

YOU'RE INVITED – PLAN TO ATTEND!

SPRINGFIELD FORUM

Thurs., Sept. 12 @ 6:30 pm
Dugald Community Centre
All Welcome/Free to Attend

✓ **Plan 20-50**

For info: kasprod@mymts.net or mark@mmiller.ca

✓ **Is Sio Silica back? and more...**

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Guest speakers on key issues! Share Your Concerns!

Another public engagement event hosted by councillors Andy Kuczynski and Mark Miller



- ✓ Mark is aware that there are rumblings that Sio Silica has been considering another move into Manitoba, having discussions with Brokenhead First Nation and appointing ESP Mayor Devlin as part of the Sio lobby team.
- ✓ They have the right to explore options but we have the right to protect our water, always!!

Mark Miller, a Local Resident
A Positive Common Sense Approach for Springfield
Going Forward ...

*Standing Strong on
Commitments!*

September 2024 Brochure/Update #2

Listening to You...



Mark MILLER

COUNCILLOR

WARD 3, RM of SPRINGFIELD

Cooks Creek, Hazelridge, Sunnyside, Pine Ridge, Heartland Colony, BHP

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ATTEMPTS...

- ✓ My voting record consistency shows me supporting public input and engagement always. Your voice, the public is our pulse and purse.
- ✓ I attempted to create a Lobbyist Bylaw to protect the public against aspects of influence and or potential corruption.
- ✓ I voted against the membership fee to the WMR costing us all \$17k
- ✓ Voted for enhanced fire protection equipment/resources.
- ✓ Opposed the use of in-camera meetings beyond the conditions of the Municipal Act. Striving to have transparency and openness.
- ✓ Attempted to change the name of the head of council back to Reeve as we are not a big city, we are a rural municipality.
- ✓ Scrutinizing municipal financial matters, opposing plans for council retreat(s) outside of the RM and transparent disclosure of expenses.
- ✓ Saved residents thousands of (\$) dollars by declining municipal business trips to Toronto, Brandon and other duplicate attended events. I provide the most detailed monthly activity reports.
- ✓ Supporting efforts for additional seniors housing in Springfield.

Mark is making a positive difference!!

- ✓ Placing a priority on improving our roads and drainage. Dust control should be enhanced throughout our rural community.
- ✓ Environmental leadership for Springfield – from water, soil and air protection. We must protect groundwater always!
- ✓ Recognizes the importance of fire protection.
- ✓ Supports the idea of a volunteer youth member at/on Council.
- ✓ Seeks your input on fiscal and community planning matters.
- ✓ Supports local entrepreneurship & ingenuity and limiting bureaucratic red-tape.
- ✓ Broadly supports local organizations and activities as they are central and integral parts of our community's identity.
- ✓ Won't accept any base salary increase while being on Council.
- ✓ Tax dollars are limited. Maximizing efficiencies is critical.

PROTECTING PRECIOUS WATER IS PRIORITY 1

Springfield recently approved a new water treatment plant, with an estimated \$29 million price tag. It will bring new growth to Springfield, undoubtedly. A provincial grant and monies from the RM of Springfields reserve account will pay in part, while developers and ultimately new home buyers will add dollars through the lot levy. The initial construction cost balance will be borrowed with taxpayers at large paying for this project and new property connections paying.

The new water treatment plant is proposed to use reverse osmosis (RO). While this is a process used in various communities to treat water extracted, it uses enormous amounts of water in the process and creates non potable water that will be directed into Cooks Creek Diversion ultimately to Lake Wpg. This approach is being reviewed by Manitoba Environment's licensing team for suitability and the short and long term environmental impact.

While the RO process is a known method, it is debatable how intense the environmental impact is in comparison to other water extraction options.

I voted against this project due to the financial implications for you and me and the RO Environmental impact, not because I am anti-development. Water treatment expansion is necessary but in a way that is environmentally less impactful and does not unfairly cost ratepayers in Cooks Creek, Pine Ridge, Hazelridge and beyond – people/residents who already have pure, clean and reliable well water. Water is life to us and the earths entire biosystems.

IT'S EASY TO REACH MARK...

I welcome and encourage your ideas & community concerns!

Please contact me if you'd like to discuss local issues!

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