

Springfield Council Meeting Agenda Review

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Summary

Meeting Summary:

The Springfield Council meeting was held on June 17th, 2025, at 6 p.m. Mayor Patrick Terrien and all council members were present. The meeting began with a land acknowledgment, recognizing the ancestral land of the Nishinabi Aski, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Métis peoples.

The agenda was approved unanimously, followed by the adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting. The delegations section was then addressed, where Kent and Jeremy presented an update on the current situation in the community.

The main discussion point was the review of the RM's numbers, which showed a decrease in various categories, including thefts and break-ins. The RM's staff explained that some of the reported thefts were not actually thefts, but rather internal family disputes or misunderstandings. The RM also reported on a number of specific incidents, including thefts of trailers, vehicles, and license plates, as well as break-ins and vandalism.

The meeting concluded with a review of the RM's numbers and a discussion of the challenges faced by the community. The council members expressed appreciation for the RM's efforts to address these issues and looked forward to working together to improve the situation.

Key decisions and outcomes include:

1. **Break-ins and thefts**: The majority of break-ins and thefts occur in a specific area, and it was emphasized that residents should not interact with suspects, but rather call 911 and provide a license plate number and description.
2. **Drugs and alcohol**: It was noted that many crimes are committed by individuals under the influence of drugs or alcohol, making them a danger to themselves and others.
3. **Mischief**: Minor incidents such as mailbox post cutting and snow wheel trailer damage were discussed, and it was emphasized that these are not typically considered "mischief" but rather intentional acts.
4. **Traffic enforcement**: Traffic offenses are down due to a shortage of personnel, but the community is still experiencing issues with speeding and reckless driving. The police department is working with the traffic unit to conduct blitzes in high-traffic areas.
5. **Community engagement**: The police department encourages residents to report any issues or concerns, and they will send extra resources to address the problem.
6. **Traffic unit schedule**: The traffic unit has a schedule to ensure that they are not just targeting the same areas, but rather are distributing their efforts across the community.

Overall, the meeting highlighted the importance of community engagement and collaboration in addressing safety concerns. The police department is working to address these issues and provide a safer environment for residents.

The meeting also discussed various topics related to traffic enforcement and community policing, including:

1. ****Patrol Areas**:** The council decided to schedule patrol areas to ensure more air coverage and prevent areas from being left out. This will be implemented on Tuesday.
2. ****Traffic Enforcement**:** The council discussed the importance of traffic enforcement and the need for more resources. It was suggested that the traffic services team be informed of specific areas to target, such as parks, reading, and U-turns.
3. ****Bylaw Enforcement**:** The council highlighted the need for bylaw enforcement, particularly in the industrial park, where vehicles are being left on the side of the road and are unregistered.
4. ****Speed Limit Enforcement**:** Councillor Neill raised concerns about speeding on the north perimeter and suggested maintaining the speed limit of 100 km/h, even if others are driving faster.
5. ****Community Policing**:** The council discussed the importance of community policing and the need for more presence in the town of Hazel Ridge, particularly on Murdle Street.

The meeting also consisted of several agenda items, including the consent agenda, financial statements, accounts payable, and the Royal Canadian Legion recognition book. Key decisions and outcomes include:

1. ****Consent Agenda**:** The council received a letter from the Honorable Glenn Samard and resolved to receive the consent agenda as information.
2. ****Financial Statements**:** The council approved the financial statement for May 2025 as presented, with some questions and clarifications regarding council composition expenses and contractor bills.
3. ****Accounts Payable**:** The council approved the list of accounts payable, totaling \$1,151,307.77 and \$343,292.88, and authorized the mayor to approve the payments.
4. ****Royal Canadian Legion Recognition Book**:** The council authorized a one-tenth page ad business card size in the Royal Canadian Legion, Manitoba Northwest Ontario Command Military Service recognition book for a cost of \$2,429 plus applicable taxes.

Overall, the meeting focused on improving traffic enforcement and community policing in the area, with a emphasis on maintaining the speed limit and addressing specific concerns raised by residents.

Key Points

- Theft of aluminum and license plates is a common issue in the area.
- Trailers are being stolen and used for other crimes.
- There have been cases of semis being stolen, but some were recovered as they were being held by individuals for non-payment.
- Breaking and entering calls are often due to individuals who are drunk and banging on the wrong door.
- A compound was broken into and fuel and copper were stolen.

Action Items

- Approval of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes
- Delegations
- Theft of aluminum
- Theft of medication by a family member

- Theft of license plates
- Theft of vehicles from mechanic shops
- Theft of trailers
- Theft of gas
- Stolen semi-trailers
- Breaking and entering calls

Full Transcript

Thank you very much. This is the arm of Springfield meeting agenda for June 17th of 2025 at exactly 6 p.m. Mayor Patrick Terrien, all council was present, Councillor Fule, Councillor Kaczynski, Miller and Warren. And then we'll start into the land acknowledgment in all of our red dot, the arm of Springfield acknowledges that we are gathered on the ancestral land tree one territory, traditional territory of the Nishinabi tree, Oji Kree, Dakota, DNA peoples on the national homeland of the red river, Métis. We'll go to item number four and that'll be approval of the agenda. Can I get a mover in the second or for that, please? Andy and Mark. Any additions to the agenda? I see none. Can I get a show hands of those in support first? As unanimous and so carried. Then we'll go to the adoption of the minutes. Can I get a mover in a second or for that, please? Councillor Fule and Warren. Any additions or modifications to the June 10th council meeting? I see none. Can I get a show hands of those in support? And it is carried. Then we'll go to delegations. We're about nine minutes early. Is that a big deal? It's council good for a nine minutes early for the delegation. Yeah, so Kent and Jeremy, whenever you guys are ready. I'm going to go to the next meeting. So everybody on the staff started the chemical current. I got here middle February. So it's been a few months now. I'll also then. Some of the staff passed to go over the numbers there are not. But for the most part we're down on all our numbers, which is a good sign. The winter months are usually slower months anyways, but compared to last year we're down, so things are getting better. I just want to go over a few of the categories here. For the thefts and stuff just for some clarification for you guys and what's happening? like theft of aluminum. Some of the theft stuff shouldn't be reported to us. Like we got theft of medication by a family member. Like it's infighting stuff. We had stuff like meds, computers, and other effects taken through a separation. So we get a lot of files that really aren't thefts in the RM per se, so it helps your numbers like a print overall picture. We had theft of license plates times three. So people are stealing license plates off trucks and then they put on another truck and then they go commit a crime. We get that everywhere in the province. We've had three vehicles stolen from mechanic shops. People take the cars in repairs. People go in, they steal the keys and steal the cars. The big theft thing is trailers. We've had eight trailers stolen. One had an excavator on it. But the other ones are like cover trailers. So people are stealing these trailers. And once again, they're using it for other crimes in other areas. They'll steal it here and then they'll go stole most area or wherever, right? Do you mean the semi-trailer? No, just a regular trailer, like a little snow-beal trailer or winter. Yep. A couple thefts of gas. One person tried the paid. Didn't work and they drove off. We went to their house and said, no, you got to go back and pay. They went back to pay. One person did drive off with a paying. We had a couple semis stolen. One at Deacon's Corner. Guy went in for a shower or whatever. And came out and his semi was stolen. Just stolen. Like kind of weird stuff. Another guy stole a semi. We investigated. Turned out he had repaired it for a guy. And the guy didn't pay him back. So he took the semi back. So it's not really a theft. He was just sort of holding on to it. So kind of chancy stuff. So all in all, it's not too bad. As for the breaking inners, we have calls that come in. Somebody's banging on their door. It comes in as they're all they're breaking in there. They're not breaking. They're just drunk. They went to the wrong house. They're banging on the door. So once again, you see these numbers where they're maybe a little high, but they're not really breaking in there. So they're not deaths. They're just sort of stuff we deal with. Right? OK. I'll see you. We had a compound broken into some fuel and copper stolen. Oh, going back to these trailers and stuff, a lot of this stuff is in the industrial park. That's where like 90% of our calls are in the industrial park. They're not in your communities and stuff, which doesn't make it better,

but just to let you know, like that's where most of our thefts and breakings are happening. We had a break in where the owner tried to block the suspects. The suspects got out with brass knuckles. Hit them in the face. Ooh, they knocked one of his teeth or two chipped one of his teeth. So we tell people don't interact with people trying to break in, because you don't know what they got. They got a weapon or whatever. Get a license plate. You're the descriptor. Let them go. It's just proper. You're right. So a lot of our on drugs is on here. Yeah. And that's the thing I'd be worried about. They're not sober with many crimes some of the times. They're dangerous. Is the drugs or alcohol? Or well, they're still too tough to feed their habits as well, too, right? So yeah, like we tell people don't interact with them. Even like the COPP guys, which is a huge asset. They're out there. They're eyes for us. We tell them, don't interact. Just take notes. Call it in. It's happening right away. Call 911. And we'll come ripping out there. But don't try to stop them. Don't interact with them. Some of the mischief stuff. Once again, somebody cut a mailbox post. Kind of minor stuff. Kids running up and down the road, banging on doors. We had a snow wheel trailer that hit a pillar at the gas station and damaged the pillar. It's like, that's not a mischief. People are pulling these things in. They're just kind of minor things. So like that's a staff. You would score it as that. It would probably come scored from telecoms there. But you can modify that. Are these representative of the modified? We do modify them, but it still captures the stats for some reason. I don't know why our system spits it out like that. So it's something internal. I'm trying to work through. That's why I'm just trying to clarify. Some of the numbers are a little higher, which they should be a little lower. OK. Yeah. Well, a lot of people come in. You have to laugh. Yeah, we go to everything. Yeah, 100%. But so like I said, overall, our numbers they're down from the last quarter. Overall, for the full year last year, we were down on all our numbers as well. So all things are looking pretty good in your community series. Good. If I could, I see the traffic offenses. Actually, I was probably reading this wrong. It's a provincial traffic offense. These are reported. But what about CONs and stuff for that? Is that the traffic offenses? Those would be the CONs. The traffic offenses. It's down just because we've been short on bodies. So we don't have as many people doing as many patrols. That's the only reason that's down. OK. Is the driving side any better than? Yeah. Yeah. I drive a motorcycle there. And the police car was always zipping around. Pretty good. But when I'm in my own vehicle and I'm doing a speed limit, a lot of people call me driving with Stacey in the community or buddies, of course. But people are passing me like I'm standing still, especially on 15. And they're well over the speed limit. And I know there's lots of traffic, bumpers, bumpers, hard to do traffic enforcement on there. But so we have had reports of certain areas where there's high traffic or instances. So we reach out to our traffic unit. So they'll come and do blitzes in our areas as well. That's 390. So they've been running up and down a highway 206 quite a bit, because we had a lot of complaints up on there. So they've written quite a few tickets on there. So we encourage people if there's something happening in their communities, let us know. And then we can put extra resources in there and have them. We ran into that when I was in East St. Paul there. I had a counselor complaining about traffic on our street. So we went and did some enforcement there, sent the traffic unit there. They wrote, I think, six tickets and a half hour. Everybody lived on the street. And the counselor was one of the speeders I got to take. So you know, careful for what you asked for, right? So yeah. So if you need extra traffic enforcement certain areas, let us know and we'll send money. So OK. And that means that traffic services has a schedule as well of the areas. So this way here, they don't get just going to the same spot. They actually have designated. So the guys know the middle lights. So on Tuesday, we'll be doing the arms freefield or whatever. So the patrol areas are scheduled for them now just to make sure there's more air coverage amongst all the areas. Because there was times where areas were getting kind of left out. So we do know that they're scheduled to be here on certain days. They don't know which days they are. They don't tell me that. But when they do come in the area, they're do you steer them to an area there? Do they contact you saying what area do you think I should concentrate? If we have areas to go to, so town of Bojure usually has some stuff for me. And I pass that on a traffic services about some things that they want to target. Typically, like, you know, parks, reading, U-turns and stuff like that for them. But yeah, you guys, when you guys pass the stuff, then we can send that to them. They love traffic those guys, right? So I don't know. Give them a bone, and they'll go after a rate. A couple of times a week, somebody usually calls and I forward it onto traffic. So there did not be like weekly from me where I need resources. Yeah, well, I just

wanted to give an out of way. There I think there's a couple of weeks ago we had a meeting in the industrial park. When was that? And a two-week school there was? So they were doing a pretty good blitz there, unmarked PCs there. So people were responding well to that saying, it's timely. And we have a new bylaw there. They're leaving a lot of vehicles in the industrial park. Leaving on the side of the road, it's not a park lot. They're unregistered and so on, like that, that kind of stuff there. So our bylaws, the bylaws, the higher traffic act has got to be registered. That's just something there where they were doing a blitz there and it worked out really well. Lots of visibility and a lot of people were commenting positively towards that. Okay. Any other questions for council? Yes, I have a situation today. I was going north perimeter going west and everybody was going 115 kilometers an hour. So it's better to go with the flow or just go 100 and everybody passing you and create the problem. And two lanes was going, you know, like, and one guy was and everybody was passing and people cutting in and out. The speed limit's 100, everybody should be doing 100. Yeah. But the everybody goes, the same speed, like 115. Yeah, but if everybody jumped off a bridge, which jump off the bridge, like he just, but nobody starts doing it, then everybody goes a little faster, a little faster, then we get accidents and then people get it. So you better have just maintain your speed limit at the 100 and if people don't like it too bad, that's the speed limit. Thank you. It's the way I look at it. You get into the problems that by like, 4401 have, right? People are pushing those boundaries to be on 141, 50, that's the flow of traffic. That's not acceptable, right? So no, you know, Councillor Neill. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I just wanted to alert you. I know we're not supposed to have political interference, but I've had a number of calls from residents in the town of Hazel Ridge down Murdle Street. Some people tend to speed daily, at least what that's what I've told. And I know it's a flash in the pan. When you go there, it probably won't happen, but apparently this is a notorious, consistent thing that's happening. So it's Murdle Street, which is, cuts Hazel Ridge in half. So just some presence, even probably would be. I'll pass it on for sure. Thank you. You mentioned that last minute. I made a couple of the patrol, I tried to park or they can't see me to try to trick them, but I've made my times so wrong. Maybe if you narrow down to more specifically, because everyone was kind of below speed limit. I was there during a learning school, except here that is more crucial time. And everyone was on the press behavior, but they'll pick it different times to see what happens. Any other questions from council? All right. Welcome, staff, to the area there. Thanks. Nice to see you here. And we'll look forward to your meetings there, where Jeremy will come again or somebody. But thank you very much for your presence. OK. Yours always open, feel free to stop by or give me a call. Thank you very much, staff. And again. OK, then we'll move on to consent agenda, that's item 9.1, letter from the Honorable Glenn Samard on June 10th. The mover and the second, please. Patrick and Glenn. Whereas a consent agenda has been submitted, consisting of one item, be it resolved that the said consent agenda be received as information. Any questions or comments from council at all? I see none. But you can get a show hands of those in the consent or support as unanimous and is carried. Then we'll go to new business item 10.1. That's a financial statement for May 2025. Move on to our seconder, please. Councilor Warren and Fuel. Be it resolved that the financial statement for the month of May 2025 be approved as presented? I know Councillor Kuznicki had given a list of questions with regards to financial statements that's going to be answered eventually. Any other questions from council at all? Councillor Kuznicki? I have one. And I guess it's council composition expenses, 2020 five. And that is meal recovery \$50. What did this about? So every month we collect \$10 from each council member to put towards meals. Okay. Okay, thank you. Any other questions? Councillor Miller? Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It's number 162724 and it's to a... Sorry, I think we're on financial statements still. Yeah, that's right. Scrub that. It's scrubbed. Then any other questions? I see none. I get to show hands of those in support of the financial statement. That's carried. Then we'll go to a list of accounts 10.2. Can I get a mover and a seconder for that, please? The council is warned and tarry. Any questions at all from council? Councilor Miller? Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So 162724 to a Darrell N's 5,636-1667, just clarification on what that would be. And I have one other as well. 162724. I will have to get back to you on that. I can't even think of what that in. I assume it's a contractor, but I don't know what work it would be for. So that's a contractor bill, though. Okay, and one other is 162731, J.R. Cousin Consultants for 13,5, 13,550. They are doing work on the lagoon, so I can get the particulars of that invoice. Thank you. That's it, councilor. Councilor Kaczynski. Thank you. We separated like a vendor

EFT register report. That's I see for the first time. Can somebody explain what that is? That's the electronic financial transactions. The first two at a bit pages are the check numbers, so those are written checks. We've now started to do electronic fund transfers, so those are the different listings there that we directly transfer from our bank account to theirs. So we don't have to do check printouts for those. Okay. So eventually everybody going to be on the same system? Not everybody, unfortunately, but we're trying to increase that, so that there's less paper. Pay good work. Thank you. Yeah, the questions from council. Get a show hands of those in support of the. I have to read it. Sorry. Whereas this first ones have been reviewed for the period of May 10th, June 12th, 2025, we have resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from check 162612 to 162759, totaling 1,151,3077, and EFTs number 28 to 90, totaling 343,292,88, the approved for payment as well as the following withdrawals. Western financial 14,909,54, Amelia 1082,19, Petro Paz 14795, John Deere 26,146,86, RBC visa 15,1708, Manitoba Hydro 32,78645, Felmobility 2063, Belcandida 6,26650, Volvo 2898, 9898, and be it further resolved that may payroll in the amount of 327269,76 be approved. Thank you. With that resolution being read, kind of get a show hands of those in support, unanimous and so carried. We'll go to the Royal Canadian Legion recognition book 10.3 on the agenda, can I move her in a secondary please? Aterian and the Warren. It is all that council authorize a one tenth page ad business card size in the Royal Canadian Legion, Manitoba Northwest Ontario Command Military Service recognition book for a cost of 21429 plus applicable taxes. Open it up for discussion for council. There's many options down here. Have we done this before? This is the same ad that we put in every year, one tenth business card size. Oh, I see the 260 is it or the the two 1429. We just do a block in white. Okay. Would council be good with that? I think it's unanimous. So then so if we go with the same one as usual the two 14 or the 225 in the end. Yeah. Do I have to do a resolution on that? I get a show hands of those in support unanimous and so carried. We'll go to 10.4. It's water appropriations there. I'm going to get a mover in a second. Replease. Councilor Miller and fuel. I'm wondering if we can do the daycare first. Everybody read the the correspond is there. I'm looking for 13,000 I believe is what it was. Deputy mayor. Yeah, I received this letter from Lacey and then forwarded onto administration to bring forward. I know I talked to Sean the director of rec and he said that there's probably a thousand dollars out of the reserve for this. And then whatever we would like to give through ward appropriations. So I'd like to give \$500 towards this. Yeah. So just to clarify Sean did indicate he found 2000 in the budget now towards this project. So he was suggesting 3000 would be an appropriate amount. That's why we're suggesting that each council give 200 but you want to give 500 yourself. Yeah, I'll give 500. Okay. I'll make up the difference. So that'd be 125. Then if the rest of council does the same. Is that enough for three there? Not good at math. It doesn't state here if they make three estimates or just they call one contractor and they stick with it. So yeah, we always suggested people to get at least three. I think this was just a general idea of the cost but yeah, we would suggest that they probably get two more quotes. Okay. Thank you. So what do we got down there now then? So it's a thousand still to the doodle daycare with 500 coming from ward two and the rest split between council ward one. Sorry, ward one. Okay. Then we can get a show of hands that those in support of the resolution for. Oh, sorry. And then we just have that additional request regarding the football. What's going to be all in the same there? Yeah. Okay. That was an addition there that council have a chance to read that. I met this young man there last year in the very respectful big boy. So he'll do well just starting the game there. So I think it says here started in grade nine. He just completed to grade 10 there. So he's obviously a very elite skill set there and the price tag for the trip is \$2,800 there. Oh, this is a community member there. I'm prepared to give \$500 towards that council. That would be my review. I'll give \$100. Other councilors? Councilor Kaczynski. And councilor Warren. I'll give 500. Okay. From doing my math rate that's 1700 then. Yeah. That's good. I wonder if we can up it there is anybody prepared to give a little bit more to make it even 2000 bucks. It's almost like a lottery. I'm prepared to give another \$200. Make it \$700. And then we can do the resolution there. So just to clarify now that's \$1,900 with the mayor giving 700 towards \$2,300 and \$400. Oh yours was \$100. But you were 500. Sorry. That's only 1500 then. That's right. Okay. So that's \$1,500. No, it should be more because mayor. 700. Oh, I thought we're two and three were 100. Okay. Do you want my fingers? I just need my ears to be unblocked and these things are not helping me with a cold right now. So I apologize. We're back to 1900. Okay. So be it resolved that the following 2025 war appropriations be approved. Do you

go daycare a thousand dollars and I guess that's going specifically team Manitoba? \$1,900. So I'm going to go to the next one. With that resolution being read. Can I get a show hands those in support? That is unanimous and it's all carried. Nothing for a closed meeting. Then I'm moving to seconder for a German. Please. Miller and Kazinsky. And show hands.

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