

RM of Springfield Council Meeting  
April 5, 2022

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 38 Minutes & 53 Seconds

In the latest on line issue of the RM newsletter, there is a "bio" of Glen Fuhl. Reading that, you would get the impression that he was a very "successful" business man and "vastly improved" the municipality of Springfield. Neither of these statements are verifiable. In essence, when he became Councillor in 2014, he was owner of Video King, a service for which there was little demand in the age of Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime and digital video recorders. **Just like last month with the bio of Howard Bredin, THIS IS CAMPAIGNING BEFORE THE ELECTION IS CALLED AND USING FUNDS DERIVED FROM MUNICIPAL TAXES** to do so. In other words, ratepayers of Springfield are paying for this Council to campaign for re-election in the upcoming October municipal election. **THIS IS TYPICAL OF THE CORRUPTION DEMONSTRATED BY THIS COUNCIL!** Mayor Fell put out a flyer prior to the 2018 election call promoting herself so she is well versed in this type of tactic to get a leg up on potential other candidates. **Further in spite of the increase in population, the Mayor and this Council REDUCED the number of wards, the end result being that Ward 4 covers an area bordered on the west from 206 to Mission, then from Spruce to Oakwood Road, then from Poplar to Hazelridge, from PTH 12 to Garven Road, on the east by Forestry Road just beyond Colony Road, on the south from Prairie Grove/Richland Road, and on the north by Garven, or over 2/3 of the entire area of Springfield. The wards did have to be changed to reflect the approximate same populations in each ward but they either should have been INCREASED from the current 5 plus Mayor or LEFT AS IS. HOWEVER THE PROVINCE APPROVED THE NEW WARD BOUNDARY change. FAILING CATASTROPHY, I intend to represent the eastern most ward which now takes in most of the current Ward 5 and current Ward 4. I prefer the door-to-door approach and will start with that but it is unlikely I can cover the territory in question in the time allotted. Therefore should you wish to talk about the upcoming election, please feel free to contact me now and ask any questions you may have and pass my telephone number and e-mail address on to everyone you know (204-866-3484 ) heatheranderickson@gmail.com. IF THEY CAN CAMPAIGN ALREADY, THEY HAVE OPENED THE DOOR TO ALL OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.**

**DONALDSON DRAIN** - This was the concept, I believe, of former councillor Ken Lucko who felt the land east of PTH 12 needed to be drained to promote development. It comes from the south side of PTH 15 and crosses to the north just east of the PetroCan station at the junction of 12 and 15. From there it proceeds north at an angle and eventually ends up in Cooks Creek. Due to a collaboration, I believe, between this former councillor and one resident of the RM, the plan for some time, supported by the Cooks Creek Conservation District, is to straighten the drain and bring it directly west about 3/4 mile north of PTH 15 to the drain that goes to Cooks Creek. The drain works as it is now, but it has not been of much use for many years due to the drought cycle the west is currently experiencing. To straighten it would cost several million dollars which I feel would not be a good use of tax dollars and would disadvantage several land owners. The current Council, to promote this initiative, have already started an expropriation process which is expensive and I believe totally unnecessary and very upsetting to those land owners involved.

**QUESTION PERIOD - Darryl Speer** - I have a question regarding 9.4. (Stormwater Retention Pond Well Installation). From the information I have attached to the agenda, it indicates that the improvement for the retention pond comes in at \$95,700. per retention pond? **Mayor Fell** - Um not, well I believe it's the ones on the west side are all combined...oh sorry east side are all combined. **Darryl Speer** - This is talking about the installation of one water supply well, this is for the Aspen Lake Ponds, "all engineering services, permits, licenses and mechanization etc. \$95,700. just for Aspen. **Mayor Fell** - That is accurate but it's not, you said for one pond, it's just not one pond, I think there's three ponds over there? **Darryl Speer** - Ok, how many ponds are we...how many different installations are we contemplating? **Mayor Fell** - One for the east side, one for the west side. Blaine, is there any additional ones to those? **Blaine Moffat** - Not within Oakbank, not within the scope of this project, no. **Darryl Speer** - Well it mentions Wheatland 1 and 2. **Mayor Fell** - Well, these, the ones we're talking about are for Oakbank and just these. **Darryl Speer** - Ok, so once we establish the precedent of doing the Aspen Lake ones, I presume that it obligates us to do Crystal Lakes and Wheatland Phase 1 and 2 plus whatever other developments are coming on planned and have similar uh..... **Mayor Fell (interrupting)** - Well, I wouldn't presume that. Um what we're dealing with today is the Aspen Lakes. So do you have any questions about this one in particular for the report that's been posted? **NOTE: I have a question. Why are ratepayers at large having to pay for the installation of a well to ensure continuing levels in a stormwater pond in a housing development in Oakbank?** **Darryl Speer** - As far as I can see it, this is a specific retention remediation for Aspen Lakes. That should be covered by the property owners that are adjacent to Aspen Lakes by way of a special levy. Is that not possible? That would serve for Wheatland..Crystal Lakes...whoever else has developments coming on stream. **Mayor Fell** - Ok, thank you Darryl, do you have any other questions or comments? **NOTE: Mayor Fell makes no attempt to answer the question even though both Water & Waste and Public Works directors are in the meeting.** **Darryl Speer** - I'd like to make reference to the Annual Public Water System Report. **Mayor Fell** - 9.7? **Darryl Speer** - I don't see a reference to the Source Water Protection that there was a study you announced in August 2021 about addressing the impacts of the aggregate operations in the Garven Road area. What is the status of that study and which consultant is doing the work? **Mayor Fell** - That study is ongoing and it's with Water & Waste so if you can follow up with W&W, they'll be able to give you the details on that but it's still ongoing. **Darryl Speer** - You're not able to give me the name of the contractor that was assigned to this study? **Mayor Fell** - Um, again if you want details on that study, please contact Water & Waste. You are familiar with the Director. You can get the information on the study from him. It is in progress though. **NOTE: August 3rd, 2021 Mayor Fell announced this study " ..study on the open water um around the uh Municipal wells on Garven, Garven area" ... "before completing the by-law" (Aggregate By-law 21-19) ... "that whole process um with the study and finishing the by-law should take 3 to 4 months". Now seven months later and Mayor Fell cannot even identify the name of the consultant or provide updates???** **Darryl Speer** - Ok what's the status of the Reverse Osmosis process for the Dugald water sytem? **Mayor Fell** - Which um agenda item are you referring to? **Darryl Speer** - That is part of this water study, apparently part of the treatment process for the Dugald well system was reverse osmosis. There was an RFP (Request for Proposals) put out in August and I want to know what is, how that relates to this particular water study. **Mayor Fell (interrupting)** - So I don't have those answers for you or how they relate to this water study. That is something you'll have to go to Water & Waste for. Any information or answers I give you I can't say they'd be accurate cause I'm not sure of the answer so you should just go to Water & Waste. They'll be able to

provide you with that. **Darryl Speer** - Council would know this, either there was an RFP put out for it or there wasn't. Is it a yes or a no? **Mayor Fell** - For which? **Darryl Speer** - For the Reverse Osmosis R.F.P. **NOTE: I find Mayor Fell is being evasive. An expenditure of potentially millions the mayor should know about.** **Mayor Fell** - Again I don't have that information with me, Darryl. If you'd like information on that, please contact Water & Waste. What are your other questions or comments, Darryl? **Darryl Speer** - That relates to the Annual Report, Page 11. **Mayor Fell** - What agenda number? **Darryl Speer** - The same one. We haven't left it. (OK) 9.7. On Page 11. **NOTE: Mayor Fell takes quite a bit of time finding it.** (OK) Point 6. Water System Incidents or Corrective Actions. Month after month there's been repeated reports of water systems incidents and that relates to broken lines, frozen lines, inability to blend water properly and the lack of proper electrical transmission. How come that's not reported here? **Mayor Fell** - Well first of all I don't even have that on Page 11...page 15. **Darryl Speer** - Well if it's page 15 I'm looking at what's written on my sheet ..it says Page 11, 2021 Annual Water Report, Item 6. Do you have that? **NOTE: He is reading from material that was provided in the Reports on the Agenda posted by Council and Administration.** **Mayor Fell** - Mine starts on Page 15 **???? Are the reports Council receives different than that provided to constituents?** So I'm just going by what's on the Report. If you have further questions about what's on the report again you should contact Water & Waste. They will provide you with more information. **NOTE: This is Mayor Fell trying to keep what is in those reports from being discussed in public where residents might in some other way like through my notes or by accessing the recording of the meeting on the Web Site from become aware of what is happening in that area.** **Darryl Speer** - THIS REPORT DOES NOT MATCH THE REPORT BEING TABLED INTO TODAY'S MEETING under Water & Waste. That's my point. **Mayor Fell** - Ok. I don't have that answer for you so again, you should contact Water & Waste. **Darryl Speer** - This report does not match the report being tabled into today's meeting under Water & Waste, that's my point. **Mayor Fell** - Ok, I don't have that answer for you so again your best bet is to contact Water & Waste. **NOTE: AGAIN, Phil Pawluk is participating in this meeting so why does she not refer the question to him? Perhaps she anticipates the answer will be problematic and does not want it to go on record.** **Darryl Speer** - What's tabled in the meeting on the agenda, Water & Waste report, indicates there's water systems incidents going all the way back to October or earlier and it's not reported in the Annual Water System document that we're looking at. Why would that be? **Phil Pawluk, Water & Waste** - I can report. So the new plant with Dugald, because we were in the commissioning and testing phase, is not a reportable incident to Office of Drinking Water because we weren't fully functioning or making water under those circumstances. The Office of Drinking Water is aware that we were making attempts to make water but because we weren't in full production, it's not a reportable incident. **Mayor Fell** - Thank you for your clarification. What's your next question or comment, Darryl? **Darryl Speer** - While he's on the line, can he answer the question that I asked... **Mayor Fell (interrupting)** - You'll need to direct your questions to me and then I will answer them and if I can't, I will ask someone else to answer them if that's appropriate. **NOTE: The question was directed at her..."can he answer..."**. What is your question? **Darryl Speer** - The question was ..Reverse Osmosis, what is the status of that? You said to direct it to Water & Waste. He's right there. Can we not have that answer? **Mayor Fell** - Phil, can you provide that answer? Is that something you'll have to get back to him on and you've just muted yourself. (laughing) **Phil Pawluk** - So the Reverse Osmosis is one of the options we're looking at for the new water treatment plant. It was a consideration for being part of the new water treatment system and there was issued within the R.F.P. so at this point right now depending on the final raw water source, we are waiting for that to be confirmed before we move forward with any type of treatment process. **NOTE: Currently the Heatherdale Wells are the supplier of water to Oakbank and Dugald and that source requires very minimal treatment. The problem with that source is that the Municipality is a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce which was created by a member of the aggregate industry, Nicole Chabot. This industry would like to further encroach on the aggregate reserves which lie in the Moose Nose Aquifer and this would ultimately affect both the quality and supply of the potable water. Thus a new source, not as suitable, has been found east of Dugald.** **THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY.**

**IN LIEU OF ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS, Mayor Fell and CAO Draper created and passed a resolution doing away with individual councillors reporting their activities.** **NOTE: A little thing I like to call ACCOUNTABILITY and if elected in October, will suggest reinstatement of the practice of individual councillors reporting their activities.** **Mayor Fell** - I'm also going to take a moment here, I probably should have done it earlier, um just to go over some of the activities of Council uh over the last 30 days, I also want to recognize that um one of our councillors, Councillor Fuhl, had a family emergency and he was away for just a couple of days but uh some of his phone calls and emails came to me to follow up on so if you were missed, we apologize but we will get back to you. Um so we had an HR meeting with Council, we had our working meetings and council meetings, a number of councillors and myself had meeting with residents, we had a meeting with Imperial Oil, we had a meeting with WSP regarding our zoning by-law, we had a meeting with the ARM Capital Region and those working group, council and committee meetings, there's multiple meetings per month. We did have a meeting with the Police Board and um a meeting about uh aggregate **NOTE: With whom did they meet about the aggregate and for what purpose? What were they discussing?**, we..there was all council members are on different committees such as the Northeast Red Watershed, IERHA, sub district meetings, councillors went to their appropriate committees that they were supposed to attend, Council attended a Municipal Board hearing, **NOTE: This was the fourth attempt by Ted Falk to capitalize on his properties adjacent to the Oasis Campground.** I also attended a number of meetings with the WMR and John Q and of course we did our regular duties such as answering phone calls, emails and inquiries and comments from residents as well as I um had any media inquiries answered that were appropriate. Is there any other contributions from Council? I think that about covers everything. **NOTE: Mayor Fell does not really allow an answer to her question as she answers it herself. Further she is reporting arbitrarily on the actions of individual councillors rather than them having to account for their own activities. In short, rather than being an accounting of the work being done by each elected official, ratepayers are being fed the Mayor's abbreviated version of their activities without any real accountability and no specific details.** Ok, next we have by-laws which is 7.1.

## BY-LAWS

**7.1 By-Law 22-07 Use of Municipal Resources (2nd Reading)** - *Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-Law No. 22-07 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during the 42 day period before a general election or a bi-election.* **Mayor Fell** - I just wanted to reiterate that this is coming from the Province so some of the examples in the by-law or some of the points in the by-law may not be specifically applicable in Springfield but the Province is creating a by-law that is applicable to every municipality or jurisdiction in Manitoba. All those in favour. **CARRIED 5-0**

**7.2 By-Law 22-07 Use of Municipal Resources (3rd and Final Reading)** - *Be it resolved that Third Reading and Final reading be given to By-Law No. 22-07 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during the 42 day period before a general election or a bi-election.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**7.3 By-Law 22-10 Land Sales Reserve Fund (2nd Reading)** - *Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law No. 22-10 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish a Land Sales Reserve Fund.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**7.4 By-Law 22-10 (3rd and Final Reading)** - *Be it resolved that Third and Final Reading be given to By-law No. 22-10 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish a Land Sales Reserve Fund.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**7.5 By-Law 22-11 Election Expenses and Contributions (1st Reading)** - *Be it resolved that First Reading be given to By-law No. 22-11 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield whereas under Section 93.2 of the Municipal Act a municipality must pass a by-law prescribing certain matters concerning campaign expenses and contributions in connection with Municipal elections.* **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya I just as we discussed in the Committee of the Whole that we've increased the Head of Council to \$12,000. and the councillors to \$6,000. from respectively \$10,000. before and \$5,000. for councillor. I would just like that noted. Thank you. **CARRIED 5-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Springfield Public Library Levy** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the 2022 Springfield Public Library levy in the amount of \$144,935.00 to be paid in quarterly payments.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.2 Northeast Red Watershed District Levy** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve funding for the 22/23 Northeast Red Watershed District in the amount of \$198,670.55 payable as follows: April 1st. and October 1st.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.3 Shared Tower Telecommunication Submission (50 Boys Road)** - *Whereas Shared Tower Inc. proposed to erect a wireless telecommunication tower and accessory structure on private land located on Lot 9, Block 2, Plan 35572 in the SW 1/4 of 15-11-5 - 50 Boys Road and whereas proponents of telecommunication towers are regulated by ISED, formerly Industry Canada, on behalf of the Government of Canada as part of their approval process and whereas Shared Power Inc. has consulted with the RM of Springfield and we have no objections to the proposed telecommunications tower and whereas Shared Power Inc. has explored other telecommunication towers in the area and find no suitable tower space to share, and whereas Shared Tower Inc. has consulted with the public and has provided 30 days for written public comment and have not received any opposition, and whereas there are no land issues identified by the consultation, now therefore be it resolved that the Development Officer be authorized to provide the required correspondence relating to the Letter of Concurrence for the construction of a new wireless communication installation at 50 Boys Road.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.4 Stormwater Retention Pond Well Installation** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the installation of one water supply well in the vicinity of the Aspen Lakes Ponds in Oakbank including all engineering services, testing, permits and licenses and mechanization up to the maximum of budgeted amount of \$95,700. plus applicable fees, taxes and disbursements.* **Councillor Ralke** - Ya I guess I just wanted a little bit of clarity here. I was kind of just you know doing some calculations and a quick breakdown of what the costs for one of the wells would be or the, putting in one well for the Aspen Lakes Pond for this location. So I'm just trying to get clarity...when I add up the numbers it doesn't come to \$95,700. So I guess I just wanted a confirmation that that is for one well and um I definitely support this concept because of the different weather conditions that we have. We can't always control exactly what's going to happen and how much water we will or will not get due to natural methods so I think it's a great idea but I am just curious you know about the breakdown, the analysis uh the testing of the well because again this isn't for drinkable needs it's for usable needs into a pond and I was um also wondering what kind of additional costs there may be when it comes to once the water is in there, will we still be adding the alum and different chemicals that may be needed to keep that water moving. **NOTE: I was unaware alum and chemicals had anything to do with the movement of water in a retention pond. What she should really be concerned about is that this Council is installing a well that will be used to replenish a retention pond for decorative purposes using the RM's groundwater supply which last year had the effect of lowering the level to the extent that it caused some wells to fail. Of late, retention ponds have been utilized in developments instead of storm water drains and developers are able to make more profit on those lots that are adjacent to the pond. In my opinion, maintenance of these ponds should be the responsibility of either the developers or the owners of the properties facing on them. It should not be something the general tax base is paying for.**

**Mayor Fell** - Blaine, before you answer Blaine, I'm going to ask you cause when I do the math, it's just around \$57,000. so is the wording so you can use what you need within that 95 because again I think the total is actually \$56,750. when I do the math. Um... **Blaine Moffat** - So it's ...the numbers are not going to add up to the total budgeted amount. What we want, because we're unsure on a few items here, one being test wells, um we're hoping here that the original test well will become the main well provided we hit a proper depth and proper water volumes. If not, then we have to drill again, ...so we just want to make sure that we've got additional money available that we um can utilize for unforeseen items that may arise. Even the mechanization um to put that together um we might change that a little bit to make it automated so both systems so that we're not I mean time with staff running back and forth every time that uh the water fluctuates downwards. Uh we got some numbers from Manitoba Hydro, we're going to have to bury the line but once we decide exactly where that cell site is going to go, that could change the cost too so we're hoping to be well under that 95, however the total budget was for that. We still may look at doing some additional testing in other areas such as Crystal Lakes as well just so we know in future so those are what the additional costs would be for. **Mayor Fell** - Ok so for clarification when you say test wells, that means you drill a well and if it's good then we use that well but if it's not, you have to drill again. **Blaine Moffat** - Correct. **Mayor Fell** - You're not just drilling for a test well and saying ok we can drill near here and drill a whole other well, right? **Blaine Moffat** - Correct. What our hope is that we drill that test well and that becomes our main well. **Mayor Fell** - Ok, that makes sense. The only other, I would like to ask, the exploration permit um I was hoping we could actually do them, like cause the expiry on those is a couple of years, is that correct? **Blaine Moffat** - Uh, I believe so. **Mayor Fell** - So I would like to request that we actually do both ponds with the exploration through Manitoba Water Rights Stewardship at the same time on the east and the

west side because we're already doing the work, we may as well do it both at the same time and have everything ready to go. **NOTE: Councillor Ralke can be heard talking at the same time as the Mayor in the background.** So I was hoping Council would be ok adding that in as well. I'm seeing heads...It would be based on the 95,700 and the total that Blaine has... even if we had to add on two additional wells we would still be well below the \$95,700 threshold, probably about \$25,000 to \$30,000. Below so there is room in the budget to get that exploration permit done right away. Can we add that in, Colleen? Are there questions from Council? The only other one I would like to say and see if um Blaine, you would be ok with that ...even if...cause with the 56...even if you had to do an additional well, it would go up to \$66,000 so I was hoping maybe the full 95,700, we could maybe change that to about \$70,000 because even with an additional well it would cover that. That way there's still some additional funds left in the budget for phase ..and other works. **Councillor Ralke** reiterated what had already been said. **Mayor Fell** - Could we add that into the resolution, Blaine, that there's certain steps in there and if it makes sense to do them both at the same time, um and there's budget for it that you can do that, like the engineering services and analysis, maybe that makes sense to do them both at the same time, like I don't know but if we're going to have that budget there, can we just put it into the resolution that you do that if it makes sense for the project. **Blaine Moffat** - Yes, absolutely and that was one of our hopes and our intent would have been if we had those additional that we could try another test well at Crystal Lakes and if that was good then we just, now it's there, right so. **Mayor Fell** - Ok, so Colleen will add that in if everybody's alright with that and then we'll ...I'll get her to read the additions. Are there any other comments? **Councillor Williams** - There's a potential that this first test well isn't going to be adequate which means another \$9,600. For the same pond so be careful about reducing the budget. **Mayor Fell** - Well, we're not going to now. **Colleen Draper** - I can maybe wordsmith it a little better but *be it further resolved that if additional monies remain, that the Crystal Lakes project be started at the same time including exploration permit.* **NOTE: Once again Councillor Ralke lengthily repeats what has already been agreed upon.** **Councillor Williams** - I'm ok deferring this for Dugald because we're doing some work including the existing drain and new drains or the new ponds are going to be.... **Mayor Fell** - And once those are done, then we'll bring this back to figure out Dugald as well. Any further discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.5 Proposal for Hillside Groundwater Monitoring Program 2022-2023** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield award the work for post closure annual groundwater monitoring program for the Hillside Waste Disposal ground for the 2022 calendar year to WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of \$61,140 plus applicable taxes. Be it further resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield hold the option to extend and continue the work for post closure annual groundwater monitoring program for the Hillside Waste Disposal Ground for the 2023 calendar year to WSP Canada Inc. up to an amount of \$58,792. plus applicable taxes and be it further resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield permit the Water & Waste Department to spend additional funds of up to \$6,000. if required to maintain the functionality of monitoring wells at the site and conduct additional testing if advised by the consultant.* **NOTE: These expenses that have been ongoing now for years are due to the fact that Councils of the past did not control the dumping of waste on to land in spite of the proximity to the aquifer that provided water to the area.** **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.6 By-law 21-14 Fees and Charges - Resolution to amend Water and Sewer Permit Costs** - *As Council from time to time by resolution may amend the schedule of By-law 21-14 being the Fees and Charges by-law, be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the sewer and water permits and meters 2022 - \$900. \$1150. \$1875. \$2150. For 2023 - \$925. \$1175. \$1900. \$2175. And 2024 \$950. \$1200. \$1925. and \$2200.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.7 2021 Annual Public Water System Report** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the 2021 Annual Public Water System Report as presented.* **Councillor Williams** - Yes, I'd just like to say and I've said it in the past that we are now doing timely reports for the Office of Drinking Water on these Annual Reports. So I offer my appreciation for the way that we're doing things as opposed to several years ago. But I have a question for Phil. There is a requirement for daily monitoring of uh turbidity but the Province has not set a standard for turbidity. Have you had any discussions with the Province about why they're not setting a standard. I think it used to be 1.5 MGUs and now it's just not there. **Phil Pawluk, Manager, Water & Waste** - That I can't comment on. We can certainly look into it. I do know that Operations Staff are doing turbidity measuring on a daily basis in the morning as part of their routine and they are recording it. **Councillor Williams** - I think it's provided to the Province in a monthly report. My concern is, when you detect a concern, because if the turbidity goes up then the efficacy of disinfection is going to be compromised. So at what level of...oh and no, you don't do any testing, do you, you just provide a sample. You're not assessing the turbidity level. **Phil Pawluk** - Well we do in the morning so Operations staff will do a manual sample in each of the water treatment plants against their calibration kits and they'll report that turbidity. It also gets reported when they go out for samples in the bi-weekly sample process as well. Also that gets recorded on the official documents. **Councillor Williams** - So what level of turbidity causes you some concerns? **Phil Pawluk** - That I would have to confirm with Operations Staff. **???** **You'd think he would also be informed.** They do test, they monitor it every day and they let me know if they see a slight bump in the turbidity. Specifically if they have a concern, they'll go and monitor turbidity in the afternoon again to see if things have changed. Right now it's been with the Heatherdale Well system. I think we've had one or two kind of bumps in turbidity in the last 6 months but when they've checked in the afternoon, it's kind of reset itself and come down to normal circumstances. So we attribute that sometimes to well operations or possibly just grit or particles that may be in the piping as things move through the system. **Councillor Williams** - Ya but you don't know what level of turbidity causes you concern that you might have to go to the Province and make some kind of a declaration because it's reducing the ability for you to deactivate viruses. **Phil Pawluk** - Uh, ya, that would be correct. We can certainly follow up with the Office of Drinking Water and see what threshold they want to be alerted to in terms of those parameters. **Councillor Williams** - That's what I'd like if Council agrees but they did have a value of 1.5 and they've now removed it from the standards for testing. **Phil Pawluk** - Ya, I'll certainly follow up with them with our daily Water Officer in the next day or two here. **Councillor Williams** - Good, thank you. **Mayor Fell** - Is there any other discussion from Council? All those in favour? **CARRIED 5-0** **NOTE: The issue of contamination in the intake zones of the Heatherdale Wells has been brought to the attention of Council numerous times over the last 10 or 15 years. This is the reason the Municipal water has to be treated. What Councillor Williams is emphasizing is that the treatment may be less effective due to turbidity of the water.**

**9.8 2021 Wastewater System Annual Report** - *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the 2021 Wastewater System Annual Report as presented.* **Councillor Williams** - Phil, is this a new Provincial requirement that this be reported annually? **Phil Pawluk** - Yes it was

brought up by our Environment Officer as part of our new lagoon license 29-10-R so they've identified it in Clause 39 of our new revised license as a preparation of this year's report. **CARRIED 5-0**

**9.9 Council Schedule** - *Be it resolved that the following changes be approved to the Council Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, April 12th 1 p. m. Council meeting in place of Committee of the Whole. Tuesday April 19th cancelled. And Tuesday May 10th 1 p.m. Council Meeting in place of Committee of the Whole.* **CARRIED 5-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**