VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
MAY 14, 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 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 May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Agenda – May 14, 2024

Motion 2024-080 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that Council adopts the May 14, 2024, Regular Council Meeting agenda was presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – April 9, 2024

Motion 2024-081 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council adopts the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Special Council Meeting – May 8, 2024

Motion 2024-082 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky that Council adopts the May 8, 2024, Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Information Correspondence

- Financial Reports including:
  - Payment of Accounts – May 2024
  - Revenue and Expense Summary – as of April 30, 2024
- April 10, 2024, Parkland County, Re: March 2024 Enforcement Services Activity Report
- April 2024 Electronic Speed Sign Statistics
- April 9, 2024, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, Re: Response to Village's Correspondence Regarding Drought

6.2 Other Correspondence

- M. Vermeiren, Resident, Re: 2024 Property Assessment Concerns

Motion 2024-083 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack to accept and file the above correspondence for information purposes.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-084 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn to direct Administration to schedule the Municipal Assessor to attend a Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

7.1 Assessment – Councillor Quinn

Councillor Quinn verbally reported that there is a CRASC Meeting scheduled for June 6, 2024. There is currently 69 municipalities that utilize the Assessment Review Board. There have been 50 Assessment Review Board complaints submitted with 20 of those being withdrawn.

7.2 Yellowhead Regional Library – Mayor Shewchuk

Mayor Shewchuk verbally reported that the next meeting is scheduled for June 2024.

7.3 Environmental Advisory Committee – Councillor MacCormack

Written report submitted.

Councillor MacCormack also verbally reported that the aerators were taken out of the lake on April 30, 2024. The lake was stocked on May 1, 2024. The Rain Barrel Sale was held on May 8, 2024 with stock being sold out in 1 ½ hours.

7.4 Website Advisory Committee – Councillor Zaplotinsky

Written report submitted.

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 four vendors have confirmed with another three residents signing up for the garage sale. There will be coffee and donuts available as a fundraiser at the event. The next Event Planning Committee will be scheduled the end of May or beginning of June.

7.6 Community League – Councillor MacCormack

Written report submitted.

7.7 Administration/Public Works – Emily House/Tony Siegel

Written report submitted.

Motion 2024-085 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that the reports, both written and verbally presented, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

8.1 Bill 20

Council discussed the documentation provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs and ABMunis regarding Bill 20 and the request by ABMunis to support their position on Bill 20.

Motion 2024-086 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that the Village of Spring Lake 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 the Village of Spring Lake 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..

CARRIED

8.2 2024 Municipal Budget

The 2024 Municipal Budget for the Village was presented to Council for review. Administration noted the changes to the budget based on the discussions at the Special Council Meeting held on May 8, 2024.

Motion 2024-087 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council approve the 2024 Municipal Budget as presented.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

9.1 Community Standards Bylaw

Council discussed any further contents of Community Standards Bylaw. Administration will draft a bylaw for presentation to Council at the July 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion 2024-088 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky that Council direct Administration to draft a Community Standards Bylaw for presentation to Council at the July 2024 Regular Council Meeting and to table Agenda Item NO. 9.1 Community Standards Bylaw to the June 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

9.2 Bylaw No. 406 – 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw

Council was presented with the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw for the Village of Spring Lake with Administration explaining the components of the bylaw and how the tax rates were calculated.

Motion 2024-089 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that Bylaw No. 406 being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation against assessable property Village of Spring Lake in the Province of Alberta for the 2024 Taxation Year be given first reading.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-090 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Bylaw No. 406 be given second reading.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-091 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 406.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion 2024-092 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky that Bylaw No. 406 be given a third and final reading, and that it be declared passed.

CARRIED

9.3 Bylaw No. 407 – 2024 Tax Penalty Bylaw

Council was presented with the 2024 Tax Penalty Bylaw for the Village of Spring Lake. Administration confirmed that the penalty rates and dates when those penalties are applied remain the same as in the previous three years.

Motion 2024-093 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Bylaw No. 407 being a bylaw to provide for penalties on unpaid taxes be given first reading.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-094 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Bylaw No. 407 be given second reading.

CARRIED

Motion 2024-095 **MOVED BY** Councillor Zaplotinsky that Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 407.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion 2024-096 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Bylaw No. 407 be given a third and final reading, and that it be declared passed.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Community Sustainability Plan Update

Council reviewed the final Community Sustainability Plan.

Motion 2024-097 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn that Council approve the 2024 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

CARRIED

10.2 Firesmart Committee

Administration reported that Parkland County has conducted four FireSmart Assessments in Spring Lake. Administration also reported that Kyle Sherman, FireSmart Coordinator for Parkland County, will work with Spring Lake, Council Liaison to a FireSmart Committee and a FireSmart Champion to set up a FireSmart Committee for the Village of Spring Lake.

Motion 2024-098 **MOVED BY** Councillor MacCormack that Council approve a FireSmart Committee for the Village of Spring Lake, to appoint Councillor Zaplotinsky as the Council Liaison for the Committee and to direct Administration to schedule a start-up meeting.

CARRIED

11. ADDITIONS

None

12. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

There were questions and comments regarding the FireSmart Committee, mowing closer to the lake and the Large Item Drop Off Event.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion 2024-099 **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 9:07 pm

CARRIED

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

Randal Altheim left the meeting at 9:07 pm and returned at 9:13 pm.

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

Randal Altheim left the meeting at 9:26 pm and did not return.

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 2024-100 **MOVED BY** Councillor Quinn to open the meeting to the public at 10:10 pm.

CARRIED

No motions arose from the Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 2024-101 **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Sera that the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:11 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Administrator