024-079 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that the May 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:36 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Administrator

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
Phone: 780-968-8400 Fax: 780-968-8403

April 10, 2024

The Village of Spring Lake
990 Bauer Avenue
Spring Lake AB T7Z 1S9

Dear Emily,

Subject: Enforcement Services Invoice for the Month of March 2024

I am pleased to provide the Village of Spring Lake with a breakdown of the services provided by Parkland County Enforcement Services.

In the month of March 2024 there were three calls for service.

Date	File No.	Officer	Incident Type	Outcome	Cost
2024/MAR/10	2024-148-0396	TOBAR	Spring Lake – Fire Bylaw	Complaint was received about a Spring Lake resident burning an unattended fire. Officer called COM and fire was already extinguished. COM stated she would contact Enforcement Services if there were further concerns.	$0.00
2024/MAR/12	2024-148-0406	BEAUMONT	Spring Lake – Other	Request was made for Parkland County Officer to assist Spring Lake Safety Codes Officer with an inspection. Inspection was conducted with no issues.	$50.00
2024/MAR/22	2024-148-0476	BLATZ	Spring Lake – Noise Bylaw	Complaint was received about a Spring Lake residence playing loud, excessive music. Officer spoke with SOC and issued verbal warning for noise.	$50.00
TOTAL					$100.00

The pro-active patrols and traffic enforcement were provided as follows:

Contract Hours			
Date/Time Start	Hours	Officer	Fine Revenue
2024/MAR/01 0757Hrs	0.67	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/06 1449Hrs	0.50	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/07 1606Hrs	0.50	BEAUMONT	

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2024/MAR/08 1610Hrs		0.33	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/12 0728Hrs		0.50	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/13 1025Hrs		0.50	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/16 1632Hrs		0.33	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/17 1412Hrs		0.67	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/18 2111Hrs		0.50	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/23 1112Hrs		0.50	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/24 0734Hrs		1.00	BEAUMONT	
2024/MAR/28 0911Hrs		0.42	BEAUMONT	
Total Man Hours:		6.42 Hrs.		
Violation Tickets				
Date/Time	Charge	Ticket #	Officer	Fine Amount
Total				

Calls for Service:	$ 100.00
Proactive Patrols Fee:	$ 600.00
Monthly Admin. Fee:	$ 2,500.00
Total Cost	**$3,200.00**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours truly,

Mackenzie Blackburn
Parkland County Enforcement Services
Phone: 780-968-8888 Ext. 8277
Email: mackenzie.blackburn@parklandcounty.com

Weekly Report: Statistics Summary

Location: 243 Range Road 20 Southbound
Address: 243 Range Road 20, Spring Lake, Alberta, T7Z 2V2, Canada
Speed Limit: From schedule 50 km/h

Report Period: 2024-04-01 to 2024-05-05
Total Vehicle Count: 7974

Hour	Total Vehicle	Average Vehicles	Total Violations	PercentViolations	MIN Speed	MAX Speed	Speed Average	85% Speed km/h
00:00 - 01:00	33	7	20	61 %	10	82	54	66
01:00 - 02:00	14	3	10	71 %	33	75	41	60
02:00 - 03:00	11	2	8	73 %	H 40	82	48	67
03:00 - 04:00	13	3	8	62 %	36	70	39	63
04:00 - 05:00	24	5	20	H 83 %	33	83	59	74
05:00 - 06:00	152	30	94	62 %	20	70	52	61
06:00 - 07:00	259	52	140	54 %	32	76	52	60
07:00 - 08:00	449	90	218	49 %	6	83	50	60
08:00 - 09:00	500	100	H 261	52 %	8	82	51	60
09:00 - 10:00	378	76	133	35 %	25	84	48	55
10:00 - 11:00	426	85	150	35 %	11	79	48	56
11:00 - 12:00	475	95	147	31 %	8	77	46	55
12:00 - 13:00	489	98	175	36 %	5	80	47	56
13:00 - 14:00	465	93	139	30 %	9	78	46	55
14:00 - 15:00	632	126	153	24 %	5	79	46	52
15:00 - 16:00	620	124	153	25 %	5	74	45	53
16:00 - 17:00	H 784	H 157	223	28 %	5	84	47	54
17:00 - 18:00	670	134	258	39 %	7	78	48	56
18:00 - 19:00	442	88	161	36 %	5	83	49	56
19:00 - 20:00	355	71	131	37 %	5	H 105	48	56
20:00 - 21:00	329	66	109	33 %	5	79	47	55
21:00 - 22:00	260	52	101	39 %	9	90	50	58

Speed (km/h)	Count
1-5	16
6-10	29
11-15	21
16-20	50
21-25	64
26-30	137
31-35	282
36-40	688
41-45	1387
46-50	2404
51-55	1541
56-60	745
61-65	339
66-70	138
71-75	80
76-80	36
81-85	14
86-90	1
91-95	1
96-100	0
101-105	1
106-110	0
111-115	0

22:00 - 23:00	123	25	50	41 %	14	93	49	62
23:00 - 24:00	71	14	34	48 %	26	85	50	59
Summary	7974	1596	2896	AVG: 45 %	5	105	AVG: 48	AVG: 59

116-120	0
121-125	0
126-130	0
131-135	0
136-140	0
141-145	0
146-150	0
151-155	0
156-160	0
Total	7974

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Vehicle Count

Location:	243 Range Road 20 Southbound	Report Period:	2024-04-01 to 2024-05-05
Address:	243 Range Road 20, Spring Lake, Alberta, T7Z 2V2, Canada	Total Vehicle Count:	7974
Speed Limit:	From schedule 50 km/h		

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Week Average	Speed Average	85% Speed(km/h)
00:00 - 01:00	1	1	1	6	4	11	9	3	10	5	54	66
01:00 - 02:00	1	n/a	n/a	1	3	3	6	2	5	3	57	60
02:00 - 03:00	n/a	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	56	67
03:00 - 04:00	4	2	1	3	n/a	n/a	3	3	3	3	55	63
04:00 - 05:00	5	4	2	6	2	1	4	4	3	3	59	74
05:00 - 06:00	30	23	24	33	22	9	11	26	10	22	52	61
06:00 - 07:00	46	56	49	56	34	11	7	48	9	37	52	60
07:00 - 08:00	90	79	73	93	77	33	4	82	19	64	50	60
08:00 - 09:00	82	75	86	91	75	51	40	82	46	71	51	60
09:00 - 10:00	48	63	59	56	58	50	44	57	47	54	48	55
10:00 - 11:00	68	52	49	51	61	75	70	56	73	61	48	56
11:00 - 12:00	62	59	57	68	68	77	84	63	81	68	46	55
12:00 - 13:00	59	62	59	57	65	93	**H 94**	60	94	70	47	56
13:00 - 14:00	62	50	70	40	64	94	85	57	90	66	46	55
14:00 - 15:00	89	96	87	91	107	81	81	94	81	90	46	52
15:00 - 16:00	81	93	95	73	96	93	89	88	91	89	45	53
16:00 - 17:00	**H 114**	**H 123**	**H 115**	**H 119**	**H 122**	**H 114**	77	119	96	112	47	54
17:00 - 18:00	106	121	88	107	111	77	60	107	69	96	48	56
18:00 - 19:00	60	74	50	65	71	67	55	64	61	63	49	56
19:00 - 20:00	50	52	51	39	64	54	45	51	50	51	48	56
20:00 - 21:00	63	45	31	51	49	42	48	48	45	47	47	55
21:00 - 22:00	33	30	29	40	38	59	31	34	45	37	50	58
22:00 - 23:00	21	13	21	8	25	25	10	18	18	18	49	62
23:00 - 24:00	7	3	4	5	24	23	5	9	14	10	50	59
Total	1182	1178	1103	1161	1241	1146	963	1177	1062	1142	AVG: 50	AVG: 59

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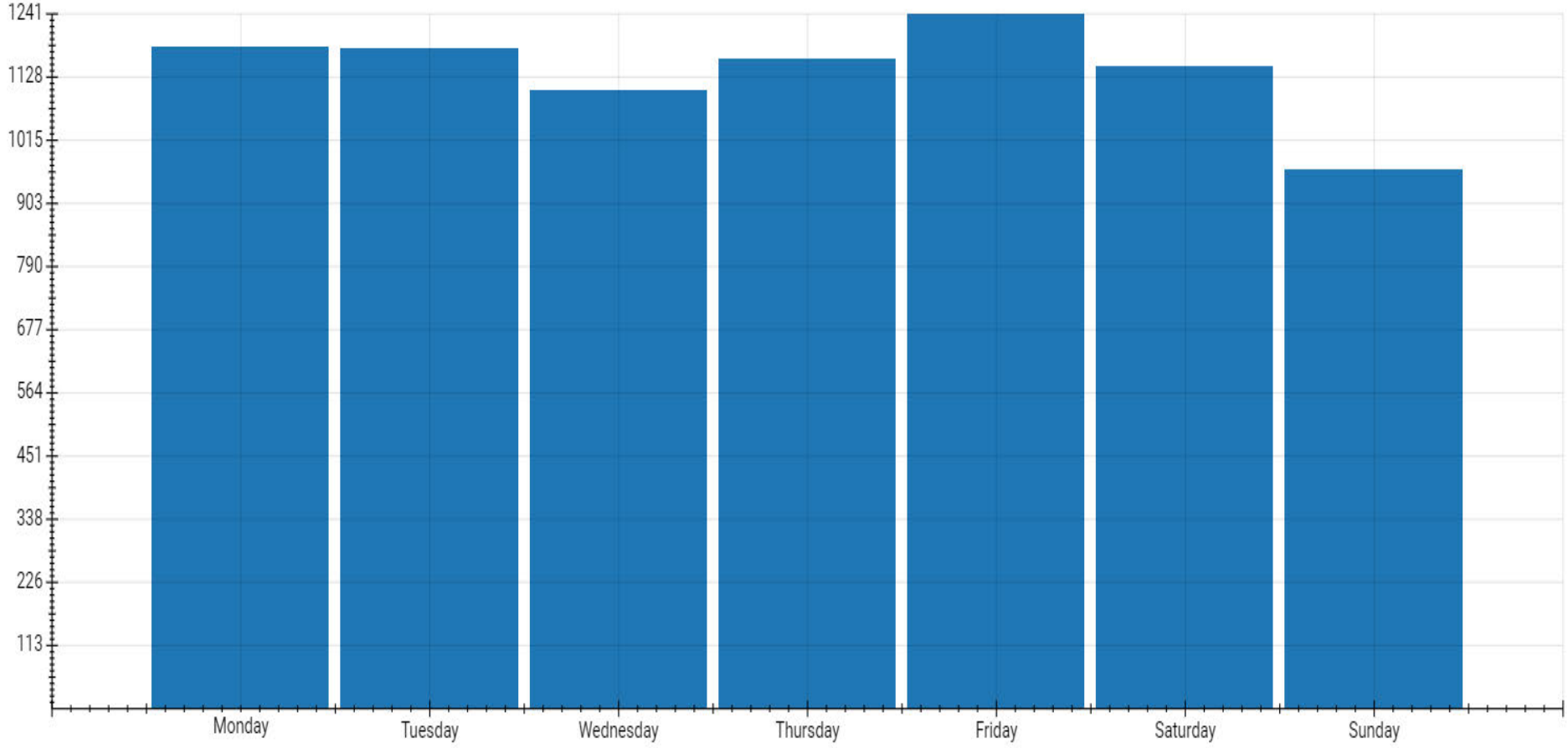
Weekly Report: Daily Values

Location: 243 Range Road 20 Southbound

Address: 243 Range Road 20, Spring Lake, Alberta, T7Z 2V2, Canada

Report period: 2024-04-01 to 2024-05-05



VEHICLE COUNT

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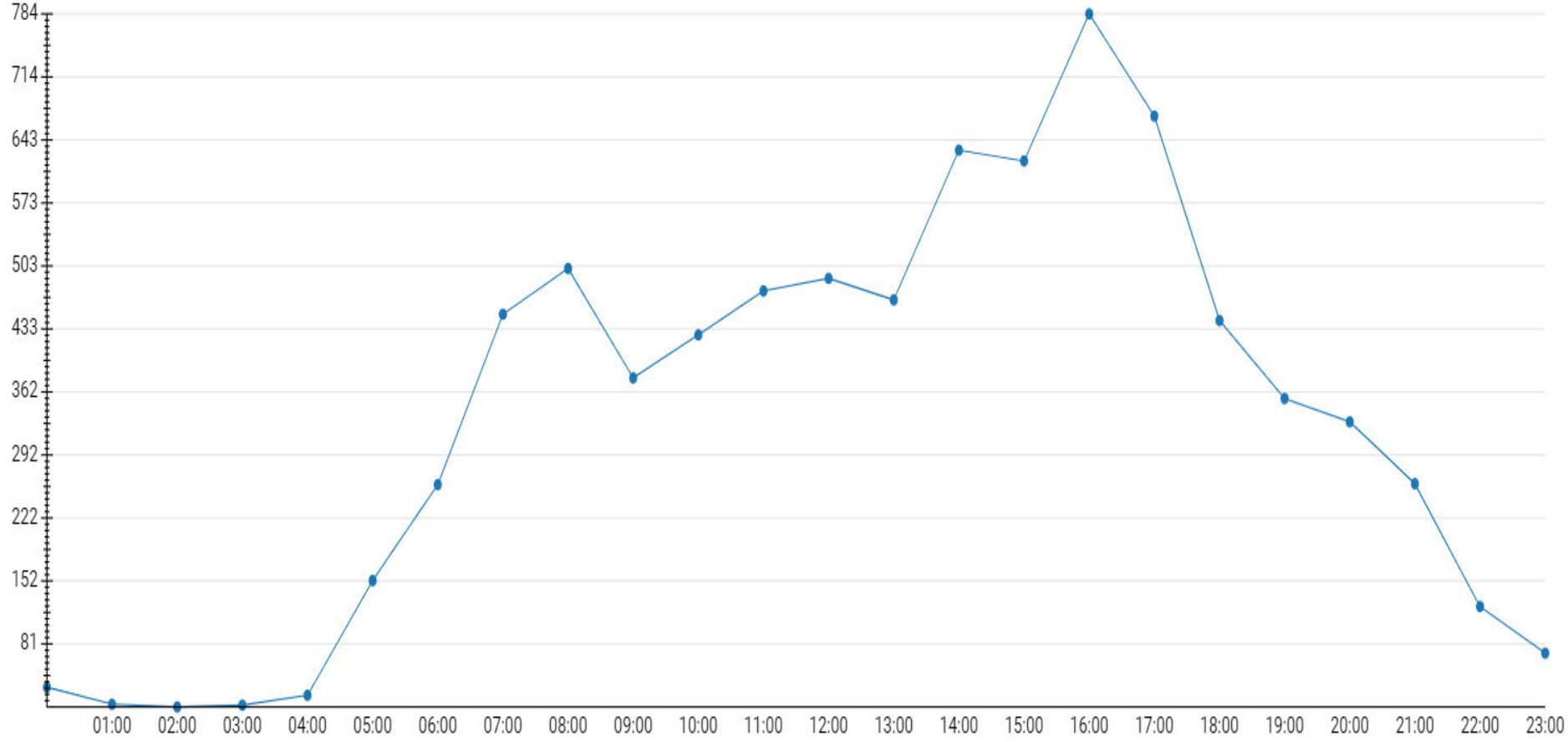
Weekly Report: Hourly Values

Location: 243 Range Road 20 Southbound

Address: 243 Range Road 20, Spring Lake, Alberta, T7Z 2V2, Canada

Report period: 2024-04-01 to 2024-05-05



VEHICLE COUNT

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Speed Stats

Month: April		Location: 2069 Spring Lake Dr		Camera: 402612	
Day:	# Vehicles:	# Violators:	Top Speed:	Time:	Avg. Speed:
1	205	102	98	1500	31
2	222	101	56	1530	30
3	205	100	66	2130	30
4	174	79	54	630	30
5	182	94	62	1800	30
6	203	106	57	1500	31
7	208	81	101	200	29
8	269	114	54	1300	29
9	230	89	51	1400	29
10	239	93	56	900	29
11	245	95	80	1530	28
12	234	119	58	1500	30
13	228	82	59	1400	28
14	208	110	56	900	30
15	198	92	59	1800	30
16	205	84	56	1730	29
17	224	111	51	1630	30
18	229	116	57	1700	30
19	255	109	61	730	30
20	227	113	66	1900	30
21	172	84	53	1100	29
22	273	110	61	2230	28
23	292	90	54	1530	28
24	303	103	56	1730	28
25	265	98	68	1730	27
26	254	114	54	1830	30
27	245	105	64	1300	29
28	190	98	54	830	30
29	270	108	82	1830	28
30	214	86	61	1000	28
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Speed Stats

Month: April		Location: 507 Lakeside Dr		Camera: 402617	
Day:	# Vehicles:	# Violators:	Top Speed:	Time:	Avg. Speed:
1	112	35	50	1530	29
2	139	51	85	1030	29
3	127	46	48	1200	28
4	128	54	57	1630	30
5	122	53	51	1330	30
6	115	45	53	2130	29
7	110	41	51	1500	28
8	126	42	48	1200	28
9	126	47	51	1500	29
10	119	42	46	1630	28
11	129	53	50	900	29
12	163	59	49	1300	30
13	120	47	45	1300	29
14	119	47	48	1530	28
15	141	47	50	2000	28
16	133	43	46	900	29
17	128	55	66	1500	30
18	127	53	56	1100	30
19	152	66	59	1900	30
20	128	66	53	1730	30
21	111	38	50	1730	29
22	122	50	51	1000	29
23	129	57	56	800	30
24	138	51	51	1000	29
25	140	54	107	800	30
26	140	51	53	900	29
27	136	55	51	1100	29
28	98	39	51	1600	29
29	137	64	53	1100	29
30	123	54	51	1030	30
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ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

April 9, 2024

His Worship Jason Shewchuk
Mayor
Village of Spring Lake
990 Bauer Avenue
Spring Lake AB T7Z 2S9
villageoffice@springlakealberta.com

Dear Mayor Shewchuk:

Thank you for your letter about the Village of Spring Lake's efforts to ensure a sustainable future for its residents.

In response to the current conditions, Environment and Protected Areas created a Drought Command Team and is finalizing a 2024 Drought Emergency Plan, laying out the tools and resources we can use to manage a significant drought. The department is also carefully monitoring snowpack, precipitation, and river levels to ensure Albertans have the information they need to be prepared.

Since spring 2023, staff from Environment and Protected Areas, and Agriculture and Irrigation, have been working closely with licence holders, major water users, and all our partners to conserve water and plan for drought. This includes taking effective and collaborative steps to help manage water now, and in the future.

As part of Budget 2024, the Alberta government recently announced $125 million in new investments to help vulnerable municipalities adapt to severe weather. The Drought and Flood Protection Program will aid communities in developing the long-term infrastructure needed to improve their drought and flood resilience.

Information for municipalities, including how communities can prepare for water shortages, is available at alberta.ca/drought. More information on the Drought and Flood Protection Program is available at alberta.ca by searching for "Drought and Flood Protection Program."

To discuss Alberta's drought response further, please contact Mr. Greg Smith, Northern Basin Lead, in Edmonton, at 780-690-2279, or at greg.j.smith@gov.ab.ca.

204 Legislature Building, 10800 - 97 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada Telephone 780-427-2391

Classification: Protected A

I wish the village all the best with its Wildfire Community Preparedness Day preparations. For more information on Alberta's FireSmart program, including how residents can learn to mitigate the risks and impacts of fires that affect their communities, please visit alberta.ca and search for "FireSmart."

Thank you again for your letter. I value the Village of Spring Lake's continued commitment to sustainability and drought preparedness.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Classification: Protected A

From: M Vermeiren [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Villageoffice <villageoffice@springlakealberta.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Property assessment

Hi,

We live at [redacted] Willowview Blvd. and have some concerns about the 2024 property assessment for our place and our neighborhood in general.

Our concern is that the assessments on our property since we took possession of the house in December 2022 seem wholly disconnected from the reality of the real estate market conditions that the assessors claim to use as the basis for assessments. To illustrate, the previous owners had listed the house for $650k, almost $30k above the 2022 assessed value. We bought from them after it had been listed for 4 months for more than $10k below the 2022 assessment.

The most recent assessment for our property came in at $685,600. Ordinarily this would be something to be welcomed if it were truly reflective of market conditions but since the spring of 2022, we have seen multiple increases in mortgage rates, with fewer listings that remain for longer on the market, and sold at prices at, or below, 2022. Indeed, on the 31 July 2023 date the assessors used collect market data for the value of our house, we would not have likely been able to sell for more than $600k. This has been confirmed to us directly by a couple of real estate agents we have spoken to and is backed up by recent market data.

All of this is to say that the average 10% valuation increases the past 2 years is simply not credible, nor acceptable as the assessments form the basis of our property taxes (already far too high!). We are not alone in this sentiment either - we have spoken to many on our street who have experienced and feel likewise.

We understand that the Village is not responsible for the assessments themselves, but is there not some concern when, quite unbelievably, a whole area (referring to Willowview Blvd.) is valued 10% higher despite a slow/downward market? Is there not a sense of responsibility to join its property-owning residents in questioning suspect valuations? I ask this because we contacted KCL Consulting regarding our assessment, (as have many of our neighbors), and we have all been nonchalantly offered 5% reductions in our assessments. If this can be so casually done, how were the initial 10% increases arrived at?

As a municipal/corporate entity, the Village could be much more persuasive than an individual homeowner in questioning the accuracy and methodology of the assessors it uses. I therefore ask you to take this up with KCL as well and report back to Village residents on any answers/info received. In the meanwhile, we intend to seek further remedy for our assessment.

Regards,

Mark Vermeiren and Catherine Pausler
[redacted]

Environment Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes Summary
April 17, 2024

TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, AND PROVIDE ADVICE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE

Lake Watch – Spring Lake is on a wait list with them for next year. We have however, gotten approved to be a part of the Lake Keepers program, and between all of our members, we should be able to get on the lake often enough when required and gather the information they are looking for.

Logo – one of our members developed a logo for us, so we will now be using it on all our documents

Dry conditions management – we are working on gathering information for a display on the photo boards for June and July.

Fishing line disposal units – a member contacted the Clear Your Gear people. This is an organization that helps lakes gather broken fishing line and has containers for the disposal of the line at the shoreline. They will send out three disposal units free of charge for our community.

Loon survey and Birds Canada – one of our members has been collecting data and reporting to Birds Canada for 33 of the 40 years they have existed. However, this member has submitted his resignation as of our last meeting. We would like to Thank him for his 18 years of volunteering with the EAC and the important role he has played over those years.

Both loon platforms have been launched again this spring. They usually get put out the day of or withing two days of the ice going out.

Trout Club member – we have been contacted by the Edmonton Trout Fishing Club in February regarding one of their members joining the EAC. As in past discussions, they are more than welcome to join, however, the person would have to be a Spring Lake resident.

The Environmental Action Plan will be revised in June adding to and revising the water section of the plan regarding water harvesting and water conservation during dry spells/seasons.

Next Meeting: June 5th, 2024

The Village of Spring Lake Website Stats (For Reference)

Mouth	Facebook Followers 2023	Facebook Followers 2024	Facebook Reach 2023	Facebook Reach 2024	Instagram Followers 2023	Instagram Followers 2024	Instagram Reach 2023	Instagram Reach 2024	Total Unique Web Page Views 2023	Total Unique Web Page Views 2024	Total Web Page Views 2023	Total Web Page Views 2024
January	594	594	1300	664	60	81	60	64	5,861	7,116	21,759	25,977
February	512	593	1600	571	55	81	51	90	3,715	4,761	17,471	14,104
March	512	594	699	338	81	82	41	71	5,224	5,478	20,720	15,140
April	525	599	3,299	974	41	84	72	69	5,156	8,610	19,143	22,443
May	537		2,726		53		49		5,738		20,720	
June	538		1,698		53		53		7,097		24,070	
July	552		1,835		60		44		5,807		22,703	
August	557		2,437		62		58		5,650		24,159	
September	574		4,891 (Spiked Sept 15th)		65		73		7,569		23,840	
October	575		773 (Down 83%)		59		59		8,811		26,426	
November	576		804		69		67		8,592		24,505	
December	589		2,807		78		76		8,159		24,480	
	Monthly Average - 558		Monthly Average - 2,363		Monthly Average - 60		Monthly Average - 61		Year Total - 77,379		Year Total - 269,385	Total to Date - 83,994

Definitions:

Followers - The # of people that have opted-in to "Follow" your profile or Page.
Reach - The # of people who saw any content from your page or about your page.
Unique Web Page Views - A person who has viewed the website at least once and is counted only once in the reporting time period

The Village of Spring Lake April 2024 Website Report

Continued to keep the home page up to date and current
Updated the EAC section with more the info Bonnie has sent over.
We linked the EAC into the Environmental News tab so that they are easier to find
Updated the public service page and added in contact information for everyone
We added a water conservation page with inform for residences on how to conserve water with in their property
On the Fire Smart Page we added the latest Fire Smart Neighbourhood Awareness Video for information

Village of Spring Lake

CAO Report – May 2024

Capital Projects

The Engineer is currently working with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas regarding the drainage outlet. This may push the construction start date back, however, the contractor has been made aware and will work with our schedule.

FireSmart

A startup meeting was held for the Wildfire Assessment with Mitigation Strategies in late April. The assessment will be conducted during May with a draft of the report being submitted to the Village in late September. Administration has been in contact with the Parkland FireSmart Coordinator to discuss possible FireSmart events for the Village. There has also been four FireSmart Assessments conducted in the Village.

2024 Budget and Taxation Notices

Council held a Special Council Meeting on May 8, 2024 where Council was presented with the 2024 Municipal Budget and Grant/Capital Plan Overview for 2024 to 2027. Council reviewed the budget in detail, discussed options to fund future capital projects and different tax rate scenarios for 2024. Administration will present the final 2024 Municipal Budget and 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw at the May 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Village of Spring Lake

Public Works Report – May 2024

Overview of Public Works tasks in April 2024 is as follows:

- Picked up office furniture for administration.
- Hydraulic fitting repair on Bobcat
- Open rink as multi use area,
- Install new flower beds on RR15 entrances.
- Rototill sandy areas in playgrounds
- Picked up 2 spill trays and 2 Spill containment units
- Fire extinguishers installed on Zero turns
- Servicing summer equipment
- Street sweeping has commenced
- Ongoing monitoring of the beaver population plugging the culvert in the Ranch

Bill 20 – *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*

The proposed *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, makes changes to two key pieces of municipal-related legislation: the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) and the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

- The **LAEA** establishes the framework for the conduct of elections in Alberta municipalities, school divisions, irrigation districts and Metis Settlements.
- The **MGA** establishes the rules governing the conduct of local elected officials once on council, as well as the overall administration and operation of municipal authorities in Alberta.

Changes to local election rules under the LAEA

Proposed changes to the LAEA aim to add greater transparency to and trust in local election processes.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
• Align candidate eligibility criteria with councillor disqualification criteria in the MGA.	Candidates elected to council may face immediate disqualification due to misalignment with the MGA's criteria.
• Allow municipalities to require criminal record checks for candidates.	No provisions in place.
• Allow union and corporate donations to local candidates, with the same donation limits as individual donors ($5,000 per municipality per year). • Allow donations outside the local election year and require annual reporting of donations.	Unions and corporations were prohibited from donating to municipal campaigns in the 2021 campaign. Donations outside of the campaign period (January 1 to December 31 in the year of a general election) were restricted to a maximum of $5,000 per year.
• Require third-party advertisers interested in plebiscites to register and report finances. Only Albertans, Alberta companies and Alberta unions can contribute to issues-based third-party advertisers, up to a maximum of $5,000.	The LAEA only regulates third-party advertising for the promotion or opposition of a candidate during an election. There is no reference to issue-based advertising.
• Limit donations to third party advertisers to $5,000 per election period, which begins May 1 of the election year.	The current donation limit is $30,000 for all individuals, unions, and corporations.
• Enable regulation-making authority to define local political parties. This approach will be piloted in Calgary and Edmonton.	No provisions in place to regulate political parties at the local level.
• Repeal the municipal authority to develop a voters list.	Municipalities can prepare a voters list, which must be shared with all candidates.
• Require municipalities to prepare a permanent electors register and align that information with Elections Alberta.	A permanent electors register is an internal document that assists with the conduct of an election. Municipalities can choose to develop one or not.

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• Expand the use of special ballots while strengthening special ballot processes.	Special ballots can only be requested for very specific reasons, including physical disability, absence from the municipality, or for municipal election workers.
• Limit vouching to the ability to vouch for someone's address.	An elector can vouch for an individual's age, residence, and identity.
• Repeal the ability for a candidate's official agent or scrutineer to object to an elector.	Candidate's official agents or scrutineers can object to an elector; however, the elector can still vote.
• Enable regulation-making authority to postpone elections in emergencies.	No provisions in place to enable the Minister to postpone an election in the event of a natural disaster.
• Prohibit automated voting equipment, such as electronic tabulators.	The LAEA permits municipalities, by bylaw, to process ballots by automated voting equipment.
• Require recounts if requested by a candidate when the margin is within 0.5 percent of total votes.	Returning officers have discretion regarding recounts.
• Clarifying rules and streamlining processes for scrutineers.	Concerns have been raised that the rules for scrutineers are not clear.

Strengthening the accountability of local councils under the MGA

Proposed changes to the MGA will help ensure local councils and elected officials are mindful of the common interests of Albertans and held to greater account by the citizens who elected them.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
• Require a councillor's seat to become vacant upon disqualification.	Municipal councils or electors can only remove a disqualified councillor through the courts if they refuse to vacate their seat.
• Require mandatory orientation training for councillors.	Training for councillors must be offered, but there is no requirement for the councillor to attend the training.
• Allow Cabinet to remove a councillor if in the public interest, or to order a referendum to determine whether the councillor should be removed.	Minister can only remove a sitting councillor through the municipal inspection process and only under very specific circumstances.
• Allow elected officials to recuse themselves for real or perceived conflicts of interest.	Elected officials can only recuse themselves for matters in which they have a financial interest.
• Make the Minister responsible for validating municipal recall petitions.	A municipality's chief administrative officer is responsible for validating recall petitions.
• Enable Cabinet to require a municipality to amend or repeal a bylaw.	Cabinet may only intervene with respect to a land use bylaw or statutory plan.
• Give Cabinet authority to direct a municipality to take specific action to protect public health and/or safety.	No provisions exist.

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• Allow the Minister to outline joint use planning agreement criteria and requirements.	All criteria for these agreements are currently in the *MGA*.
• Specify that the assessed person for an electric generation system is the operator.	There is a lack of clarity regarding who should be assessed for electrical generation systems.

Accelerating housing development under the MGA

Affordable and attainable housing has become one of the most urgent concerns across the country, and Alberta's government is constantly searching for innovative ways to meet this challenge, including new tools for municipalities to leverage under the MGA.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
• Require municipalities to offer digital options for public hearings on planning and development and restrict them from holding extra hearings when not required by legislation.	No requirements in place for digital options. Municipalities can hold extra hearings beyond what's legislated.
• Fully exempt non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation.	No provisions in place.
• Enable multi-year residential property tax incentives.	Municipalities may offer multi-year incentives for non-residential development, but not residential development.
• Limit the ability of municipalities to require non-statutory studies as requirements for building and development permits.	No provisions in place.

Next steps

Should the legislation pass, supporting regulations would be developed through stakeholder engagement with municipalities and other partners, which is expected to take place in late spring and summer of 2024. If passed, it is anticipated the legislation would come into force upon Royal Assent.

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Key Messages and Proposed Council Motion on Bill 20: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act

May 9, 2024

Key Messages for ABmunis' members:

The NAME OF MUNCIPALITY recommends that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*, due to concern that Bill 20's proposed legislative amendments will:

- Increase divisiveness within council and our community instead of encouraging collaborative decision-making to solve the future challenges our community faces.
- Prioritize the interests of the provincial cabinet over the interests of the residents of MUNICIPALITY.
- Increase the influence of corporations and unions in municipal government through political donations to local candidates, which will drown out the interests of everyday Albertans who cannot afford to donate large sums of money to political campaigns.
- Create tax inequities between individuals and corporations as it relates to donations to municipal candidates.
- Give power to the provincial cabinet to remove a councillor without clear criteria, which creates an environment where councillors will become more accountable to provincial government leaders instead of our local residents.
- Increase costs for property taxpayers by forcing a hand count of election results instead of allowing the use of proven and more cost-effective electronic equipment.
- Increase costs for property taxpayers by forcing our municipality to create and regularly maintain a permanent electors register.
- Allow councillors to claim that they have a perceived conflict of interest and avoid making politically challenging decisions in council.
- Remove our council's ability to determine what studies are needed for each type of development. Without the power to ask developers for that information, our municipality will be forced to fund those studies ourselves and pass the cost onto all existing residents instead of new development paying for itself.
- Fail to address the fundamental flaws of the current recall rules, which has destabilized the local political environment.
- Fail to give municipalities the option to require candidates to file financial disclosures prior to election day.
- Lead to unforeseen consequences because of the short window, without full input from municipal governments, in which Bill 20 was developed.

Messages that are more specific to smaller and more rural municipalities:

- Forces the NAME OF MUNICIPALITY to conduct online public hearings on planning and development which is not possible due to a lack of high-speed internet in our municipality.
- Increases costs for property taxpayers by forcing our municipality to purchase audio and video equipment that will enable residents to participate in public hearings through an online format.

Alberta Municipalities
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Proposed Council Motion

Municipalities may consider passing a motion in council to communicate your council's view of Bill 20. The following is a template that municipalities may use or consider developing your own motion based on your council's views.

That the NAME OF MUNICIPALITY send a letter to the Premier that recommends that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, due to the extensive concerns raised by municipal leaders across Alberta, including MUNICIPALITY council, and that the Government of Alberta engage municipal governments through a collaborative and trust-based consultation process to update the Local Authorities Election Act and Municipal Government Act to assist municipal governments to effectively govern in the interests of their residents and deliver on the future needs of each community in Alberta.

Background

- In fall 2023, the Government of Alberta conducted an online survey on a wide scope of issues related to the *Local Authorities Election Act* and *Municipal Government Act*.
- On April 25, 2024, the Government of Alberta introduced Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act.
    - Bill 20
    - Government of Alberta's Summary Sheet on Bill 20 – April 25, 2024
- On April 29, 2024, ABmunis hosted a media conference to respond to proposals in Bill 20.
- On May 2, 2024, Minister McIver announced that the province will introduce amendments to clarify aspects of Bill 20 based on concerns raised.
- On May 3, 2024, ABmunis published a preliminary analysis report on Bill 20.
- On May 8, 2024, ABmunis hosted webinar for municipalities and sought member input on ABmunis' position on Bill 20. Based on a webinar poll with 221 responses, 76 per cent of members want Bill 20 to be rescinded and 8 per cent don't have an opinion yet.
- As of May 9, 2024, Bill 20 is at second reading.
- The spring legislative session is scheduled to end May 30, 2024.

ABmunis' Resources and News Releases on Bill 20

- Visit ABmunis' Keep Local Elections Local webpage to access our analysis, videos, and resources.
- April 25, 2024 news release
- April 29, 2024 news release
- May 8, 2024 news release

From:	Tyler Gandam
To:	Emily House
Subject:	Key messages and motion on Bill 20's changes to the MGA and LAEA
Date:	May 9, 2024 2:39:31 PM
Attachments:	20240509 ABmunis member key messages and motion on Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act.pdf 20240508 ABmunis webinar - Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act.pdf

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Dear Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs:

Thank you to those of you who attended our webinar yesterday, where we provided an overview of ABmunis' concerns with Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act. Bill 20 proposes substantial and highly concerning changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) and *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) that would change local democracy as we know it.

The webinar generated significant interest with over 370 municipal representatives participating. During the webinar, we conducted a poll where 76 per cent of those representing ABmunis member municipalities voted that ABmunis should advocate for Bill 20 to be rescinded. Based on that input, ABmunis responded by releasing this news release yesterday.

To help strengthen our call for Bill 20 to be rescinded, we ask you to:

- Talk to your MLA
- Write a letter to Premier Smith, Minister McIver, and/or your MLA
- Pass a motion in council (see attachment for an optional template)
- Contact your local media
- Talk with your residents about Bill 20

To help you speak to your concerns with Bill 20, we provide the following materials:

1. ABmunis' May 8 webinar presentation on Bill 20 (attached)
2. Key messages and proposed council motion on Bill 20 (attached)
3. ABmunis' Preliminary Analysis of Bill 20
4. Visit our Keep Local Elections Local webpage for videos of media conferences and resources
5. Bill 20: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act

Our preference would have been to avoid these actions if the Government of Alberta had meaningfully engaged and listened to municipal leaders about how to improve the LAEA and MGA. At this time, Bill 20 is at second reading and the provincial government could move to approve it in short order during this spring legislative session, which ends May 30th. Therefore, we encourage you to take action now to make sure your residents and our provincial leaders fully understand your views on Bill 20.

If you have any questions about ABmunis' advocacy on Bill 20, please reach out to me, your ABmunis Board member, or our Policy and Advocacy staff at advocacy@abmunis.ca.

Thank you,
Tyler Gandam

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We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

From:	Adam MacCormack
To:	Emily House
Cc:	Jason Shewchuk; Melanie Sera; Kasey Quinn; Chris Zaplotinsky
Subject:	Re: Community Standard Bylaws
Date:	April 10, 2024 8:05:27 AM
Attachments:	Community Standards Bylaw - Edmonton.pdf Community Standards Bylaw - Stony Plain.pdf Parkland Community Standards Bylaw.pdf Parkland County Addressing Bylaw.pdf St Alberta Community Standards Bylaw.pdf SV of Sunbreaker Cove Community Standards Bylaw.pdf Village of Rosemary Community Standards Bylaw.pdf

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Good morning,
Here are my thoughts for what should be in the community standards bylaw. The only one I am on the fence about is fire pits. City of Edmonton has it included in theirs. I thought have it in this bylaw it might be easier to find for residents.

Community standards bylaw
- Noise bylaw
- Fire pit? Edmonton
- Unsightly property (maintaince of building)
- Weed bylaw
- Municipal addressing
- Construction waste
- Littering and graffiti

Adam

> On Mar 18, 2024, at 1:11 PM, Emily House <emily@springlakealberta.com> wrote:
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> Good afternoon.
>
> As requested, please find copies of different Community Standards Bylaws. I have attached bylaws from different types of municipalities so everyone can understand what we can put in ours.
>
> Please let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Have a great day.
>
> -Emily
>
> *Emily House*
> *Chief Administrative Officer*
> **Village of Spring Lake**

VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE

BYLAW #406

BEING A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE 2024 TAXATION YEAR.

WHEREAS the Village of Spring Lake has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures as required, at the Regular Council Meeting held on May 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal expenditure and transfers set out in the budget for the Village of Spring Lake for 2024 total $1,667,558.25; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation for the Village of Spring Lake is estimated at $741,057.00, and the balance of $926,501.25 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund	
Residential/Farmland	$319,144.64
Non-residential	$ 2,374.44
Evergreen CSRD #2	
Residential/Farmland	$ 54,403.13
Non-residential	$ 9,611.50

Total School Requisition	$ 385,533.71
Designated Industrial Property Requisition	$ 35.03

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Spring Lake is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures and the requisitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Status of Alberta, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in the Village of Spring Lake as shown on the assessment roll is:

	Assessment
Residential/Farmland	$154,834,610.00
Non-residential	$ 3,409,410.00
Exempt	$ 4,296,900.00

	$ 162,540,920.00

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Village of Spring Lake, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Village of Spring Lake:

	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
General Municipal			
Residential and Farmland	$861,709.05	$154,834,610.00	5.5654
Non-residential	$ 29,202.96	$ 3,409,410.00	8.5654
Residential Minimum Tax	$ 32,169.12		
Commercial Minimum Tax	$ 3,420.12		
ASFF			
Residential	$319,144.64	$132,284,650.00	2.4126
Non-Residential	$ 2,374.44	$ 675,410.00	3.5155
EVERGREEN CSRD #2			
Residential	$ 54,403.13	$ 22,549,960.00	2.4126
Non-Residential	$ 9,611.50	$ 2,734,000.00	3.5155
Designated Industrial Property	$ 35.03	$ 457,880.00	0.0765

2. That the minimum amount payable per Residential parcel as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be $1,250.00.

3. That the minimum amount payable per Commercial parcel as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be $1,500.00.

4. That this bylaw should take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

Read a first time this 14th day of May 2023.

Read a second time this 14th day of May 2023.

Read a third time this 14th day of May 2023.

Village of Spring Lake

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE

BY-LAW #407

A BY-LAW BEING ENACTED TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES ON UNPAID TAXES

WHEREAS, by authority of Section 344 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, Council may impose penalties in the year in which a tax is imposed if the tax remains unpaid after the date shown on the tax notice.

AND WHEREAS, by authority of Section 345 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M-26, a Council may impose penalties in any year following the year in which tax is imposed if the tax remains unpaid after December 31 of the year in which it is imposed.

AND WHEREAS, the penalty imposed under Section 344 shall be added to and form part of the unpaid taxes, as long as no penalty is imposed sooner than 30 days after the tax notice is sent out.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Village of Spring Lake duly assembled **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

1. All current taxes levied in the year 2024 are required to be paid on or before June 30, 2024.

2. A penalty of six (6%) percent shall be added to all current levies not paid on or before June 30, 2024.

3. A penalty of twelve (12%) percent shall be added to all current levies not paid on or before August 31, 2024.

4. A penalty of eighteen (18%) percent shall be added to all taxes and arrears remaining unpaid after December 31, 2024.

5. Said penalties shall be added to and form part of the unpaid taxes.

6. This By-Law shall come into effect for all taxes levied in the year 2024, and for all arrears of taxes still remaining unpaid after June 30, 2024.

7. That this By-Law rescinds all previous tax penalty By-Laws.

8. That this bylaw should take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

READ a first time this 14th day of May 2023.

READ a second time this 14th day of May 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 14th day of May 2023.

Village of Spring Lake

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan 2024

Village of Spring Lake

Updated for

2024 TO 2029

Village of Spring Lake

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Introduction

Municipal Characteristics 2024

Total Area of Municipality (hectares)	283
Length of all Open Roads Maintained (kms)	10.55
Storm Drainage Mains Length (kms)	2

Population	772
Number of Dwelling Units	337
Water and Wastewater Mains Length (kms)	0

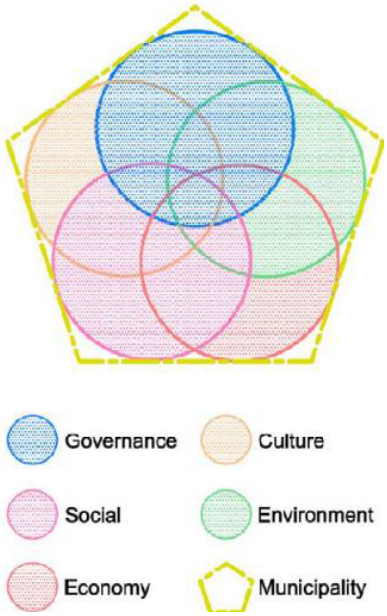
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN OVERVIEW:

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Project started in 2009 when the process was undertaken to meet the requirements set out in the revenue sharing agreements between the federal, provincial, and municipal governments under the New Deal for Cities and Communities. The Village of Spring Lake undertook a community engagement process to create the first Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for the Village. In 2015, this grant became the Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) between Canada and Alberta to transfer federal gas tax funding to Alberta municipalities. Subsequently, each Alberta municipality was invited to join this program and signed an agreement with the Province of Alberta outlining the requirements and benefits under the program. In 2021 the FGTF was renamed the Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF). Although an ICSP has not been a requirement in recent years, a multi-year capital plan is. The Village of Spring Lake has developed and maintained a five-year capital plan since 2020 which provides the ability for the municipality to plan for the future. Council for the Village of Spring Lake recognizes the invaluable input and engagement from residents in planning for the future hence the continued focus of updating the ICSP.

The ICSP is a long-range plan that consists of five dimensions – environmental, governance, economic, social, and recreational/cultural – to be developed through public consultation and will provide direction to their Multi-Year Capital Infrastructure Plan.

The five dimensions of a Sustainable Community are:

- **Environment** – Preserving quality and natural built environments that minimize the negative impacts of development.
- **Governance** –Ensuring transparent, collaborative, and inclusive decision making in which representation and leadership is accountable to the community.
- **Economy** – Creating a flourishing and diverse local economy through decisions that create conditions conducive to economic development and communities in which people want to live and do business.
- **Social** – Allowing the growth of communities that promote stability, diversity, and a high quality of life for all.
- **Recreational/Culture** –Celebrating vibrant and festive communities for the expression and enhancement of a distinct identity and strong sense of place.



This report is an updated version of the ICSP that was first developed in 2009 and provides a summary of what the community's vision for Village of Spring Lake is in the future, how we will achieve this vision and how we will ensure its sustainability.

Current Situation

With the close proximately to Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Edmonton, the Village of Spring Lake has remained a desirable place to live and play over the years. The Village itself surrounds Spring Lake, which is a quiet, tranquil lake that is enjoyed by many. With its abundance of wildlife, it is a nature lover's paradise to watch the birds, fish or hear the call of the loon. The development of many recreational initiatives including a new multi-use outdoor arena, playgrounds, trails, and dog park along with the development of many community committees including the Environmental Advisory Committee, Event Planning Committee and Spring Lake Community League increases the attractiveness of Spring Lake for residents and visitors. As a result, the Village of Spring Lake has seen residential growth of 7.97% in the past five (5) years with several infill developments and the final completion of the Spring Lake Ranch development.

The Village does not have a huge commercial footprint as many amenities are only 10 minutes away. However, the Village does have a few commercial properties including Spring Lake RV Resort. When this resort is open from May to October, we see the number of people in the Village double.

Spring Lake is often described as a hidden jewel. It offers many municipal services including garbage and recycling pick-up, exceptional road maintenance, streetlights throughout the community, paved roads, an outdoor arena, numerous playgrounds, walking trails and urban reserves. The Council of the Village comprises of five Councillors along with an Administration including a long-tenure CAO, Administrative Manager and Administrative Assistant and a Public Works Department including a Public Works Manager and Laborer and two additional seasonal staff during the summer months.

For the past two years, the Village of Spring Lake has encouraged residents to come forth with input, ideas, and their vision for Spring Lake. This included a Community Survey in the Spring of 2023, a Community Meeting in the Fall of 2023 that gave residents an opportunity to give input and feedback on initiatives they would like to see in the Village of Spring Lake in each of five dimensions. The Council for the Village of Spring Lake gathered for two additional meetings in the Fall of 2023 which focused on setting priorities based on the information gathered through the Community Meeting and Survey. The Village of Spring Lake Community Sustainability Plan is the product of those discussions that Council, residents, and staff participated in.

Vision and Mission

During the Community Meeting held since 2009, residents were asked what they valued about Spring Lake and what can be done to improve our Village and thrive as a community. The following can best represent the resident's and Council's vision.

What is valued . . .

- Lake clean/healthy
- Nature/wildlife
- Beauty and quietness
- Sense of community
- Safe
- Festivals/community engagement
- Small community atmosphere
- Good services
- Recreation space
- Quiet country living

The ICSP hopes to achieve . . .

- Maintain green space for all to enjoy the beauty of Spring Lake.
- Increase involvement of residents.
- Develop more walking trails, parks, and recreational facilities.
- Maintain the history of the Village and protect what we have.
- Develop cultural opportunities.
- Educate and encourage best practices for healthy lakeshore and lake.
- Continue reviewing development opportunities while maintaining unique community atmosphere.

Council's mandate is to ensure that the Village of Spring Lake should exist as a viable and autonomous municipality. This mandate was combined with resident's input to create a Vision and Mission Statement.

Our Vision

The Village of Spring Lake will endeavor to maintain its small village atmosphere with a strong sense of pride and to enjoy its natural beauty and history by creating a safe, tranquil place to live, work and play.

Our Mission

Our mission is to be sustainable by focusing on the social, environmental stewardship and economic well-being of the community through thoughtful planning and management.

Key Issues and Opportunities

Environment

Key environmental issues and opportunities identified by Council and the public include the following:

- Responsible protection of environmentally sensitive areas.
- Educate the public on environmental best practices.

Governance

Key governance issues and opportunities identified by Council and the public include the following:

- Review and update bylaws and policies along with enforcement.
- Continue to update and develop long-term municipal sustainability planning.

Economy

Key economic issues and opportunities identified by Council and the public include the following:

- Improving the availability of better internet services.
- Economic sustainability policies.
- Increase municipal support for small and home-based, local businesses.

Social

Key social issues and opportunities identified by Council and the public include the following:

- Support and work with the Community League.
- Fostering social engagement.

Recreational/Culture

Key recreational/cultural issues and opportunities identified by Council and the public include the following:

- Support and continue to ensure current recreational resources are being utilized.
- Develop connecting trails throughout the community.

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Environmental Strategies and Actions

Environmental Strategic Priority #1 Responsible Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Areas			
Key Results ▪ Ensure the sustainability and protection of the lake and surrounding areas through education and planning.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Continue funding local environmental stewardship organizations.	Council	Ongoing	$1,500/yr.
Budget funding for aeration project for Spring Lake.	Council	Ongoing	$3,000/yr.
Review current signage and confirm if it remains relevant and look at strategic placement of additional signage.	Administration/Public Works	2nd Qtr. 2025	$2,000
Produce environmental sensitive areas map.	Administration/Public Works	1st Qtr. 2025	$2,000

Environmental Strategic Priority #2 Educate Residents with Environmental Best Practices			
Key Results ▪ Ensure that the Village Spring Lake leads by example and educates residents on environmental stewardship and best practices.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Hold and/or work in conjunction with local stewardship organizations to hold workshops on relevant and significantly important topics.	Administration/Local Organizations	Ongoing	$1,500/yr.
Plan, integrate and highlight to community best practices that have been suggested by the Environmental Advisory Committee and other organizations.	Administration/Public Works	Ongoing	$1,000 - $8,000/yr. depending on project

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Governance Strategies and Actions

Governance Strategic Priority #1 Update Bylaws to Ensure Protocols are Current and Enforceable			
Key Results ▪ Up-to-date bylaws that reflect the Village of Spring Lake's current atmosphere of transparent, enforceable expectations.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Take five oldest bylaws and policies and review annually.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	$2,000/yr.
Develop protocols regarding education, warnings, and enforcement of bylaws.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	no cost
Digitizing educational presentations regarding bylaws and enforcement.	Administration	4th Qtr. 2027	$5,000/yr.

Governance Priority #2 Continue to Update and Develop Long-Term Municipal Sustainability Planning			
Key Results ▪ Evolving strategies that foster long-term sustainability for the municipality.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Continue to add to reserve fund.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	$20,000/yr.
Review our Asset Assessment Management Plans on an annual basis.	Administration/Public Works	Ongoing	no cost
Develop a long-term reserve fund policy.	Council/Administration	4th Qtr. 2024	no cost
Continue fostering partnership with Parkland and FireSmart Canada and Alberta on FireSmart protocols.	Administration/Public Works	Ongoing	$3,000/yr.

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Economic Strategies and Actions

Economic Strategic Priority #1 Improve Availability of Better Internet Service			
Key Results ▪ Reliable internet services that support the municipality's day-to-day operations, residents, and local businesses.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Define residents' target for reliable internet and what would they we willing to invest to do that and expectations on how much they would pay per month for internet service.	Administration	3rd Qtr. 2024	no cost
Investigate the opportunity with local internet providers to research the possibility of group plans.	Administration	2nd Qtr. 2025	no cost
Develop Wi-Fi hotspot infrastructure for Spring Roade Park Recreational Area.	Administration	4th Qtr. 2024	$1,500/yr.

Economic Priority #2 Economic Sustainability Process			
Key Results ▪ Continued stability of taxes with policies developed to focus on minimal municipal tax increases and sustainability funds.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Manage the Village's reserve funds to stabilize taxes.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	no cost
Continue to provide 2nd Budget Meeting.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	$1,500/yr.
Annexing of lands	Council/Administration	2027	$20,000
Continue to implement tax strategies to meet provincial tax ratio benchmarks.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	no cost

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Economic Strategies and Actions

Economic Strategic Priority #1 Increase Municipal Support of Small and Home-Based, Local Businesses			
Key Results ▪ Educate and support for the small and home-based businesses located within Spring Lake.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Encourage and provide promotion for licensed businesses.	Council/Administration	2nd Qtr. 2025	$1,500/yr.
Provide advertising and sponsorship opportunities for small local businesses.	Administration	2nd Qtr. 2025	$2,500

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Social Strategies and Actions

Social Strategic Priority #1 Support and Work with the Spring Lake Community League (SLCL)			
Key Results ▪ Fostering initiatives that expands the ability to provide community support through social and recreational activities.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Developing funding model and plan/agreement.	Council/Administration/ SLCL	3rd Qtr. 2024	$4,500/yr.
Continue to provide Village resources and amenities for use.	Administration	Ongoing	$1,000/yr.
Collaborate with and support the SLCL to research and try to acquire funding opportunities that provides a mutual benefit to the community.	Administration/SLCL	4th Qtr. 2024	no cost

Social Priority #2 Fostering Social Engagement for All Ages			
Key Results ▪ A strong, socially active, and diverse community presence, connected through the engagement of all Spring Lake Residents.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Continue utilizing the Village's assets to support local activities for all ages.	Council/Administration	Ongoing	no cost
Research starting and setting up Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).	Council/Administration	1st Qtr. 2026	$10,000/yr.
Promoting Seva Exchange.	Administration	2027	$3,000/yr.

Key Results, Strategies and Actions

Recreational/Cultural Strategies and Actions

Recreational/Cultural Strategic Priority #1 Support Current Recreational Resources			
Key Results ▪ Support and continue to ensure current recreational resources are being utilized.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Support Little Library initiative and look at expansion opportunities that uses the same concept.	Council/Administration/Public Works	4th Qtr. 2025	$2,500
Develop and promote a community freestanding farm stand initiative feasibility study.	Administration	3rd Qtr. 2025	$1,200/yr.

Recreational/Cultural Priority #2 Community Trails			
Key Results ▪ Develop connecting trails through the community.			
Strategies	**Who**	**When**	**Budget**
Develop long-term maintenance and development plan to include accessibility requirements, winter trail options, and trail standardization.	Administration/Public Works	2027/28	$2,000
Develop recreation maps including topography of trails (stairs, parks, lookout areas, paved, road, grass).	Administration/Public Works	2027/28	$5,000