

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
August 15, 2023

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 3 hours 18 minutes

Mayor Therrien - Oh, ok. Well thank you very much uh folks for attending. Uh today's date uh just for the record is August uh the 15th. It's exactly 6 p.m. **NOTE: Either their clock is wrong or the television and my cell phone are wrong as in my opinion they started a few minutes after 6 p.m.** and I'd like to uh call this meeting to order but before we do that, I'd like to introduce myself, I'm the Mayor Patrick Therrien uh the RM of uh Springfield uh and to my furthest right and **descending upwards???** uh we'll start off with uh Councillor Ward 4 is uh Melinda Warren uh and **ascending as well** is uh Councillor Ward 3 uh is Mark Miller, uh Councillor Ward 2 is Andy uh Kuczynski uh and last but not least is Deputy Mayor and Councillor Ward 1 uh Glen uh Fuhl. Um that's item number 2. I'd uh like to start off the meeting by reading a uh a speech uh um **there** and I'll start off: The RM of Springfield does not uh condone racism or discrimination of any kind. Uh we prioritize and value the diversity of our community and are committed to fostering a culture where everyone feels they belong in and are culturally respected. Uh we have a responsibility as a Council to build a community where everyone is welcome and no one is judged by their race, gender, disabilities, or beliefs. Uh when I was elected uh to Council in October of 2022, Council was inundated with policies and procedures, by-laws and documents. One of those uh was Springfield's uh 10 year Vision, our Strategic Plan uh previously adopted in 2018. Within that Strategic uh Plan Council adopted a Vision Statement. That first paragraph of the Vision Statement reads as such or as follows: Springfield uh has it all, an inclusive uh "community of communities" which respects uh and embraces the views and life styles of people of all ages in all walks of life. Our Strategic uh Plan goes on to highlight uh the Guiding Principles that define the culture, behaviour and actions to be exemplified by Government, Administration (coughing) ..excuse me.. and community members of Springfield. Uh one of those Guiding Principles is "lead by example". Uh we believe in leading by example, therefore we will always be professional, be empathetic, listen and strive to understand and practice and demonstrate values, attitudes, behaviours that we expect others to follow as well. It disheartens me to say that not only based on recent comments uh at the August 8th. uh Council meeting but over a collective number of months, Council is not living up to those Guiding Principles. As elected representatives, uh there is an expectation that members of Council will conduct themselves appropriately in the discharge of their Council duties. Uh the comments made by uh Councillor Kuczynski are being taken seriously and there are mechanisms by which uh inappropriate by a Council member can be prescribed and sanctioned. Uh I reach out to the Assembly of the Manitoba Chiefs uh Grand Chief Cathy uh Merrick and have established a dialogue with her. I've also received correspondence from her directly but um I am not at liberty to discuss the details of that correspondence until I have uh her permission to do so. I am still awaiting a reply. Uh the RM of Springfield will continue to uh work to create an environment of inclusivity and respect that embodies genuine truth and reconciliation. It is up to all of us to make a commitment and foster an environment where diversity is celebrated and upon which is withheld within the RM of Springfield. End of my speech. Um I understand that uh Councillor Andy Kuczynski uh would like to make a comment as well. Whenever you're ready, Andy.

Councillor Kuczynski - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to present this acknowledgement from myself. At the Council meeting on August 8th. 2023 Council was presented with the proposal for a Personal Care Home in Oakbank, Manitoba. During my question to the presenter, I used language that was disrespectful and caused hurt to many people. I did not in any way mean to be disrespectful. I apologize for that. Again I am sorry for the hurt and disrespect caused by my words. That was certainly not my intention. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much, uh Councillor Kuczynski for that. **NOTE: It is my opinion that of late certain things are being blown way out of proportion as to the use of one word which, by the way, means "associated with the place or circumstances of a person's birth", and the front page Clipper presentation of an attack on one of the councillors which was the misinterpretation of the intent of a phone message.**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Therrien - Um if I can go to Item number uh 3 uh please. And that'll be Approval of the Agenda. Can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards uh** to that item number 3, please. Um Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - And we have a question ... oh sorry Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Uh Mr. Mayor, I just have a comment again. It relates to our Procedural By-law that's currently in place. I referred back to the Minutes and uh the audio tape of March 14th. and that's where of course you suggested that we uh look at uh taking away the only "questions pertaining to agenda items" number 5 and in that specifically you said "let's try it for 3 or 4 meetings" so I think 3 or 4 meetings has gone but I just wanted to make a point that we should be uh uh you know following our Procedures By-law which doesn't include that item and that's all I can say to that uh. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much uh Councillor Miller. Um I, I, I think I've, I've said that .. this many, many times uh **there** um without being long winded and, and so on..I think I'm on the record uh and it's quite uh uh it's articulated what I...the reason we did so and it was not uh, uh, uh a matter of the uh. It was uh a health and welfare issue uh, uh that was quite apparent on March the 7th. uh which I was not uh prepared to uh have allowed any further questions and we're going to be talking about that too as well then Mark uh through uh number 7 and 7.1 is our Procedural By-law so I think I'll just save that uh for that but I thank you very much for your comment uh **there**. Any other uh questions with regards to Approval of the Agenda from Council? And I see none. Then at this point uh here, can we can a uh vote uh those in support of approval of the agenda, please by a show of hands. Uh that'll be Melinda, Andy, Glen, and myself (Warren, Kuczynski, Fuhl, Therrien). Those uh in opposition? That'll be Mark (Miller). And at this point it is approved and uh, and uh carried.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES August 8, 2023 - Mayor Therrien - Then we'll go to Item No. 4 is the adoption of the minutes. Again a mover and a seconder please. Uh Pat and Andy (Therrien/Kuczynski). **Colleen Draper, CAO** - *Whereas the Minutes of the Council meeting held August 8th. have been previously distributed to Council, Be it Resolved that the same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much. Any questions uh from Council **with regards to** uh August 8th. 2023 Council minutes? I see none. Can we uh approve those with a show of hands for this? That'll be unanimous.

5. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien - At this point here, we'll get to uh number 5, uh that's Question Period. And uh we have in brackets "it's only uh questions that pertain to the uh current agenda item uh there". Um I'll first go to uh the uh on line and I don't see uh anybody here with regards to that. Anybody in the audience uh that would like to talk with regards to that? Um then I'll uh uh I see uh Doug uh Murray uh Doug Murray, you want to take uh the podium here. Just state your name uh there Doug for the uh for the record and your address of Oakbank. **Doug Murray** - Aaniin (Ojibwe), Tansi (Cree), Hello. I want to acknowledge that we are on Treaty One territory and you know, I have

a question on the agenda and shame on you, Councillor Miller, for trying to silence me when you have sat there and invited people up here to speak about things that are not on the agenda. For many weeks you have done that and today you decide you don't want that. Mayor Therrien - Doug uh... Doug Murray - I have a question for my councillor about the last Council meeting. You started your statement off by saying you knew what Truth and Reconciliation was. **NOTE: I have transcribed the entire August 8th. meeting and I can find no such statement in those Minutes or in the Minutes of July 18th. but perhaps it was said prior to the recording starting.** What is that to you? Mayor Therrien - Uh point it, put it towards myself uh Doug. Doug Murray - Uh Mr. Mayor, I would like the Councillor to answer. He's in my ward. He represents me. Mayor Therrien - Can you answer that... Doug Murray - I have lived here for 17 years. I am from northern Manitoba. I am a member of Cumberland House Cree Nation in Treaty 5 territory and I live in your ward and that first question is for you, Councillor. What does Truth & Reconciliation mean to you? **NOTE: To me, it means getting all the old baggage out in the open, acknowledging that inappropriate statements have been made by both sides, recognizing that it is the past and the only way to reconciliation and the future is acknowledging that the past existed, was wrong, and move on to a more appropriate relationship between citizens of the Province, and Country today and in the future. Dwelling on the past, to me, is unhealthy. Things have been done to me in the past but my future would be abysmal if I chose to do nothing but engage in maudlin reflection of past harm. I would like to note that in the entire time Mr. Murray worked for the RM, I would hazard to say no one knew of his past history, nor did he advertise it. To me, that speaks volumes.** Councillor Kuczynski - Mr. Murray, I made my statement and I have no further comments to that. Doug Murray - None at all? Many times you've spoke about not wanting other people to move here and your antidevelopment talk that you always talk about. **NOTE: I attend all Council meetings and I have not heard him saying that. Perhaps he has spoken of a company from afar coming in and harvesting our resources but I cannot recall him saying anything about not wanting individuals to move here or even other organizations. In point of fact, Mr. Kuczynski is himself a newcomer to Canada. Also I have NOT noticed Mr. Murray attending meetings either in person or on line but perhaps he views them after the fact.** Many times. That's ok. That's..that's a view that you now have a say on. You don't want other people moving here. You've said that many times that's all you had to say again but you let your heart speak for you that time and that's unfortunate. And I've got one more question for you. Will you resign? **NOTE: Mr. Murray represents less than 1% of the electors in his ward so I hope he is only asking on his own behalf.** Councillor Kuczynski - No. Doug Murray - Will you be willing to take some sensitivity, cultural training. I know a lot of people in that field of work. I can send you their contacts or maybe they'll come and ask. Councillor Kuczynski - Probably and probably if I have to, I will. Doug Murray - Have to? You should want to. You should want to. **NOTE: I was not in the Council Chamber during the meeting but I understand from someone that was that Mr. Murray was accompanied by a group of others including former Councillor Ralke that were making comments throughout.** Mayor Therrien - That's enough from the audience. Doug Murray - You should want... you need it. I have taken it. I have taken courses about that right in this Council chambers. I took diversity training in this Council chambers because I was an employee here. That's why...that's ok. You like to speak when it's not on the agenda, Mrs. Nysten. How many times that you've been let speak ... Mayor Therrien - Doug. Order, ok. Make your comments to the Chair (ok) and finish your question off if you don't mind. Doug Murray - Hey.. so you will not resign? Will you take the training? Councillor Kuczynski - Yes. Doug Murray - You need it. And I have a question for the Mayor. And then I'm going to address all of Council. Mr. Mayor, will you make a complaint to the Municipal Board about his conduct? **NOTE: That would not be an appropriate thing for the Mayor to do. He might privately speak to the councillor about the issue but not report him to the Municipal Board.** Mayor Therrien - That's a privacy issue uh at this point, Doug. Uh but we will have a statement uh soon with regards to that. We have an In Camera session after this. Uh I can't comment any further. Doug Murray - Ok. I care. That's why I listen to the Council meetings. **NOTE: He may listen to them after the fact but not during the meetings. I know. I attend them all, pretty much.** Some of us are listening. There are 16,000 of us here. I will say this. I worked in the Municipal world a long time, and I've attended many Council meetings, many Committee of the Whole, this is an embarrassment, Mr. Mayor. what's happening. **NOTE: And Mr. Murray and his group are merely making it even more of an embarrassment.** You've got 2 Councils here, advertising on their own, speak... Mayor Therrien - Ok uh that's not part of the agenda there Doug ... Doug Murray - You know, you've got the Mark and Andy show half the time. It's already a Mandy show, like come on. Mayor Therrien - Ok, Doug, I have to .. Doug Murray - Don't let them bully you, Councillor Warren... Mayor Therrien - Doug, Doug, I'm going to have to call ... Doug Murray - Have your vote. Your constituents elected you to have a say ... Mayor Therrien - Doug Murray, that's, that's enough. Doug Murray - Thank you for your work.. Mark Miller - Point of order. Point of order. Doug Murray - Thank you for your work, you've been doing this for many years and your sister Mayor. Mark Miller - Point of order. Mayor Therrien - That's enough, Doug. Doug Murray - Mr. Mayor, I feel sorry for you (that's enough) for what you're going through in your first term... Mayor Therrien - Sorry, Doug, no more comments. I appreciate ... Doug Murray - No problem. You've probably already muted me on line and I don't care. I'm going to have my say. So many people get to come up here. You, you're, you people yelling on me.... Mayor Therrien - Doug, Doug... Doug Murray - ...are the ones that do this all the time because you only want to talk about your issues. There's 16,000 people who live here... Councillor Miller - ... It's Ralke, it's Ralke all wired about... Mayor Therrien - Murray... Mr. Murray, ... Doug Murray - Do things to rise others, not themselves. Be leaders for all of.... Mayor Therrien - Dougie, thank you. Uh Mark. Councillor Miller - Well, my question was to Mr. Murray if he'd like to answer it. He made an accusation against me and I'd like him to clarify what he means. The whole reason I'm asking to have that taken off the agenda is for you to ask questions for others. I don't see how you could see me restricting that. I, ..it's bizarre. Doug Murray - Sorry, what was your question to me? Councillor Miller - Your first question was or your first insinuation was that you were saying I was obstructing or trying to limit you and others. That's exactly the opposite of what I'm trying to do, I'm trying to open it up. Actually you shouldn't have been able to ask those questions under the current agenda. I just voted against this agenda because I want you and other people to vote ..to have expression of uh concern. Doug Murray - Thank you very much. I just expressed my concern and I'm sure everybody heard me. Mayor Therrien - Thank you, Doug. **NOTE: Mr. Murray, seemingly egged on by Val Ralke, is protesting the independent actions of Councillors Miller and Kuczynski. Admittedly when someone is on Council, while they may have their say and vote their conscience, generally they are not supposed to publicly go against decisions of Council. However, the agreement in question is one that was not brought to Council for a vote but rather, decided independently by the Mayor and the CAO. That is not democracy and therefore these 2 councillors are trying to afford their constituency the right to a vote on the subject of Sio Silica establishing in the RM of Springfield. All other affected Councils voted against them operating in their municipalities. It begs the question of whether this group has been unduly influenced by Sio Silica or whether they personally believe allowing Sio Silica to extract huge volumes of water from our aquifer, extract silica, and then return the water is an acceptable practice.** Doug Murray - I'm pretty sure training is available. I know a lot of people. Mayor Therrien - Doug, Doug that's enough. Um I'll go to on screen here and I don't see anybody oh nobody's hands up there so can I uh... who is uh next? Who had their hands up? Uh Tangi, would you like to come up? This is in regards to that...excuse me there Tangi. This is in regards to the agenda there

Tangi? **Tangi Bell** - Yes, it is. Item 7 By-laws. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much. Go ahead, Tangi. **Tangi Bell** - The Procedure By-law regulated the proceedings and Conduct of Council. Um the Council reports are missing in this By-law. **Mayor Therrien** - Sorry, I can't hear you. **Tangi Bell** - Council Reports. They are missing in the Procedural By-law. **Mayor Therrien** - Um, we... **Colleen Draper** - Well, I think if you look at 7.4. **Tangi Bell** - Is it an update? Is it the Council's reports? **Colleen Draper** - Uh Reports say Elected Officials/Standing Committees/Departments. **Tangi Bell** - Thank you. Section 13 Procedure at Public Hearings. 13.0 is missing a resolution to excuse a member of Council from a Public Hearing. I request that this an important requirement for Council to act be included in Section 13 unless it's somewhere else in the, in the document. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh you have to explain uh that again there uh Tangi. What is it you are looking for in here. You want something added. **Tangi Bell** - Section 13..13.0. **Mayor Therrien** - Right. Now what is it you were looking at? **Tangi Bell** - In order to excuse a Councillor, you would not need...you would need a resolution, is that correct? Usually that, that sentence includes a resolution or some form of uh direction to that. **Mayor Therrien** - What I understand if uh a councillor isn't uh uh uh present I don't think there has to be a resolution with regards to that, if they're sick and so on ... **Tangi Bell** - You're..you're..well you still need a resolution so there were some of those excuses. I wish I had it in front of me this, however according to my memory, if you look, it's the first item (a) I believe (ya) 13, can you read that out. **Mayor Therrien** - Do you want ...take mine here if you like. **NOTE: In the background, someone says "Are you talking about the new one?"** **Tangi Bell** - I'm talking about the one that was on ..ya so I don't know ..but 13(a) it says... **Mayor Therrien** - That's 22:22. **Tangi Bell** - Um I'm taking up so much time... I thought it was quite... but from what I can remember in this you've given me, it says that is excused by the other members from attending the hearing. Is there not a resolution that's required for that? **Colleen Draper** - So under the Municipal Act, I'm just looking at Section 160, Clause 2 ... so under the Municipal Act I am reading uh Section 160 uh Section 2. Uh it does not specify that a Resolution of Council is required. Um I can say in the past I, I've seen resolutions passed but I've also seen that the verbal explanation of why a Council member is not going to be attending a public hearing um so in the Municipal Act, it doesn't specifically say uh a resolution must be passed. **Tangi Bell** - Ok. Thank you. Thank you. I'll get this going. Uh 13.1 ten minutes for the public to speak at a public hearing is inadequate in my opinion. I request that 15 minutes be put in. Section 15 Misconduct. **Mayor Therrien** - Yes. **Tangi Bell** - 15.8 and 15.9 are missing in the By-law. We have 15.7 and 15.10 but 8 and 9 are skipped. I'm not sure if it's a typo. **Colleen Draper** - It's just a formatting. **Tangi Bell** - Formatting so two are taken... ok so Section 16 Question Period. 16.4 indicates if Council does not have information to answer a public question posed to an item on that meeting's agenda, the Council can defer and will provide within 30 days. I request that 16.4 read "responses will be provided within 30 days and recorded under Unfinished Business of the corresponding Council meeting agenda". This is an appropriate step as it ensures that Council proceedings and municipal undertakings are reflected in the Minutes and the agenda. This provides Council the required transparent and accountable administration of the item under Question and its Conclusion. I have a few more but uh.... **Mayor Therrien** - I think we're running out of time, there, Tangi, but uh I, we'll take that under advisement when we discuss it here. **Tangi Bell** - Well, I appreciate it and uh if they're not included, I request a response with your rationale as to why they're not in particularly. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Thank you, Tangi. Uh we're gonna..uh it allows for 15 minutes under the Question Period there since uh Mr. Murray, it's just a little bit over, we'll uh start the 15 minutes now. Is Council ok with the 15 minutes now? Ok. Um.... **NOTE: Mr. Murray says something in the background I cannot hear.** **Mayor Therrien** - Uh thank you, Doug. Thank you. Um who's uh else had their hands up uh there? Uh, John? First of all, I want to see if there's anybody on the screen and there's nobody, John come forward please. John, if you can keep it to uh say 5 minutes uh please proceed. State your name and your address. **John Wright** - My name is John Wright, uh Spruce Road. Uh the first..I have 2 questions or 2 comments. The first one isn't on the agenda. Uh I was a union member for many, many years and when something came about, something would come down to me and we'd talk things out and work things out. We wouldn't shut things down and would work together. And at the last meeting we were doing everything except working together. I am surprised that something about the by-law limiting questions to the agenda is not addressed. We must start working together and getting along even if it ..each member of the Council have different agendas, you must give and take. And that goes everywhere across...that goes to ourselves. That was something I wanted to comment on after last meeting with the dog and...I'd better watch what I say. Anyway I have one question or one concern about the agenda today. It's item 7.3 on the agenda, By-law 22-22. Items may be added to agenda at regular meetings of Council by majority vote of members present prior to the adoption of the final agenda for the meeting of the Council. The change is "providing the reason for doing so is time sensitive and does not become normal practice". So if a person...if persons are doing their job properly and efficiently, the time sensitive items should be brought forward to the agenda in a timely manner. I have been hearing at meetings lately that issues are time sensitive. My concern is that things can get added to the agenda and the public are not prepared to speak about it. Sensitive Sio Sands, sensitive Water/Waste, sensitive high cost projects, these are all sensitive things that are time sensitive and I think by putting this change 7.3 in there, could have people drag their feet and make it sensitive, add it to the agenda the day they want to vote on it. That's just my comment. **Mayor Therrien** - Um if I can address that, John, I'm thinking the ..what we put down here and just so other people can understand where the option is and it's something we're going to be talking about at the very end is providing "providing the reason for doing so is time sensitive and does not become normal practice". So you're, you're essentially saying what is time sensitive uh it's a subjective uh term and that people might use the last minute uh is that what you're saying there, uh John? **John Wright** - Yes. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I, I think ... **John Wright** - You don't have to use it that often. It's the big projects and the big things that could be added to an agenda. Like tonight you could have added something to the agenda and a lot of people wouldn't be here that wanted, would want to talk about it (I...) cause they wouldn't see it on the agenda. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I understand that and I...that's something we'll discuss and we'll take that under advisement. Thank you very much for that. That's a good, that's a very good point there, John. **John Wright** - Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Um...uh Val I'll just see if anybody is on line here. Uh nobody's on line that wants to talk, then the next person will be Val Ralke. Uh sorry Val, we'll give you ... **Val Ralke** - Thank you. I'm going by uh 12.1. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, we'll give you the 5 minutes uh starting now (ok) and you want to start off at 12.1. **Val Ralke** - Ok Mayor and Council, CAO Mrs. Draper. Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. As you all know, I was a Councillor, past councillor for Ward 4 2018 to 2022. During this time it was made very clear to me and my fellow Council members that we had a responsibility to our citizens that we represented and spoke for, listened to all citizens within the municipality and never did we apply our personal opinions upon any one citizen. We remained unbiased, we held ourselves with accountability, responsibility, dedication and respect to the community as a whole. **NOTE: Is that why a newly elected Fire Chief who called out those on the volunteer Fire Department that consistently did not show up to fires into question was promptly fired, a member of which Fire Department one of the volunteers on it included Ms. Ralke's husband. And in leaving, in revenge for being fired, the outgoing Chief revealed to the media the secret about the shooting in the Police Department, and its cover up by Council and Administration. And by the way, Doug Murray, who was in charge of maintenance at the time, would have known about it also.** Legislation included the Minutes of the Municipal Act that required all municipalities to have a code, a Code of Conduct

by-law in place and mandated training for all Council members on respectful conduct. Each member has to have achieved this requirement within 6 months of being elected. **NOTE: Acts, including the Municipal Act, do not have Minutes.** Mayor Therrien - Where's the question there, please. Val Ralke - They're not. There's no question. I am going to speak. And you can mute me if you need to because again the right people are who are going to hear it. They have brushed it, this off using the excuse that they have a right to behave so badly because they are passionate about their water issue that is taking place within the Municipality and this is wrong. As an elected official and representative of the entire municipality, you do not get to exert your power as being a Councillor against any individual ever. Mayor Therrien - Sorry, Val, I'm not going to allow any more of that. I'm going to ask you that you sit down, please. Val Ralke - Why? Mayor Therrien - Because there's not a question here... Val Ralke - I'm going to ask it in the end. Mayor Therrien - Well, please ask the question then. We're not, we're not, I don't want (ok) you berating our the councillors either, there, Val. Val Ralke - Oh you see that that was the thing, that somebody else stated that you have no backbone because you will say that you will support your Council when technically what they're doing is I want to know, number one, did they take the Council Code of Conduct training. **NOTE: And I wonder, did she take the Council Code of Conduct training when her conduct as stated above as one example, was questionable?** Did any of you within 6 months? Mayor Therrien - This, this has to be... Val Ralke - All of you? Did you take the Code of Conduct? Mayor Therrien - Yes. Val Ralke - Did Councillors Andy and Mark Mayor Therrien - I'm not talking about that uh Val. You got the question answered uh... Val Ralke - I'm asking did Councillors Andy and Mark..did they... Mayor Therrien - Yes, I'm saying Council did. Colleen Draper - All of the councillors took the Code of Conduct required within the 6 month period. Val Ralke - Thank you. Next question is, now that they have, they would know what they are doing wrong and they would know that they have not abided by any of that Code of Conduct. And I have stated exactly which points they don't. And when that happens there's a place...it's all in place for your procedure in which you would take as the Mayor to remove them immediately from their seat. They have done enough to damage this community and everybody within it that it's time to stop. Mayor Therrien - Sorry, Val, ... Val Ralke - Having a referendum ... Mayor Therrien - I'm going to ask you ... Val Ralke - Having a Go Fund Me page. Mayor Therrien - We don't have that. Val Ralke - Charging \$9,000...you know what, I think you do because you're not stopping them from doing whatever you want, whatever they want. Whatever their thoughts are. You're not making a change there. Mayor Therrien - Val, I'm going to ask you... Val Ralke - You are not making a difference. Mayor Therrien - This is the last warning, Val, otherwise... Val Ralke - What are you going to do? Are you going to remove me? Seriously! Mayor Therrien - Val, we're going to have to ...Val I'm going to ask you to have a seat please. **NOTE: Ms. Ralke is babbling away in the background stuff which is not worthy of noting.** Val Ralke - You've been here for 12 years, you know the process, please.... Mayor Therrien - Val, Val, that's enough questions. I'm going to ask you to sit down. Val Ralke - **Continuing totally out of control and in violation of the very legislation she is spouting under which she once served.** Please start the process. Mayor Therrien, I get it, you're new, but you also wanted this. So get the information and get it moving fast. Mayor Therrien - Please sit down, Val. Val Ralke - And Councillor Warren, do what's right. Stand your ground. **NOTE: Is that the same Councillor Warren that let it be generally believed that a resident had threatened her to the point of quoting that in the local newspaper? I question her integrity. What does interest me is the comment, i.e. suggestion that Mayor Therrien was part of this action.** Mayor Therrien - Val, Val... Val Ralke - (laughing) Sour grapes. You want to go there, Mark? Mayor Therrien - Val, have a seat. Val Ralke - That's a lie. Did you hear what he said to me? Mayor Therrien - Val, Val..have a seat. I'm not going to have discussions back and forth... Val Ralke - Well, he's the one who started it. Mayor Therrien - I'm the Chair and the Chair's asking you to... Val Ralke - I understand that. Mayor Therrien - Sit down Val. Val Ralke - Call the police (laughing)... Mayor Therrien - Please sit down. **NOTE: And that, folks, is a fine example of someone that should be expelled from a place of business for failing to adhere to the directions of authority, not once, not twice, but continuously.** Val Ralke - Call the police. I'm done. Thank you so much. Good luck. I wish you the best, you guys. Take care. **NOTE: And if she has visions of running in the next municipal election, I will invest in a motorized wheel chair and run for Council against her without a moment's hesitation. AND I CAN AFFORD ONE. I STILL HAVE MOST OF WHAT I EARNED WHEN I WAS ON COUNCIL. CAN SHE SAY THE SAME?** Mayor Therrien - Thank you, Mrs. Ralke. Ok, we're going to have one more presenter, and I'm getting tired with regards to the uh dysfunction with regards to people and they're not listening to the Chair. **NOTE: There was only the Murray/Ralke group that did not listen to the Chair.** Um it's beyond me that people are kind of losing sight of uh manners and uh if you're asked uh by the Chair or anybody else to sit down, decorum isn't uh being uh held for whatever reason. There were a few comment about phoning the Police and then I have phoned the Police for uh lesser things so I definitely uh should be phoning the Police with regards to this but the Police aren't here to be our um you know guards uh in this Chambers. People ok Ted, just please, I know but just please let me uh finish this. You know, the Police aren't a stick for us to be used. Uh they should never be called unless there's violence. Uh it's just getting out of hand. This, this procedural uh by-law is quite important to us and we're going to start debating it uh here but what I see here tonight is people just ...I understand people want to get their points across there um but we have to start doing it with uh decorum and start being adults uh here. If people want to get uh their opinions across and I understand that but what am I going to do? Am I going to start getting an anvil here and I understand some of the other Councils have that, we have an anvil but that's just going to make a bunch of noise and I don't think people are going to listen. **NOTE: The minute Val Ralke disobeyed the instruction of the Mayor, he should have ejected her from the meeting. That would end the behaviour once and for all. BUT HE DID NOT.** Um it's just beyond me uh how uh you know how ill mannered some people are and it just seems to be uh you know people are Friday night uh fight night how the Tuesday night council meeting is here in Springfield. Um people have to start getting along here. For whatever reason, we just lost total uh decorum in this uh house and I wanted to uh uh reiterate uh there our Procedural By-law is going to be quite important uh there, we have to stick to our guns. Am I going to have the Police here uh and taking people out every time, uh that's not their job. **NOTE: How true! That's the Mayor's job to maintain control in his Council Chamber. And he is not doing his job for whatever reason. Perhaps he does not want to raise the ire of prospective voters but not maintaining control is probably raising just as much ire among the population.** I was a policeman for 35 years. It's not our job to come over here and start doing that. We expect adults to uh men and women alike to start uh behaving like adults there. It's a ..the question..then please do so but we're not up here to get slammed uh by uh by people and making it a personal attacks and so on like that. If you have a problem with the ..a person, a councillor and so on like that everything goes to the Chair and there's procedures to do it. This isn't the forum for that uh. If somebody has a beef and like I say, please respect uh the Council and let's uh let's start doing things where we start doing them in a mannerly way. Uh this is, this is reprehensible. I just uh I'm basically ashamed to be uh a member of the RM of Springfield uh Council. This is uh it's not as bad as what it's been before but still this is just uh I understand uh you know the people are quite adamant about uh um situations and so on like that and that's why we'll be discussing it shortly. My, my view is that we have to uh have the agenda pertaining to or question period pertaining to the agenda. It just because of what we're seeing here now, it's...this is a prime example of that uh and confining people to a certain amount of time but if people are just going to continue on and continue on and not having any respect for the Chair, having any respect for the Council

chambers uh then what are we doing, you know, and we're not here, we're not here to be punching bags uh for uh the public. I'm certainly not and I know everybody here is not uh. We have different views uh that's pretty uh pretty clear but at the end of the day, we got elected to do our job. Now if people have a problem with that, there's different realms to do that. It's not coming for Council as a uh to put their beefs out there. This isn't a beef uh session, it's, it's adults trying to act like adults. **NOTE: I would question that statement. They are not acting...they are immature, far from adult. Tangi acted like an adult. John acted like an adult. The "cadre", babies in adult clothing.** And what I see here, and what I've seen over the last month, is far from being adults. **NOTE: If he is referring to the demonstration outside the Council chamber, those people were polite, respectful, organized and acted like adults that wanted to express their disappointment with the actions of Council in regard to a particular issue. A delegation or more than one, actually, over the years, has been presented with that same opinion on the issue of Sio.** I'm, I'm not here to scold people, I'm just here to...let's start acting like adults and start getting this picture there where we can actually get some things done and accomplished, you know, this is quite simply..not acceptable. Ok then I'm uh that's just kind of my uh my position with regards to uh to that. Uh um is there any other questions. Our time is up in any case there so I'm going to uh um call the Question Period over at 6 uh :35.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Elected Officials - Mayor Therrien - Um could I ..we have uh Reports up uh next uh. Can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** that uh... **Colleen Draper** - Sorry uh you don't need a resolution. **Mayor Therrien** - What's that. **Colleen Draper** - Uh there's no resolution for Reports for reports. **Mayor Therrien** - Any reports uh Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - I'd just like to make a comment um I'm going to do a recommendation going forward that all our reports are done in the past like was done on the Council I sat on before that they were all done through an Activity Report that was submitted to the CAO and they were posted on line and I would like to go back to that because I think that was a more better structure **NOTE: I wish his sentence structure and grammar was "more better"**, and everybody could see what each Councillor has been doing if they want to look it up. I would recommend that. No more doing the reports out loud and everybody...again we've seen what happened here, you know, again, let's start respecting one another and let's do a report and send it in and the public can look at it. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Um any other comments from uh Council? **Councillor Warren** - I would have to agree with Glen on that. I find that when we each take a turn talking about what we've done over the last week because we seem to do these weekly, um we're just wasting some people's time and they don't want to listen to what we've done. To have it, to have it written that you know, you can look at it at your leisure now it's now documented and that's just fine with me and if you have a question, then you can phone and ask me if you see it and you don't have a chance to talk to me about that so I like the idea that it is, that we do an activity report and that's fine with me. **NOTE: I understand Edwin Giesbrecht who was falsely accused of threatening Councillor Warren based on misinformation spread by a relative of hers is having to put up notices in local Anola eating establishments to explain how he is innocent. Based on that, I wouldn't have much confidence that a phone call to Ms. Warren would be in any way constructive as she doesn't even take public responsibility for the maligning of an innocent person. Further, the so-called threat was made by an extremely non violent, non aggressive individual who was merely trying to warn her that should she vote a certain way, it could have repercussions on her social life in the RM. She publicly exaggerated the threat and made a statement to that effect to the local newspaper. That is not acceptable behaviour. She should have nipped the whole thing in the bud immediately by contacting the initiator and having him explain what he meant before sharing information with anyone.** **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Melinda. Uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** - I would like to echo that, in fact I started doing the reports and I know Glen you did too so I think that's important. It's for the record and uh people can refer to it. Beyond that, I do have a few other items, maybe for the last time on this. I just wanted to reflect that I'm still receiving calls and e-mails and texts about Valley Fiber and the work that they're doing and that we need to hold them accountable. I know that there's a lot of wrecked ditches and some driveways and approaches and other things like that that people are concerned about. **NOTE: Valley Fibre, even though I called them and said I was not interested in their service, came and placed flags all along my driveway and almost to my door but worse, they cut the line out in my front ditch and I was without Internet and my phone land line for over two days. Needless to say, I gave them a piece of my mind and the word "sue" may have come up.** Um the second thing is dust control. I would certainly continue to be an advocate for stronger dust control throughout my ward and I'm sure, some of the other wards require it too so going forward in the budgeting processing for next year, I know it's kind of late, Johnny come late for this year but in the future if we could have additional funds for that, I would certainly be a strong advocate for that. Um I've also received a number of calls like I'm sure some Councillors have and the Mayor about tax increases. Uh again the Board of Revision I guess is set up for November the 16th. or so so uh so I would encourage citizens if they're concerned that they uh I know it wouldn't reflect on their current taxes but it would on their assessment but having said that, there is a mechanism to go forward with and uh I know that the RM Web Site has that available and that's important. Um beyond that, as you know, later this month we're going to have a Water Open House in Dugald and I think it's important that we continue to advocate that uh this is a very important uh open house. If we can have subsequent meetings. I know we talked briefly about having subsequent meetings beyond the August date because people of course are very uh busy during this period of time. I'm not sure what the outcome of that was but I know that in my ward, there isn't anyone on piped water so they would be very concerned about um an overarching levy or tax on people who don't receive piped water and so uh I think we have to be very explicit at this meeting how much it would cost for the various options. I think the last time we had a presenter talk about it, there's a whole slew of options including a Local Improvement District or other options. Again going forward in the actual costs, anticipated costs and so forth um and the need, the explicit need that there is for it at this time and even why funds weren't uh um set aside in past uh years to better fund this type of a project. Um the final thing I have is, you know, I did a fair bit of research because of the state of affairs um and you know, we're having the 150th. uh anniversary coming up in September and would this not be an opportunity for us as the first Municipality to show what efforts we're taking for Truth and Reconciliation. In fact, I wanted to table this particular document because uh the City of Thompson and other municipalities are actually making a statement and it follows up on the next Procedures By-law and basically what it is is recognition of Treaty One and once the meeting of Council is called to order, the Head of Council will acknowledge the RM of Springfield acknowledges that we live and work on the traditional ancestral territories nations, the First Nations territory and Inuit peoples within Treaty One signed in 1871. The RM of Springfield supports and advocates for the universally apparent rights of First Nations and Inuit peoples. This includes supporting the rights of indigenous peoples and dedicating ourselves to reconciliation with indigenous peoples guided by these rights and by our responsibilities to uphold them for and with children, families and communities or their communities so maybe this is just a draft template that we can uh build on but frankly, I'm not sure that our RM has uh embraced this uh as much as we could and um being the first RM, we should be the leader right of the pack so

uh I think we need to do some research on this. I don't want to jump into this and do it incorrectly but maybe we need to consult with the uh Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the MMF and other organizations, Southern Chiefs organization, there's many others, there's 62 First Nations in Manitoba and of course, Metis nations and so we need to do this right, we need to do it correctly and we need to honour the past and uh I think I just want to set that as a goal going forward in the Procedures By-law. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Um yes I guess we could talk about that uh tonight **there uh with regards to that**. Uh I think it's a great idea. Uh actually we can talk further **in regards to that**. Uh the Reports, I'm probably one of the worst in regards to reports and what Glen and Melinda were talking about concurred by Mark and uh long winded, I'm long winded, uh I understand that so uh that, that's uh part of my badge to wear as well so ya I think going forward if we do that, give a report uh sending it in uh at uh what is it, 4 days before um to have our agenda or as soon as possible. **Colleen Draper** - Ya, to be attached on the agenda, I would need it by Friday at noon. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Everybody in agreement with that, if they were going to put something in there, they would do it Friday, by Friday at noon. **Councillor Fuhl** - Yep.

7. BY-LAWS

Mayor Therrien - Ok, then why don't we proceed to uh Item 7, uh that's uh By-laws, a mover and a seconder with regards to that please. Uh Melinda and uh Mark (Warren/Miller).

7.1 By-law 22-22 Procedural By-law (2nd Reading) - Colleen Draper - *Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law No. 22-22 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the Council of the RM of Springfield and the Committees thereof.*

Mayor Therrien - Alright, uh and we'll open this up uh for uh discussions but in kind of a process **there** unless uh...we can go line by line. I don't know if we have to do that myself. What does Council think uh do people Council has an issue with any one item uh **there** can we bring it up **there** and then assume the rest is ok. Does that sound uh good? Or section, do you want to go section by section? **Councillor Fuhl** - Section by section. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. **NOTE: Councillor Fuhl seems to be the spokesperson for all of Council.** Well, why don't we do that. Uh why don't we just start off uh um I'm not sure uh if we have to do uh page uh number one **there** uh but we do have something highlighted with regards to Definitions uh 2.0 um a, b, c, d, e, f and g. Has everybody read that? Any issues with regards to those. The reason I say that is because h) we have it highlighted **there** and that's the uh the disorderly conduct. **Colleen Draper** - So if I can just you know explain to Council why that is highlighted. So this is the wording that's currently in By-law 17-08 um but there has been comments we've received from the public that uh it's either not defined properly or they think different wording um should be used but based on research, this seems to be the standard wording. I think improper conduct was also one that was suggested uh so that's been highlighted just that there has been discussion around it but at this time it's stayed the same as the current by-law. **Mayor Therrien** - Now what was the improper conduct, that was there prior to that or that was ... **Colleen Draper** - I think that was the suggestion that we received from just either written notes or verbally during Question Period so the comment was that they didn't like the Disorderly Conduct definition and felt that it needed to be amended and I know Improper Conduct was suggested. Uh there may have been other ones but um like I said, based on the research, this seems to fit um what we're trying to achieve by this. **Mayor Therrien** - I, myself, it's just a play on words, poor or improper conduct uh it basically means the same and this is my opinion **there**, it's uh conduct uh by definition means conduct which results in obstruction of..to the deliberations or impedes the proper action of Council. Um what does everybody else think **in regards to that**? Um Glen you've got your hand up. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I'm good the way it reads. I have no problem with the way it is. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Melinda, you had your hand up. **Councillor Warren** - I'm good as well. I just, I have um notes still from the May 16th. meeting so I'm just going through but I'm ok with what we have here. Mark, Andy? **Mayor Therrien** - Um I, I am as well. Uh Mark, Andy. Any questions **with regards to that**? **Councillor Warren** - No, that's fine. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, why don't we go to Page uh 2 uh uh Item uh or Page 2 Suspension, 3 any rule contained in this by-law may be suspended by a vote of the majority of the members present in cases where the Act or this by-law determines some other vote uh that is required. Um any issues **with regards to that** uh Council? I see none. Uh then we'll go to uh the next one which is item 4 which is the Header of Council Inaugural Meeting uh um. There was a change uh in that one, was there not Colleen from 7 p.m.. **Colleen Draper** - Ya, originally that was 7 p.m. and we changed it to 6 p.m. just to be consistent with our meeting times. **Mayor Therrien** - Then that'll be item 4 or 4.0 and then 4.1 is Council must be at the Inaugural Meeting reviewing Procedures and Organizational By-laws. Any questions or comments from Council **with regards to** 4.0 and 4.1, uh Council Inaugural Meeting? I see none. Then we will proceed uh to uh the quorum um Item 5 is "a majority of the members of Council will constitute a quorum", well you guys can read as well as I but I guess for the uh for Council or for people in the uh Chambers and for people on line I will read it. Uh a quorum is 5.0 and that is "a majority of the members of uh Council constitute a quorum, a quorum of Council for the Rural Municipality shall be 3 members". Uh Item 5.1 "if a position on Council was vacant, the quorum will be a majority of the remaining members of Council uh provided that the minimum number for a quorum cannot be less than uh 3 members." And then 5.2 and lastly for a quorum is the lack of quorum. "If no quorum is present within 10 minutes after the time scheduled for the meeting which is usually 6 p.m. uh the Council shall stand adjourned and the CAO shall enter into the Minutes the names of the members present at the meeting". Any questions from Council **with regards to** that? Uh that's a quorum, 5 uh 5.1 and 5.2. Then we will get into um Communication Facility uh um again for the uh for the audience uh **there**, Communication Facility Item uh 6. Uh "if any member of Council participating in a meeting of Council by means of Communication Facility shall do so only with the prior approval of Council on terms and conditions uh set by Council, uh one by one, any questions **with regards to** that? Uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh just some uh clarity, Mr. Mayor. As you know, I've been away uh occasionally but uh beamed in through ZOOM and other means but uh I don't know if I really actually got prior approval so what does (laughing) prior ... I had advised Council but I don't know if I actually got your approval so what does that actually mean? Um how does one or any Councillor get approval uh to go by ZOOM, I mean we're all kind of... **Mayor Therrien** - That's uh would say it's what I ..those were exigent circumstances that are non in your control. I think that's the common sense rule. That is out of your control so uh I uh we could put something in there I guess but I'm not sure we could...if it's really necessary. I think everybody in Council understands your stuck in an airport or something like that, you can't talk. That happens uh so unless Council thinks otherwise to add something in there for those exigent circumstances, I don't think we have to go there uh for that myself. **Colleen Draper** - I mean, the other option is you can remove "shall do so only with prior approval" um I mean so you can remove "shall do so only with prior approval of Council". I know what um Council usually advising us well in advance when they're on holidays and when they will be participating by ZOOM so it's not necessary to have prior approval. I think the issue would be that if you let someone know and there's something very important on the agenda and we felt that maybe we wouldn't add that to that agenda knowing you wouldn't be there in person might be a consideration for Council in the future but uh I'm not sure the prior approval makes sense because last

minute things do come up, you know, flights delayed, that type of thing. **Mayor Therrien** - What would you suggest to replace that with? **Councillor Warren** - Just take it out. **Colleen Draper** - Just any member of Council participating in a meeting of Council by means of a communication um is deemed to be present at that meeting. You can almost combine 1 and 2 together (ya) (ya) (ya) or just remove 6.0 and keep 6.1 in there. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, what if we were to just get rid of this prior approval uh **there** of the 6.0... **Colleen Draper** - Uh it's just that then 6.0 and 6.1 would basically be saying the same thing. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok so incorporate them together and make one. **Colleen Draper** - Just 6.1 would become 6.0 and just the one item. **Mayor Therrien** - What do you guys think? Uh Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** - Uh I'd be good just having 6.1 there. **Colleen Draper** - Ok. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya I think uh that's uh that's fine, it'll actually uh make it smoother uh under the same heading of Communication Facility. So we'll remove 6.0. Is everybody in favour of that? I see acknowledgement from everybody **there** so we can ..we'll go to 6 uh 6.1 will now read 6.0. Correct? **Colleen Draper** - Correct. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok why don't we go to Agenda, uh Item 7.0. Um that's "draft agenda um of each regular Council meeting together with copies of the supporting material shall be available to members of Council at least uh 4 days uh brackets 96 hours preceding a meeting of Council. A copy of the draft agenda shall be posted in the Municipal Office and on the Municipal Web Site at the same time. Um any questions or comments **with regards** uh to that or do you want me just to read all the way through it? **Councillor Fuhl** - I'm good with that. **Mayor Therrien** - Item ..one item at a time. Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Ya, just a comment. Uh where we inserted the word of course "Draft", uh I guess the concern being that...uh how radical will we change the agenda when..like does it give the opportunity for the public to uh you know be prepared for what's the actual agenda on uh, on the meeting day? So in other words, I ... uh I don't think we have any wrongful intention here with the uh draft agenda because I mean an agenda can be changed at the meeting, right...additions can be added so um I don't know uh if there's a better way to really say this. **Colleen Draper** - So I think the point of that, we were clarifying that it is a Draft Agenda that is being distributed prior to the meeting so it's only final when Council approves it by resolution. That's the only reason that Draft was inserted. It's not that it means we can add anything willy-nilly uh on that Tuesday. It would still have to be any additions approved by Council uh so on Friday it is basically a draft agenda that is being posted until Council approves it by resolution. **Mayor Therrien** - Anything else, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Just one other item on that. Um you know I find that often the agenda is posted late in the afternoon which is fine on a Friday and I try to read it on Saturday or whatever but um is there any way we could post it on a Thursday, does that make logistical challenges for the Administration? I don't want to be difficult but I'm just asking the question. **Colleen Draper** - Uh it just gives us a chance that, you know, something important could come in on the Friday that would have to wait an extra uh week or two depending on the schedule so that's completely up to Council to decide if that's something you want to do but then I think that's where your 7.3 comes in handy when you can add items to the Agenda that are time sensitive. **Councillor Miller** - Fair enough. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya I would just relay what Colleen's saying, uh **there** that the draft component that is something to start off with and then having it on a Friday, at least uh then we have the weekend uh to work with it **there** uh without saying exactly what Colleen's saying. Is everybody in approval of uh Item 7.0? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - I would like to suggest, you know, we're getting it so late on Friday, then it's on the weekend. When you go away, you're not going to take your computer with you and you know, in the summer... **Councillor Warren** - What? I do. (laughing) **Councillor Kuczynski** - Well, you are the lucky one. (more laughter) You know, and, and then, you know, you go away and you're not home and you know, so it's like, we're busy working on this instead of enjoying our lives on the weekends. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, it's not telling you have to read it uh but... **Councillor Kuczynski** - I, I know but we want to read it, ya. Because it's there and we want to be prepared for the meeting. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, no, I, I understand. Everybody's different. Uh I like to get it started uh right away uh. Other people are different, that's ..you've got all day Sunday and Monday and **so on like that** but I know, I understand what you're saying, Andy. (umhum) Glen, you had your hand up. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I've sat on Council for 3 terms and we've always got it on a Friday. To me, it's part of the job. That's what I do, that's what I've been doing, I will look at it over the weekend and if I have any comments to make, I send them to Colleen on the Monday and then she verifi..or clarifies stuff for me or a director, I'll send an e-mail with Colleen cc'd on it asking for clarification so I do get the comments back if I have questions, do it on a Monday for a Tuesday meeting or for the Thursday Planning meeting and that's, I find it works so thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Any other questions uh Council? Then we'll...I've got a question **with regards to that** uh keeping it the same, I think is probably what uh we've agreed to uh **there** and understanding what we mean by "draft". Everybody good with that? Then we'll go to 7.1 is "the Mayor in conjunction with the CAO shall review and approve the agenda prior to publishing or distributing an agenda to ensure that there is sufficient information provided for each item for uh to facilitate Council deliberations." Um I've never had an issue **with regards to that**. Uh any issues, Council? I see none. Then we'll go to 7.2 "All items to be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of Council must be uh provided to the CAO at least 4 days/ (96 hours) prior to the scheduled time of the uh regular meeting." Any uh questions **with regards to Council with regards to that**? I see uh none. Then we'll proceed uh to uh 7. uh 3. Um "items may be added to the agenda of a regular uh meeting of Council by a majority vote of the Council, of the members present, prior to adopting the final uh agenda for the meeting um of Council" and then in red we're uh looking at uh adding "providing a reason for doing so is time sensitive and does not become the normal practice". Any comments or questions **there** from Council regarding 7.3? **Colleen Draper** - And I'll just clarify what was added in was another comment from a resident that was asked to be considered. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Any questions at all from Council? Uh Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** - Uh I'm just going to make a comment again, I note that last minute time sensitive items do come up. I can speak to at least a couple of times that there's been a last minute grant for the RM that we've put through and we won't have that opportunity if we don't have this in there and uh that's thousands of dollars that we wouldn't be able to have if we didn't have that option. Thank you. **NOTE: I have no idea what he is talking about. If something last minute and urgent comes up, Council can always call a Special Meeting. And grants Council puts through are to some other organization. Grants that Council receives don't have to be sanctioned by Council, merely acknowledged. It seems Councillor Fuhl is trying to make the public aware of his existence for whatever reason, maybe a future run for Mayor?** **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, uh Glen. Any questions uh from Council **with regards to** adding uh that under 7.3, last line? And I see none. Um 7. uh 4 that uh in the bullet for or asterisk form "in preparing the Council agenda, the CAO shall state the business for consideration in accordance with the following order of business. I don't...do you guys want me to read uh I should read it to people on line and in the audience uh in bullet form uh "calling the meeting to order, uh invocation, uh next is approval of the agenda uh next is approval of the minutes, next is reports uh uh slash uh elected officials uh slash or standing committees uh departments, uh the next is Question Period, next is delegations, next is uh uh reception of uh petitions uh in brackets as required and next is by-laws, next is unfinished business, next is consent agenda, uh next is new business, next is in camera, in brackets as required, and next is adjournment. So once I've read that uh Mark you had your question up for that, go ahead. **Councillor Miller** - Uh yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm just suggesting that uh under calling the meeting to order that we have recognition of Treaty One and again you can use the example of the agenda used in the City of Thompson and other municipalities where they do have this uh. Um I think it's a step forward and it's something different and I'm sure there'll

be people who may not be..you know, have different opinions on this but that's my suggestion is just have the recognition that I read out and again I can read this copy as a sample or reference in Thompson. **Colleen Draper** - So would you call it Land Acknowledgement, then?

Councillor Miller - They specifically say "recognition of Treaty One" but you could say Land Acknowledgement. **Mayor Therrien** - Glen?

Councillor Fuhl - When we attend our AMM meetings, they do the same there and uh I do support that. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, and uh they have it at just about every meeting I've been at uh **there** um so I, I support it as well. We just have to make sure we've got the right verbiage uh **there** um there's not much use reading it out now. What we'll do is research it to see what the best uh verbiage is. That seems rather long. Usually it's a couple of lines or so but I, I'm in agreement with the...are we getting rid of invocation and replacing that with recognition of uh of Treaty One? **Councillor Miller** - No, it would be an addition. It's another line item just after that. That's how the City of Thompson has it, again as a sample. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, so between uh calling the meeting and ... **Councillor Miller** - and approval ... **Mayor Therrien** - ... approval of the agenda... (correct) ... underneath or in between that. **Councillor Miller** - That's right. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, well where we put it...sure...well, can we do that then uh... **Colleen Draper** - So I guess I just would like Council direction, do you want it Land Acknowledgment or Acknowledgement of Treaty One Land? **Mayor Therrien** - See, land acknowledgement is Dakota/Ojibway uh Saulteaux and all the Treaty One Territory so it's either or in my opinion uh **there**. To do both is kind of long **there** so maybe we do a little bit of research and see which uh um I know the Ministers **there** and all the other meetings, they seem to have it different ones **there** so we'll opt the one that we like uh best and then we can bring that uh uh forward uh **there** uh. **Colleen Draper** - Uh just if you want to approve this, we should have (laughing) something in there that ... **Mayor Therrien** - What's the wording on that **there** Mark? **Councillor Miller** - This one is specific. It says recognition of Treaty One uh... **Mayor Therrien** - interrupting Can you read it uh to us **there**? **Councillor Miller** - Absolutely. So once the meeting is called to order, the Head of Council will acknowledge that the RM of Springfield acknowledges that we live and work on the traditional ancestral territories and nations of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. There's another paragraph to it but again we can ..it may take some effort. I don't know that we want to plagiarize or take but maybe AMM or the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has a suggestion or even Indigenous Services Canada. Uh I think we want to do it right, right? **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I know we..the whole idea is trying to get this through uh today but I don't want to rush anything through. **Councillor Miller** - May I suggest that this just then becomes our Second Reading and then the Third Reading we can adopt in a future time, I mean this would be to do it right. I'm not trying to delay or...but again, I know what Colleen's saying, as a Second Reading, we can at least integrate this uh and any other changes that have been suggested here tonight. Um I don't know, I don't want to uh be a barrier.... **Colleen Draper** - If we call it Land Acknowledgement whatever it said could change once we do the research so if you can... agree to Land Acknowledgement then what is said could be different, right, so... **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, we can do our own vers...but we should use a uniform one uh and we've got time now between the Second and the Third but I understand uh we'll, we'll find the right verbiage **there**. Um ok then um my only other issue that I would like to bring forward is the Question Period and then we can, we can get into that later on is adding uh only questions pertaining to the current agenda items, uh in adding that in to 7.4 to the right of Question Period um and that we can discuss as we go forward or if Council is prepared to uh to talk about that now or do you want to wait until it comes up in the uh um the proper agenda item here, whatever that might be. **Councillor Fuhl** - I think it would be proper to bring it up at the time. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya so that's where I am and I just defer that until it comes up uh later on uh in this uh uh by-law here. So unless there's..uh Mark. Or I'm sorry, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, like I researched this and I see that a lot of other municipalities don't have Question Period. What they have is public participation. Because Question Period and if you state whenever it's on the agenda, people have their issues that they want to talk about, not only what's in the agenda and maybe we should put that public participation, like you know, um after Council makes some..after by-laws or unfinished business, you know..... **Mayor Therrien** - Ya I know what you're saying... **Councillor Kuczynski** - And then we can specify the time and everything else in that by-law but people are going to know what we are discussing about, otherwise you know, they just because we can hear this, you know, come here and then I don't know if I can talk about it or I can just ask the question, you know. And then they are questioning you and maybe we don't have the proper answer for them so I think participation would be a lot better than public participation in that Question Period. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok then I think what we should do is uh once we get to item, that's 16, then we could discuss that. I think that's going to be our uh, our uh biggest uh um discussion would be on that, then we can come back to 7.4, where we're going to address it at uh 7.4 uh going forward. Does that make sense, uh Andy? Ok then unless uh the only other item here is In Camera as required. Um I don't know if anybody has any issues **with uh regards to** that? I don't see any other. Then we could uh go to 7.4 under the caveat **there** that we'll come back to this and fill in the Question Period, uh whichever way we decide once we get to 16. Uh the next one will be uh 7.5, "notwithstanding the provisions under 7.2, it shall always be in order for Council to vary the order in which business on the agenda shall be uh dealt with by a majority vote of members present". Do we need to look at that anymore? I think that's specific enough and I see no hands or questions so we'll, we'll carry on to the next one is uh Regular Meetings um **there** in Item 8 or on the agenda or not on the agenda but item uh on the uh by-law is "regular meetings of Council shall be held on the first uh and the third Tuesday of each month in the Council chambers in the Rural Municipality of Springfield at the hour of 6 p.m.". A meeting to consider all matters under the Planning Act will be held on the uh 4th. Thursday of each month in the Council chambers of again the Rural Municipality of Springfield at the hour of 6 p.m. Any questions uh from Council **with uh regards to** that and I see none and we'll uh carry on to uh 8. uh 1 and that'll be "all meetings of Council shall be chaired by the Chair or in their absence uh by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor, if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not present at the time of the meeting, the Council may appoint one of the members uh to chair the meeting at that time. That's 8.1. Any questions uh from Council **with regards to** that? And I see none as well. Uh 8. uh 2 is uh "Council may by resolution vary the date and time of a regular meeting as circumstances may require". Uh any questions Council? I see none and we'll carry on to 8. uh 3. Uh 8.3 is uh "Notice of any change of day or time of a regular meeting of Council must be posted in the Municipal Office at least 4 days uh bracketed 96 hours before the regular scheduled day of the meeting". Any questions from Council? I see none. We'll go to 8.4 uh "At the hour set by the meeting to commence and provided that a quorum is present, the Mayor shall take the Chair and shall call the meeting uh to order". Again, any questions from Council? I see none and we'll carry on to 8. uh 1 uh "Council shall observe a curfew uh whereby the item on the agenda under discussion at change uh from 11 to 10 p.m. will be the last item uh um uh with on that day unless by majority of the Council decides to extend the time of the adjournment. In any case, only a half hour extension is allowed." Any uh comment or question **with regards to** that from Council? **Councillor Warren** - I uh agree with that. Uh 11 o'clock is getting a little bit late. **Mayor Therrien** - I, ya and that's the reason it was put in there, 11 o'clock is uh very late. Uh I don't think you function well and there's a few on Council here that are working so and they've got a short day the next day uh as well and we're starting a half hour earlier now, we're starting at 6 p.m. Uh so if anybody has any questions **with regard to** so the last one will be at uh 10, 10 p.m. um... **Colleen Draper** - So, did you want to have that the last agenda item discussion at 9:30 and can only extend to 10 or the last one at 9, 10 and extend to 10:30, just to clarify? **Councillor Warren** - It's up to you if you want to say at 10 and then 10:30.. **Mayor Therrien** -

10:30 the last... **Councillor Warren** - It's just a very long meeting..(laughing) **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, and if we're starting at 6 and then the last one is at 9:30 ending at 10, that is the half hour included in there. I uh you know, the meetings at the very beginning, 11 o'clock seemed to be the standard uh **there** and that's way too late um so um everybody understand if we put it for 9:30 and the very latest with the half hour addition is 10 o'clock. Ya? And with Council's opinion uh we can only do one half hour extension in any case so 10 o'clock, I think uh we just keep track of the time and uh 10 o'clock is the latest. Any issues **with regards to** uh to Council on 8.5? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, I just want to point out that we only have one late meeting, I think, as I can recall. Otherwise we always finish in time. Not really a big issue, I don't think so if we just, you know, shorten to 9:30 and finish at 10, that ... **Mayor Therrien** - I agree and I think a lot of that had to do with we're still learning how this is all working um and things got uh uh very uh very long uh **there** as a..that's part of the contention **there** about making sure uh uh that the uh by-law is adhered to 15 minutes with regards to uh delegations in a 15 minute time frame **with regards to** Question Period. And then we'll discuss further at uh once we get to 16 so I, I ... **Colleen Draper** - So I'll maybe just point out, Joanne's sending me a text here and just wondering how that will affect Planning Meetings so sometimes our Planning Meetings do go a little longer um based on how much public speaking there is. So do you want to have a line in there uh.... **Councillor Fuhl** - Can we put an addition for Planning Meeting? **Colleen Draper** - Then a Planning Meeting can ... **Councillor Warren** - If a Planning Meeting went to 11:30, that... **Mayor Therrien** - It's not unusual for that. **Councillor Warren** - No. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, if we were to put the Planning Meeting for 10 o'clock, 10:30 is the latest, put that half hour down there um or is it better to make it to 11, that way give ourselves enough time. I ..a half hour is going to make a difference, I don't know. **Colleen Draper** - Or we just, sorry, go back to the 10 o'clock with the one extension to 10:30 and after that point, I mean residents really shouldn't be (laughing) still, you know, having to be at a public hearing so I just think it's a late night for everybody that has to work in the morning so if Council just wants to go back to the 10 o'clock with the last extension to 10:30 and um we'll just have to keep that in mind even for Planning Meeting. **NOTE: Administration and Council are going to have to be very careful about how many items are on an agenda and are going to have to estimate times per item. Otherwise I can foresee some poor applicant patiently waiting for his application to be reached, only to be told "Sorry, time's up. You'll have to wait until next month." I AM SURE THAT WOULD NOT BE WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC.** **Mayor Therrien** - Well, putting that addendum in there that for Planning Meetings, I think that makes sense. **Colleen Draper** - Keep it consistent for everything then (sure) (ok). **Mayor Therrien** - Under one umbrella. Everybody good with that uh 8.5. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So, like if we don't finish the Planning Meeting, then what do we do? Then would that go to the next Planning Meeting? **Colleen Draper** - Well, uh you would have to adjourn the Public Hearing at that point and then re-schedule it so it's a cost to re-advertise and make sure people are aware when it's going to be re-adjourned so or reconvened, sorry so I mean the best thing is for us is just to not book so many applications on an agenda and we just have to be mindful of that so. **Mayor Therrien** - Because when we, when we make this change uh I think we're still uh uh relatively uh well, we're quite new uh as it is but uh I notice at 11 o'clock when we were first starting, it was, there was a few there that it was just, it was on and on and I don't think we're quite as uh as sharp, alert and so on like that so doing uh what Colleen was specifying **there** at 10 p.m. that we shouldn't have to make an addendum for Planning either and if we do, then we'll have to adjust it accordingly. **Councillor Fuhl** - I'm good with that. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, then uh if everything is good with that uh then we'll go to 8.6 "Council shall hold its meetings openly and no person shall be excluded except for disorderly uh conduct", changing the word from "improper" to "disorderly" which will uh coincide with the definition section under 2 uh uh sub (h), using the word "disorderly" to make it a uniform uh wording uh, uh now "disorderly" instead of having one different one at the definition section, it should be the same one and using the word "disorderly". **NOTE: I have a suggestion to streamline meetings but it may not be popular with Council, or segments of it. Perhaps if we eliminated all the repetition, unnecessary sound effects (uh, um), superfluous phrases "in or with regards to", punctuating using the word "there", overloading of the agendas with an impossible amount of items, the occasional drawn out concurrence by Councillors Fuhl and Warren that add nothing to the proceedings, and the inability of the Chair to control the meeting, the Procedural By-law could remain as is, with just minor time alternations, thus eliminating this onerous, dragging discussion item by item. In fact, if all concerned had read it and messaged their thoughts to the CAO and Council as a whole prior to the meeting, Council could already have been presented with an edited version of the existing by-law, incorporating those minor changes, and this long discussion could have been avoided.** Any questions **with regards to** that from Council? I, I see none. Then let's go to 8. uh 7 um "despite clause 8.6 of this by-law, Council or Council Committee may adjourn to uh Closed Meeting, in brackets (In Camera) if item uh (a) um the members decide that adjourning to meet as a committee to discuss a matter and (b) the decision and general nature of the matter are recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and (c) the matter uh to be discussed relates to uh (1) an employee including salaries, duties, benefits and/or appraisal of employee's performance uh (2) is uh a matter that is in its preliminary stages and respecting discussion in public could jeopardize the Municipality's ability to carry out its activities and negotiations, item (3) uh uh under (c) is the conduct of existing or anticipated legal proceedings, uh (4) is the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an Act or by-law, uh Item (5) is the security of documents or premises or item (6) a report of the Ombudsman received by the Head of the Council under Clause 36 uh sub (e) of the Ombudsman Act. Any questions uh **with regards to** that or additions or in general from Council? And I see none. Then we'll go to uh 8.8 um "no resolution or by-law may be passed at a meeting that is closed to the public except a resolution to re-open the meeting to the public. Any questions with regards to that. I see none. The next one is a header of uh Special Meetings of Council, that'll be uh 9. Uh 9.0 a Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Springfield may be called at any time by the Mayor. It must be called by the Mayor if the Mayor receives a written request uh from at least uh 2 members of Council stating the purpose. Uh a copy of the written request must be served on the CAO. Any uh comments uh concerns from Council on 9? I see none. Uh 9. uh 1, should the Mayor not call a Special Meeting within 2 days (48 hours) of receiving a written request by members of Council, the CAO must call the meeting in accordance with Section 9.2 of the uh this by-law. Questions? I see uh none. And we're at 9.2 uh the Notice of Special Meeting uh to members of Council may be oral, electronic, or written form. It must state the purpose of the meeting and it must be provided to all members of Council and be posted in the Municipal Office and on the Municipal Web Site at least uh 4 days or 2 days, 48 hours, before the scheduled time of the meeting. **NOTE: On several occasions now, this Council, aided by the CAO, have labeled regularly scheduled meetings as Special Meetings, when no necessity to do so existed. These meetings do not provide for input from the public, i.e. there is no opportunity provided for questions, and no items are to be added to the posted agenda.** Any questions or concerns **with regards to** 9.2. I see uh none. And we'll go to 9.3, should the Mayor be unavailable, the Deputy Mayor may call a Special Meeting only if requested by 2 members in accordance with this uh part. Issues, concerns? I see none. 9. uh 4 is any member of Council may waive the right to be given notice by giving written notice to the CAO and having done so, shall be deemed to have been given notice of a Special Council meeting. That's 9.4. Any issues? Council? I see none. Then let's get to 9.5, at a Special Meeting, no subjects or matters other than those mentioned in the notice calling the meeting shall be taken into consideration unless all members of Council are present and the members unanimously agree by resolution to uh add items to the agenda.

Issues, concerns? I see none. That's 9.5. Uh and then we'll get into Emergency uh Meetings and that'll be under uh Item 10. Um the first one is 10.0 an Emergency Meeting of Council to deal with emergency or extraordinary situation may be called by the Mayor at any time at a location within or outside the Municipality as may be convenient. Any questions, Council? I see none. Uh 10.1 only business dealing directly uh with the emergency uh shall be transacted at the meeting and shall be taken up in the order uh in which it appears on the agenda unless otherwise decided by a majority vote of the uh members present. Issues, concerns from Council? I see none. 10.2 Notice of Emergency Meeting uh shall be as soon as practical after the meeting is called and in a most expedient manner. 10.3 any issues, concerns, Council? I see none. Uh 10.3 is a Notice of Emergency Meeting to all members of Council may be oral, in electronic or written form uh and must state the date, time, location and purpose of the meeting and must be provided to all members of Council and be posted in the Municipal Office and on the Web Site at least 12 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. That's 10.3, issues, concerns from uh Council? I see none. **Colleen Draper** - I just might request that uh Council consider under the Municipal Act, uh I know there was some concern with holding meetings strictly by ZOOM so under the Act, it does define place in relation to a meeting or hearing conducted by means of an electronic or other communication facility includes the electronic or other communication facility. So what that means um I think in 10.0 it says that a emergency meeting can be called at any location within or outside the Municipality uh so in that case probably a ZOOM would be used for that situation so just to clarify that is permitted under the Municipal Act. **NOTE: Nice. While it is 2023, not everyone in the RM has an electronic device. Secondly, in the case of some emergencies, electronic devices may not be functional in all areas. Reception is not all that good on such devices as cell phones. The same would apply to Special Meetings perhaps as well. Just an observation. That is why the Province uses televisions, which pretty well everyone has, to announce impending problematic weather conditions and probably other emergency situations as well if required. Maybe the Municipal Act needs to be reviewed. At the time it was originally written, no such devices such as cell phones even existed and while it has been amended, no such amendments are advertised.** So it's not something we should probably add to the agenda, I just want to clarify with Council that that is acceptable. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Any issues, concerns with regards to Colleen's explanation for that? I see none. Then we'll assume everything uh is good uh. Why don't we get to Delegations uh please. That's under eleven, uh eleven point zero is the Chair may limit the time taken by a Delegation to 15 minutes. The delegation must appoint uh a spokesperson. Issues, concerns from uh Council, anybody in regards to 11? Then we'll get to 11.1, to allow members uh of Council to prepare for uh excuse me, I'll say it again, to allow for members of Council to prepare for delegations, all presenters shall register with the CAO at least 5 days, 120 hours before the Council meeting and advise the CAO of the topics, scope and presentation, providing a copy of their presentation material to the CAO. If using presentation software such as Powerpoint, the delegation shall provide an electronic version uh which shall be uploaded on to a Municipal laptop to be used during the meeting. Presentation materials shall be attached to the meeting agenda. **NOTE: Often, presenters would not have anything pre-prepared or any handout materials. They would be able to provide a broad topic but would be ad libbing. Also, Council always reserves the right not to comment on the delegation or even ask questions. Sometimes they do but often they just listen and at the end of the presentation, the presenter is thanked but not given any assurance of consideration or subsequent action.** 11.1 any issues, concerns. Uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh just a quick question, Mr. Mayor. I know sometimes we have delegations whether it be here, we saw at the CEC (Clean Environment Commission) and elsewhere that people don't actually have written presentations, they just come up to the mike and you know, provide their information. Um how do we deal with something like that? You know, not everybody's capable and maybe uh computer savvy or I don't know, there's situations that people wouldn't have an actual formal presentation so what does one do like, do we dismiss.... **Colleen Draper** - My, my opinion and I don't have a vote so this is up to Council but my opinion is, the better prepared Council is of what the delegate is going to be talking about, and also residents, uh a lot of time we think they're coming about a certain topic and we don't even actually talk about that topic so having to prepare and submit something in advance lets everybody prepare accordingly. And then even having the right staff there to hear what's being heard. **NOTE: It is not necessary for staff to be present. They can always listen to the audio file subsequently. That is what people who cannot attend meetings have to do.** So if there's responses required, you know it's always good to have the appropriate people listening. **Councillor Miller** - And I support that uh but I'm just thinking of the instance where...they should definitely provide the topic and any information even if it's a sentence or two or a paragraph and not come in blind for us but I just don't want people to be kicked out just because they can't formally prepare a presentation. I mean, what constitutes a presentation. If.... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** It could be handwritten (ok). I've suggested they just come into the office and handwrite it and leave it with me. **Councillor Miller** - That's fair. **Councillor Warren** - May I? May I have .. **Mayor Therrien** - Go ahead, Melinda. **Councillor Warren** - Um so before I was elected, and in 4 years of, of, of the previous Council in position, Glen will say that I was here. I was here on a few occasions. So I came as a delegate and I talked about the big business next to my home and when I talked about the big business next to my home, I also talked about the tax incentive program and when I did that, you know, I brought, I brought my questions, you know and my statements because you know, you hear things like um, it was a \$500 million dollar elevator, right. And so, voila, I live in a 5 or 10 acre lot and now there's this gigantic \$500 million dollar elevator next to me. I wasn't told so I brought my questions to Council, and my, my statement and I just let them have it so that day, on the Friday or Thursday, whatever day I submitted my information, uh Council could, I don't know, Glen can...but Council could ask the Planning Department on ok that \$500 million dollar elevator, is it a permitted use, what are my...what am I allowed as a resident and what are they allowed as a business. So at least when a delegate comes to the podium as a delegation, Council is aware because they can go and ask the Department Head what needs, you know, what's all the, what, what is everything going on here, right, and then same thing, I came in front of Council again about our water and the Springfield raw water wells, so I came and you know, I just, I wrote questions like um I wanted to know the quality, quantity, I wanted some information so then at least Council or the CAO could prepare her staff um so she could contact the Water, Waste Department and get all that information and bring it back so that Council was prepared for the questions that I had asked and even if..I mean at that point there was Friesen Drillers also so could talk to Friesen Drillers and Council could talk to Waste and Water and then when I brought my questions here, there was some knowledge. I think it's really important to have..you know, even if it you know, a couple of paragraphs just so that Council is aware of what is actually coming forward. And all I did was I wrote it and I submitted it. So I, you know, that's it. That's all. That's my opinion of what a delegation .. it doesn't have to be a whole presentation, it doesn't have to be 16 pages or placards or ... it can just be you know so many sentences, right, one piece of paper. That's all. As long as we know that we can go see the appropriate um departments. It's very, very helpful. **NOTE: If Councillor Warren is trying to imply that the reason she and her family are now stuck with a \$500. million dollar grain storage facility, municipal wells, and a giant loop track next door to their homes, located on land still, if I am not mistaken, zoned either agricultural or possibly rural residential, I would challenge her on just how much attention was paid to both her delegations as they are now stuck with this monstrosity forever literally in their back yard. Council had already, in my opinion, or certain individuals on it, made a deal with a huge business enterprise to locate on**

relatively inexpensive land that was not zoned for such a use and that has caused the Brown family untold grief and does so to this day, especially insofar as their domestic water supply. Obviously she may as well not have wasted her time and energy. Usually the purpose of a delegation is to prevent something happening by drawing attention to the impact it may have on the residents. BUT ONE CAN SEE FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT DELEGATIONS ARE GENERALLY IGNORED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DAY. Now she sits on Council and is in a position to possibly prevent a similar hardship to the residents of Vivian and to the population of the entire southeastern quadrant of the Province of Manitoba, including the towns of Beausejour, Steinbach, Ste. Anne, Anola, Dugald, Oakbank etc. insofar as the Sio Silica proposal and thus far, although slowly, it is being allowed to progress in Springfield while the other jurisdictions voted resoundingly against it at the very start. PERHAPS IF SHE HAD COME ARMED WITH SUPPORTERS, PLACARDS, EVIDENCE OF THE POTENTIAL HARM, SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE "HELPFUL" IN PREVENTING THIS ILL CONCEIVED PROPOSAL FROM PROCEEDING. Now we are still faced with protest in this regard, placards, signatures on petitions, support from one political party, etc. but now we cannot remove them. The die has been cast, Melinda gets to hear the thudding sounds of boxcars being loaded and attached to trains, the Browns are still to my knowledge having problems with their fresh water supply, etc. **Mayor Therrien** - Like in advance. **Councillor Warren** - Ya, and if .. if they have to bring it 4 days or they have to give the CAO what 5 days notice, so at least then we have the knowledge about what is going to...what we're talking about. **NOTE: It was not lack of Council knowledge that led to what now exists to the north of her yard. It was, in my, and many other opinions, corruption on the part of all, or some of Council.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, and I agree, uh like it allows.... **Councillor Warren** - That's my opinion. **NOTE: A pretty hypocritical one, in my opinion, having herself been shafted, now she doesn't mind if others are similarly disadvantaged.** **Mayor Therrien** - No, I, I, I'm in agreement with you. Uh having something uh **there** uh more than just a you know uh a brief uh comment what it's going to be uh like, we want to make sure that the caption is uh uh you know a dog and uh dog bites or something just to be uh humorous I guess, then it should...your, your topic should be on that. It also allows us to be prepared, it allows uh the public as well, they can understand that this is what it's going to be about, I think this, you know, somebody would say, well, I would like to know about that uh. Maybe this'll be something I, I can take care of so it's informing us, we can be prepared in advance, it's informing the public who could be uh you know, in tune and uh able to uh to understand this is going to be appropriate uh to themselves. It allows for people to be informed and uh uh you know when delegations are for everybody so that's uh...I would concur with you **with regards** to that. **NOTE: So then, when the Clean Environment Commission hearings were being held, why did this Council not prepare and make a strong statement and stand at that venue to unequivocally make it known that Sio Silica and their venture were not welcome in the RM of Springfield, that they would not be allowed to erect a processing plant to extract silica from water dredged up from 200 ft. beneath the ground in the aquifer that provides drinking water to southeastern Manitoba? WHY WERE THEY THE ONLY MUNICIPALITY AFFECTED THAT DID NOT BAND TOGETHER TO STOP THE PROJECT? This Council had had more than enough opportunity to inform themselves, both after and prior to being elected. In fact, some actually had the stoppage of this venture in their campaign platforms.** Something more than...it's got to be.. you know, everybody like me, I tend to be long winded and I tend to have a lot of material ??? and so on like that. Thank you, Melinda, for that. **NOTE: Their two voices are heard laughing uproariously.** **Councillor Warren** - You sound like, oh yeah, **Mayor Therrien** - You know, I heard you go "yeah". **NOTE: More laughter from the two of them.** Uh but yeah, not everybody is proficient in Software and Powerpoint so handwritten is fine but it has to be uh uh you know sufficient **there** that we encapsulate what he or she is going to be uh saying. Um do we have to amend that uh at all uh Colleen or see. That's just kind of uh do you understand what's **Colleen Draper interrupting** - So it basically says what you're suggesting so...it, it says that um you just have to advise the CAO of the topic and scope of the presentation, providing us copies. That can be handwritten, typed and then it goes on to say if you're using presentation software, we need a copy because we're going to run it on our laptop. Uh so it doesn't all have to be in a presentation type software. **Mayor Therrien** - Sure. Uh any other questions, Council, that's 11.1? Then we'll proceed to uh 11.2, uh there shall not generally be a limit to the number of delegations included on the agenda of a Council meeting but the CAO is granted authority to schedule delegations as deemed appropriate. If we're looking at 15 and it's per delegation, uh should we have a limit for the amount of delegations uh there if it doesn't meet for uh today's date, then we could put them over for the next one uh like 4 delegations would be an hour um keeping with the 15 then minutes **there**. Um so should there be a limit uh **there** and Glen had his hand up. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya I agree that there should be a limit because we have no limit. If I come in as a delegation and I'm told that I can't be a delegation, at least I can understand why that we've given an hour for our meeting to have for delegations. Otherwise if it's open ended, we're going to run to 10:30 at times and um there's going to be delegations not heard and that's not fair to the public either. **NOTE: But limiting the number is?** Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I tend to agree and that, that's kind of getting in part trying to get things under control, **there**, the delegations for the 15 minutes uh the 15 minute uh time for the uh uh the Question Period, then we'll get into 16 with regards to the proper wording for that so that we, people know that uh if they're giving us a certain amount of time for things, then they adhere to it and some kind of a system where they know that they got another minute left uh then that uh tends, I would think, to bring some uniformity and that gives people a heads up so if we were to add uh uh should we have uh a limit present that down there for an hour? That'll be 4 delegations. Uh is everybody good with that? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh Mr. Mayor, I can add I did again check organizations and procedures by-laws from other municipalities and I believe it's Virden that actually does have a restriction of 4 so what you're suggesting is alright um I think. Again we wouldn't want to limit people but again we have to be practical and uh realistic. The only question I have on 11.2 though is just that the CAO is granted authority to schedule delegations as deemed appropriate. I just don't quite know what is deemed appropriate. I mean, if you go to 11.3 I know what it means to not allow delegations but is it your discretion or whose discretion, I mean we want to trust you of course but we wouldn't want to um have you bump out people that uh um you know you have a personal uh, I don't know what the word is, I mean, Doug Murray, I wouldn't want, even though he said what he said against me, I mean I wouldn't want to say, well, if Doug Murray's coming as a delegation, I wouldn't want him to come, right. I think he had ..he's entitled to say his piece to me or Andy or anybody but so I'm just wondering, how do you deem appropriate, like what, how do you define that for us. **Colleen Draper** - Well, I think the most recent example, not to...I won't name names but I'm sure my example will be clear, that someone had requested to come and talk about the Water Treatment Plant so I deemed it that it was not appropriate before the Open House was held so I just didn't feel like a delegation before we even had an opportunity to provide all that information in an Open House which is what Council had asked me to organize so we pushed it off, we felt, as long as we could into the summer. Um typically most people are on holidays earlier in June, yes of course we're not going to meet you know everyone's schedule but we have 16,000 people that we're trying to arrange schedules around, it's never going to work. So I think I heard loud and clear the last time that we should have additional Open Houses just so that we catch everybody but in that case I just didn't deem it appropriate that we were discussing it before the Open House was held. **Mayor Therrien** - And I concurred with our CAO **with regards** to that. Uh she had asked my opinion and I, I agreed with that. The um we're never going to stop anybody uh from appearing but if we can put it at another time uh **there**

that's more appropriate uh uh uh then uh that uh um in that example then that, that's the reason that we've articulated why we would move it over. So we're not going to say "no", we don't like that guy or like girl or whatever, I just don't think that would be uh plausible, that would never happen. Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I guess we could revisit it if it was...if we saw that we perceived that to be a problem, then we would have to revisit this but uh... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Like anything else ya I agree. We could always bring that up uh on anything **there**, yes, for sure. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But uh I want to ask, why is it inappropriate to have people come and talk for us because we...what's the reason for it? **Colleen Draper** - What? My last example I gave you why it was inappropriate? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ya. **Colleen Draper** - Because I think Council you know talked about us having more open houses where we would present the information uh and the Water Treatment Plant is the logical project that we would do that for so. You know, having a delegation before the public's even hearing the information with all of the consultants there and us getting questions submitted to us and then we can build on those..that presentation for the next Open House. **NOTE: The problem with an open house is discussions are one on one and the majority visiting do not hear either the questions or the answers, they just get to mindlessly stare at placards which may or may not explain the scope of the project, the actual final cost, its impacts, etc. With a presentation in Council, everyone present, on line, or even listening to the audio file hears everything being said.** So I just didn't see the point in having that delegation. Council would not be aware of that information to even answer. **Mayor Therrien** - So after the 29th. or the 28th., I forget (29th) what the date was, 29th. uh **there**, there's going to be people, our experts, our consultants, and people there that'll have uh answers uh for questions and uh if there's any questions **with regards to** that or somebody is not quite uh happy with that, then as a delegation uh he or she can come informed and, and ask those questions but until we like, we don't even know all the answers yet until we have that consultation as well. We're going to learn as much as the people there as well. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, I understand but uh at least maybe some people come with some knowledge and enlightening us as to what they think about this before even we go to the meeting like and you know, once we have **Council meetings, and people can hear what was presented, they would be prepared** for whatever going to that uh presentation there, otherwise everybody just goes and how do they know what questions to ask. Not everybody is, you know, educated in uh water. They know they drink it but you know, what the whole procedure, what's going to happen and the presentation, you know. If they're aware beforehand, they cannot question if they're not aware beforehand, they just go there and you know. And I, I don't know, if there's going to be a lot of people there, how are they going to be accessed, have access to all these people who are going to be presenting that, you know? **Mayor Therrien** - Well, they, the ones that I've been to uh which is very limited uh **there**, they have a um a team of uh people that have the name tags uh there and they, if they have a question from uh Pat that's more Finance oriented or more towards that, then they'll bring that person towards them to answer that. **NOTE: Translation of this conversation: At Open Houses, placards are placed around a room for people to view. Generally speaking, most are probably quite unsure what the placards are meant to convey. Meanwhile, located around the room are various specialists such as engineers and consultants to provide answers to any questions one might have. The problem is that the ratio of specialists to visitors is disproportionate and one conversation may last half an hour so in my opinion, it is a waste of time and money. More appropriate is a room full of seated people listening en masse to a straightforward presentation on the subject, followed by a half or one hour question period where questions are asked and everyone hears the answer.** What we're saying here is it's just not we're not saying No, like we don't want he or she uh **there**, we're not doing that. We're just saying that it's a more prudent time. Uh we're not saying it's never going to happen, it's just that it's more appropriate to have it around the uh the 29th. after the presentation and then maybe all those questions that were going to be present **there** are answered and then uh you know there's ..the delegation doesn't have to appear or the delegations are, are is more uh informed to see exactly what this is all about uh and then have more questions uh allotted **there**. **NOTE: The Mayor should let his CAO do the explaining as his version is, in my opinion, confusing. My explanation above more clearly explains the process.** So I don't know if there's any right or wrong answer, it's just a matter of having a more informed uh time and place for that and that time and place is the 29th. of August where all our experts are going to be present. If there's more questions as a result of that, the delegation will still uh proceed, uh there's no doubt about that. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So as you said, Mr. Mayor, that more answers or more knowledge is better than not having the knowledge. That's what I'm saying. **Mayor Therrien** - Definitely. I agree. **Colleen Draper** - And I think I put that offer out that we would gladly accept questions that we can make sure that information is being presented or answered at that Open House so I don't think anything inappropriate happened so. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So it's going to have to be done properly, just people have to have knowledge of what's going to happen, going to that presentation. That's what I'm asking. Ok. **Mayor Therrien** - No, I agree. Uh then if there's nothing, uh I think what, what we decide on 11.2 is that maybe the 4 is the limit that we would have for delegations, that's an hour's time um **there** uh for 11.2. Is that in agreement **there**, uh Council? **Councillor Fuhl** - Yep. **NOTE: Again, Fuhl seems to have appointed himself spokesperson for the group.** **Mayor Therrien** - Andy and Mark? Yes. And Melinda? **Councillor Warren** - Yes. **Mayor Therrien** - Actually, Garry, would you mind uh flicking the switch here uh behind you to the left. Turn the lights on **there**. It's a slider, the slide thing there. Wow, much better. **NOTE: In the background can be heard Councillor Warren echoing what the Mayor is saying, laughing, and saying "thank you".** Thanks, Garry. **Councillor Fuhl** - Thank you. **Councillor Warren** - continuing to laugh. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, why don't we get to uh 11. uh 3 uh **there**, uh delegation requests may be denied under the following circumstances uh a, b and c. **NOTE: As mine was denied: We are unable to provide you a delegation time on the August 8th council meeting. At the time of your request, we already had 3 scheduled delegations on the agenda. The August 29th event is an open house to gather public feedback. I suspect a lot of your questions will be answered at the open house. If there are specific concerns that you have, could you provide them to Administration prior to August 29th so that we can ensure the information is available at the open house. I'm sure your questions will be the same as other residents and our best way forward is to ensure we know what the concerns are and how best to address them when our consultants are present. If you have outstanding concerns and questions following the August 29th open house, perhaps then a council delegation would be more beneficial.** (a) is the subject matter is deemed to be beyond the jurisdiction of Council. (b) The issue is specific to a labour/management dispute, matters relating to litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality including matters uh which are before **NOTE: Councillor Warren can be heard talking in the background.** uh and under the jurisdiction of the matter and Item (c) uh Council has previously considered uh or made a decision on the issue or on, on the issue and a delegation has appeared before Council with respect to the same issue within a period of 12 months following the date on which the issue was considered by uh Council. Issues, concerns uh from Council, 11.3? I see none. 11. uh 4 uh Chair may allow uh non-scheduled delegations while a meeting is in progress as deemed appropriate and if approval by the majority of the members uh present. Any issues, concerns, Council? None? Uh we are now under uh Voting, uh 12. Uh a member has one vote each time a vote is held at a Council meeting at which uh the member is present. Um I'll do a number 12.1 as well together. Uh the Minutes of a meeting at which Council votes on the third reading of a by-law must show the name of each member present, vote and abstention of each member and the given reason for each abstention so for 12 and 12.1, uh any issues uh uh

that Council wants to bring forward **with regards to** uh 12 and 12.1? **NOTE: Councillor Fuhl can be heard saying Nope, the self appointed spokesperson of Council. Obviously Mayor Therrien's public announcement that, as a 2 term councillor, he would know everything has affected his sense of self worth.** I see none so that's..we'll get to uh 12 uh .2 uh then if you're good, we'll go 12.3 as well. Uh 12.2 is a CAO must record in the Minutes uh the name of a member who exercises the right to abstain from voting on the resolution and 12.3 If an equal number of members vote for or against a resolution or by-law, the resolution or by-law is defeated. Any issues, uh 12.2 uh 12.3? I see uh none. Uh 12. uh 4 is Council uh may not reconsider or reverse a decision one year after it is made unless a, at the same meeting which the decision is made, all the members who voted on the original resolution are present and agree to reconsider and vote again or b) a member gives uh written notice to Council from at least one regular meeting to the next regular meeting of a proposed review and reverse of decision providing an attempt is made to ensure all the members who voted on the original resolution are present in the following meeting. That's 12.4, issues, concerns uh from, from Council? I see none. 12.5 is uh when Council reconsiders and reverses a decision, the Minutes must show the original decision and the decision made on reconsideration. Again, issues, concerns? I see none. 12.6 a recorded, a recorded vote uh shall be taken for every motion. The Mayor shall call upon a member of Council to vote on the motion to answer in support or in opposition so the changes here, the only change here is uh changing it from uh uh just plain opposed uh to using the verbiage of "in opposition". **NOTE: The Mayor consistently mispronounces this word, leaving out the middle consonant of "bee".** Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I don't have uh any opposition to that change but uh we're not allowing for those who are abstaining though, right, so you should also ask for those who are abstaining because we have had that, we have had that happen and we could have that happen in the future so I'm not sure. This doesn't really allow for that, right? **Mayor Therrien** - Somewhere in here it does allow for uh abstention is considered a "no" vote or did I read that somewhere else? **Councillor Miller** - No, cause when you call a motion uh for the vote, right, either for it or against it, that's what this would say but the odd time someone might be abstaining. **NOTE: Have Councillors Fuhl and Warren left the building or fallen asleep or do they simply feel the by-law is perfect as it stands and cannot envision anything needing to be questioned?** So all I'm saying is just add also any abstaining. I mean obvious..it's obvious if we all vote, if there isn't but.... **Mayor Therrien** - Well maybe if we put down there in *..those in abstention* uh *where, when necessary*, something along that line to allow for the abstention. **NOTE: Why not just say "those in support, opposition, and abstaining if after the first two, someone has still not voted".** **Colleen Draper** - So we could just amend it to say either in support, in opposition, or in abstention. **Councillor Fuhl** - Yep. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Is that good? Uh Procedural uh procedure at public uh hearing, uh 13. Uh each member of Council must attend a Public Hearing called by Council unless the member (a) uh excused uh by the other members from attending the Hearing b) is unable to attend owing uh to illness c) is required under the uh Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act to withdraw from the Hearing. That's uh 13. Any issues, concerns uh from Council brought forward. Mark? **NOTE: Would it not have been simpler and more streamlined to just, when this item was reached, ask each councillor to submit any concerns/issues they had with any part or parts of the by-law and then discuss only those? The item would then have taken perhaps 2 to 3 minutes to dispatch with and my fingers would not be calloused.** **Councillor Miller** - Uh my only question to the CAO is what's constituted as a Public Hearing? Is it just within our Chamber or is it for instance the Clean Environment Commission or Municipal Board is a public hearing as such? **Colleen Draper** - So anything under the Municipal Act that requires Council to hold a public hearing on a matter, that's what this refers to. So it could be in Dugald Community club, sometimes we're off site for Financial Plan hearings, uh so that would still constitute a public hearing. **Mayor Therrien** - Should we put something in there to..like we now know that but if the public was reading this and they downloaded what a public hearing is ... **Colleen Draper** - I think that would just complicate things obvious..obvious..I think so uh... **Mayor Therrien** - No I ... **Colleen Draper** - This is exactly out the um Municipal Act so... **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Any other issues **with regards to** 13? I see none. Let's get to uh uh 13 uh .1 and 13 uh .2 uh I think uh those and 13.3 is that's ok with uh Council uh. I'll go in order 13.1 is the Chair of the public uh hearing has the right to limit the time taken by a person to the ten minutes after which Council may wish to ask questions of the person. All questions must be channeled through the Chair uh of the Hearing. Maybe I went too quick on that. Uh is that uh something, any issues or concerns **with regards to** item 13.1? I see uh none. Then I'll get to 13.2 and 13.3. The Chair of the Public Hearing may decline to hear further presentations, questions or objections, is satisfied that the matter has been addressed at the Public Hearing, 13.3 the Chair of the Public Hearing may decide which uh presenters will be heard if satisfied the presenters are the same or similar. Issues, 13.2, 13.3? I see none. Then 13. uh 4 uh the Chair of the Public Hearing may require any person other than a member of the Council ..of Council uh who is in the opinion of the Chair conducting themselves in a dis...in a disorderly manner uh to leave the Public Hearing, if that person fails to do so may cause that person to be removed. **NOTE: That gives too much power to the Chair. The decision as to what constitutes "disorderly manner" should be by a vote of the entire Council and the rationale for the decision should be clearly articulated and recorded in the Minutes. We do not live in a dictatorship. Democracy involves consensus of a group.** Issues, concerns, we're now on 13. uh .4, the last one with regards to Procedural hearings. Issues? Uh we're changing again, we're using uniform language which uses the word "disorderly" as opposed in this case here, disruptive uh manner. I see no issues or concerns **with regards to** that. Um last one uh is 13.5, if a Public Hearing is to be adjourned, Council must give Public Notice of the date, time, place uh of the continuation of the Hearing unless that information is announced uh at the adjournment uh of the, of the Hearing. Issues, concerns with 13.5? I see none. Then we'll get into uh uh By-laws and Resolutions. Um maybe then what I'll do is uh do categories of or blocks of 3 here **NOTE: Is everyone asleep yet?** uh these are relatively small. Uh 14. uh 0, 14.1 and 14. through uh 2, Council may act uh only by resolution or by by-law. No motion shall be debated or put unless it is in writing uh and is seconded uh exception a motion to adjourn uh which need not be in writing. Uh if the Chair desires to present a second motion or participate in debate uh uh he can do so without leaving the Chair. Uh any issues, concerns uh I have one but uh I'll leave it up to Council here and I'll bring mine up later. Any issues or concerns **with regards to** those three? The only thing I see is 14.2, he can do so without leaving the Chair so obviously that'd be uniform he or she can do so without leaving the Chair. That's uh 14.2. **Colleen Draper** - Well, can I change it to "they"? **Mayor Therrien** - Sure. **Colleen Draper** - Ok. **Mayor Therrien** - Yep. Ok, uh um 14.3, 14.4 and 14. uh 5. Every proposed by-law must be given uh 3 separate readings and each reading must be put to a separate vote. Council may not give a proposed by-law more than 2 readings at the same Council meeting. Uh only the title or identifying number must be read at each reading of the uh proposed by-law. 14.3, 4 and 5, any issues or concerns from Council **with regards to** that block of three? I see none. Uh the next uh two um 14.6 and 14.7. 14.6 says each member present at the meeting at which the First Reading is uh takes place uh must be given or have had the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed by-law before the by-law receives First Reading. Uh 14.7 uh each member present at the meeting at which Third Reading is uh to take place must before the proposed by-law uh receives uh Third Reading be given or have had uh the opportunity to review the full uh uh text of the proposed by-law and the amendment passed after First Reading, Uh any issues, concerns with regards to those two which are identified as 14.6 and 14.7. I see uh none. Uh the next one is Conduct, uh 15. **NOTE: SNORE! Someone please stop him!** Um every member uh of previous uh again uh I think I can go

through blocks of 3 here, is every member, every member previous to speak on a matter shall address the Chair. Uh when 2 or more members address the Chair at the same time, the Chair shall name the member who is to speak first. Uh when the Chair is putting a question, no member shall leave his or her chair. Items uh 15, 15.1, 15.2 any issues, concerns uh Council? I see none. Uh then we'll get uh I'll finish the page off here, uh two items uh 15.3 and 4. Uh 15.3. is discussions shall be limited to the uh question and debate. Uh no member shall speak to a question or in reply for longer than 5 minutes without approval of, of Council. Uh issues, concerns, 15.3, 15.4. I see none. Uh then I'll go to 15.5 and 15.6, uh a motion to adjourn takes precedence over all others and may be moved at any time but the question cannot be received after another question is actually put while Council is engaged in voting. 15. uh 6 immediately before putting the question the Chair shall have the privilege of summarizing the debate but uh no new matter uh shall be introduced. 15.5 and 6, any issues, concerns from Council? I see none. Uh 15.7 is uh where at a Council meeting a member of Council is conducting themselves in a disorderly or improper manner, the Council may be resolution passed by the majority of the other members present require the member uh to leave the meeting and if the member fails to do so, may cause uh the member to be removed. Um any issues **with regards to 15 uh 7?** I see none. Um Council may limit the number of persons allowed in the Council uh chambers, that's 15.10. **NOTE: Hopefully there is a valid reason for the limitation, us Closed Session or lack of room or disorderly conduct.** Uh 15.11 is uh the Municipality uh will audio tape all regular and special uh meetings except for uh Closed meetings In Camera sessions. It will be made available to the public within the 2 working days notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances, 15.10 and 15.11. Issues uh concerns, Council? I see none. Uh then we uh we can go to 15.12, 15.13, and 15.14 uh **there** uh it's a package. The media may audio/video tape meeting proceedings including public hearings providing that arrangements are made with the CAO at least uh 2 days uh 24 hours prior to the meeting or public hearing. Uh 15.3 is the member must keep in confidence any matter that is discussed in a Closed Meeting In Camera under Section 152 bracket or subsection 3 of the Act uh until the matter is discussed at a Council meeting conducted in public. Uh 15.4, 15 point uh 14 uh being the last one is the member who breaches the confidentiality under 15 uh point uh 3 becomes disqualified uh um from Council. Issues, concerns uh Council? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh just a question, Mr. Mayor. Uh 15.12 the media may audio/video tape meeting proceedings including public hearings etc. with giving uh 2 days notice. I'm just wondering the justification for that. Like if the media shows up uh randomly and there's an issue, I'm not ..like there must be a background to this that I don't understand. Uh I would always want the media to be uh you know received and allowed in but there, again there must be a purpose of why there was a restriction on it. **Colleen Draper** - Uh I'm not sure there's a specific restriction on it. Um we just like to have it advance notice. Uh typically I'll have them come a little bit earlier and make sure they're in a location that won't be blocking the view of anybody uh so that's why we like to know and if there's going to be more than one request at a meeting, we definitely need to know that in advance. So um I don't think we've ever denied a media request. We're just asking for that advance notice so we can prepared accordingly. **Mayor Therrien** - Are you good with that, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I think so. I mean I don't think there's been any conflict necessarily so if it's worked, I guess uh it's fine but um I just wonder if uh ya if there should be a better way to say that. I tried to look at other municipalities and they're pretty consistent in this. They also want... **Colleen Draper** - Ya, I think I checked with 6 and they're all worded similarly so. **Councillor Miller** - So we're not out of synch, (no) it's just I wondered what the background was. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh my issue here and um I'm not mentioning any names, it's just that we have a uh camera that's uh, that's ..follows many of the hearings here at the Council meetings **there** and uh is he part of the media. My understanding is it's a uh um um what would you call that, a documentary series or I'm not even sure what it's, it's all about uh **there**. That's not media in my uh in my opinion. Media is uh uh the radio stations, and proceedings **with regards to** that. If somebody's actually getting money and taking my picture and so on like that, what I understand uh I use this from uh going to uh to uh Ministers uh announcements and so on like that uh I've been asked to sign a media release uh to use my image uh and so on like that. **NOTE: The difference is a Council meeting is open to the general public while a Minister's announcement may only be open to media and invited guests. They are both public but one is by invitation. The Mayor does not seem to understand the distinction.** Uh there's been others **there** that I've been asked the one time. Um I don't particularly uh like the media are here and they follow the rules, the 24 hour rules uh then that's what they're there for. But somebody that's doing a documentary that's using our image and using the Council or the Chamber's images uh **there** I have an issue ..is that proper uh uh privacy issues and so on like that. There has to be a release uh signed uh with regards to that. What I understand I, I, I, I stand here with the caveat that I'm not quite certain with regards. I just draw upon my opinion and my experience is that there's been a release for our images to be uh downloaded I guess on some sort of a site. **NOTE: When he goes shopping at the Forks, and often there are various types of camera equipment there, both permanent and transient, are the camera persons required to get a release from everyone shopping there before they can use the material. I think not. When you are in a public place, you are subject to public scrutiny and recording. In this case, Mr. Nathaniel requests permission to record, if I am not mistaken.** Um so if everybody understands what I am talking about, uh if anybody has any comments **with regards to** that. I think the media is uh accredited uh you know uh news outlets uh in Winnipeg uh or across the world or something with regards to that. Do we specify uh what the media is **NOTE: Definition of Media - The main means of mass communication (broadcasting, publishing, and the internet) regarded collectively. Mr. Nathaniel falls under that description.** an accredited uh news agency uh **there**. Uh, um I'm thinking if we have like 40 people with uh video cameras here, then that's just going to disrupt uh the proceedings. **NOTE: EXAGGERATION OR WHAT? Obviously the Mayor does not like his actions to be recorded for posterity or whatever purposes. Something to do with his past career?** That's, that's what we kind of have, this here is to, to define it. allowing the media to do their jobs which is, we all, we all want that, but there's one instance there where somebody's is taking our images uh **there** and uh you know uh making some kind of uh a film or something from what I understand. I never really got clarification **with regards to** that. Uh do we want to be specific what media is? **Councillor Miller** - Uh my feeling is I would like people to come in with uh cameras when..I mean, we haven't had an inundation with that but uh building on that, um that's why I'm trying to advocate for our Council meetings to be recorded by video again as they are in St. Clements and I think Hanover and uh a number of other ones. If we can get to there, uh maybe we won't have to deal with this. I don't know how you would define media. I mean of course there's the accredited media sources from Global to CBC, CTV too whatever but um again there's also those uh (ha) off uh uh unaccredited media sources, I guess, that...I don't know. If you could find a definition, maybe that would be helpful. **Mayor Therrien** - It's probably more of a legal thing, uh framework uh to use for that uh um to define what uh the media is, that's uh, that's beyond my scope. That's uh, I would say that's more a legal issue there unless we make our own definition **with regards to** that uh. Uh I would say uh media is uh accredited uh news uh media and we're not specific there, just accredited news agency uh would be another country coming in, that's fine **NOTE: Make way for Bangladesh or Russia to come to a Council meeting in Oakbank, Manitoba in the near future. That's A-ok.** but I guess the uh if somebody's uh I guess having maybe a legal opinion of that uh uh. My hope was to try to get everything we can, we can dialogue with this Second Reading and get that uh forwarded uh **there** or we could just leave it the way it is right now and then we could define uh what media is uh later. Uh Glen. **Councillor Fuhi** - Uh I would be fine to leave it the way it is now and then get a legal opinion

and bring it back to do a change if need be. Um again I agree with the accredited media. I think it's more important. Uh not again just to be videotaped for an understanding of not knowing what it's for, that's not me. Again that's not what we're here for. **NOTE: Brilliant! I disagree. The position of elected official is by definition PUBLIC and that's precisely what they are there for, to make decisions for the public they serve in public.** We're here for the public and our residents, we're not here to again be videotaped for a specialty documentary or whatever that may be. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, uh business in today's times are changing and there is lots of freelancing and you know, people that do different things for different reasons. And you know, like you said, we're maybe going to have maybe 40 people here. We've never had it and we're maybe never will have.. **Mayor Therrien** - I just ... **Councillor Kuczynski** - (laughing) from the media, you know from the media but I understand, so you know, I don't think that's it's anything secretive here because if we're going to have a camera maybe one day here in this Chamber, everything is going to be on video anyway. And our audio, it's open so you know to the public, to everybody so I don't know, you know, why filming something would be any different. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I'm just..the difference is that we're a public uh Chamber here so uh our expectation of privacy is uh really uh non-existent uh cause what we say is, is audioed and we're videoed, somebody could be video us from uh quite a distance on um I may sound old here, on WiFi here. It's the uh if somebody's taking our image and using it for uh other purposes, whether it's a salary or uh monetary gain from that uh **there** is, that's the issue, not an issue but I think that is something I'd like to have explored **there** based on the fact our images can be um circulated uh **there**, the public has the right to access uh via the WiFi or coming in person. Uh the fact that it could be sold otherwise uh that's the pretext and I think that's more of a legal issue, we could explore that uh between now. Shall we go to uh the Third Reading, then maybe we'll get some insight uh **with regards to** that uh for a definition. Uh any other comments or concerns uh to uh 15-12. Um then I think uh uh...thank you very much, Pat. Ok with uh the 48 hours uh being amended uh **there**. Thank you, uh Pat. Uh 15.13, 15.14, um 13 is a member must keep in confidence any matter that is discussed in a Closed Meeting uh (In Camera) under Subsection 1 to Sub 3 of the Act un until the matter is discussed at a Council meeting in public. Uh a member who breaches the confidentiality under 15. uh 13 becomes disqualified uh uh from Council. Issues, concerns **with regards uh to** that from uh Council? **Colleen Draper** - I think I'll just remind Council that there is a numbering change that needs to take effect so 15 which will become 12 which is 14 on your paper would say Clause 15:11 so that will be all updated. Uh just another point on that media discussion, so the Council, sorry the RM of Springfield does have a Media Relations policy and it's more specific to staff and when we have events that we want to highlight, special events or camps or anything like that, we have a media release form for both youth and adults that has to be signed where we're going to take images and use those in any way. So I did have um someone reach out and it wasn't an official complaint, it was more food for thought, that they were at a Council meeting and had that, you know, camera panning across the audience and they said, like, I don't want my image distributed without my permission so why was I not requested to sign some kind of release form? So that is something I'm looking at and asking other RMs how they deal with it and it's funny because a lot of the responses send me their by-law and it says exactly what ours says but they don't actually allow um recording of meetings because they do their own recording and post it and it's available so it's something I'd really need some more legal opinion or investigation on before we finalize anything. And whether you pass the Third Reading and we bring it back again to change or we just look at Second Reading, make some changes and do some investigation is another thing for Council to consider. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Issues, concerns uh the numbers before me are 15:13 and 14. Again they'll be adjusted. Any issues, concerns **in regard to** that? I see uh none. And then we'll get into Question Period uh 16 uh uh point 0. Um 15 minutes will be uh allowed for Question Period during our regular council meeting agenda unless agreed by Council to extend uh the discussion. Uh issues **with regards to** 16.0 under Question Period? 15 minutes? None. Now was there an allocation here uh I **haven't got my computer up and running here** of allowing 3 minutes uh 5 minutes **with regards to** each presentation uh **there** cause you've got 15... **Colleen Draper** - 16.2 (c) uh agree to speak for no more than 5 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ok. Alright then. We could look at, on that but we'll go, we'll stick to 16 uh point 0, 15 minutes. Any issues, concerns, uh Council? I see none. **NOTE: Again, in my opinion, this is not the way to review the Procedural By-law. The By-law was provided to Council and posted on the Web Site with additions/changes highlighted. Mayor Therrien should have asked Council individually to provide their opinion/commentary and then anything that, as a result, needed potential change, could be discussed. His method is a way of putting insomniacs to sleep.** Then we'll get to 16 uh point 1, uh the speaker must be a property owner, resident of the Municipality and/or a person who is deemed to be directly affected by the matter to be addressed. Issues, concerns, 16 point 1? I see none. Uh then 16.2 what I was referring to uh just a few moments ago. Uh speakers must respect the need uh for the Question Period to proceed in a timely fashion. It must proceed according to these guidelines: a) address the Chair when speaking b) clearly state their name and address prior to presenting the question and c) agree to speak uh for no more than 5 minutes and to speak only once during the meeting unless agreed by Council to extend discussion. Issues, concerns uh Council? Um my, my proposition here is if we were to make it uh 3 minutes uh **there** that uh we'll allow for more people to uh to speak during Question Period um but 3 minutes is pretty tight uh. Do we want to explore the 3 minutes or leave it at the 5? We know the 15 minutes is the uh the time period allotted uh that'll allow for 3 uh speakers or do we uh make it uh 3 uh um for 5. Uh Glen? **Councillor Fuhr** - Well, I think really what it comes down to is when we have a meeting, and we have 5 people put up their hands, you split the 15 minutes at that time cause there is only 15 minutes so you can adjust it accordingly on how many people want to speak. So to me that would dictate it in itself. **Councillor Warren** - Uh back in 17:08 it was at 3 minutes. So in May we had extended it to 5 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much, uh Melinda **there**. Um uh then that was just my uh comment uh **there**, I'm in agreement with what Council comes up with, leaving it at the 5 minutes uh is my only point I want to discuss. Uh 16.2 uh Andy? **Colleen Draper** - I think you have to unmute. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I want to ask Mr. Mayor, like this is 5 minutes for the presenter or 5 minutes altogether when you speak and presenters speak? Because sometimes you might speak longer than the presenter answering their question (laughter). **Mayor Therrien** - I, I've got a thick skin. (More laughter) I uh, we have to uh I would say we have to be out in, over with in that 5 minutes uh for us uh to uh to have uh questions or not questions uh but uh to maybe add uh to that. I don't think our time is, is stopped. Uh this is their time, the 15 minutes for the public uh for public, the questions **there** so I, I would think that's the way uh I would like to interpret it. What does Council think? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Well, I would just suggest that we have to be very quick with the answers (laughter). **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, no I uh agree and I think the question is **there** and uh obviously if we don't know uh the answer, call upon Colleen's vast experience uh for that uh uh and if she doesn't know the answer, then we could ask that it uh that we'll get a proper uh reply uh to he or she who made the question uh **there** um in a timely fashion. I think uh that's coming up at 16.4. So ya, no I understand **there**. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So we can answer those questions, Old Business, ya? And you know, because sometimes you even, not exactly next meeting but could be 2 or 3 weeks later but as long as we answer people because sometimes maybe they ask the question and we don't have the answer right away and it's lost and it never gets answered. **Mayor Therrien** - So if we answer the question, what you're saying like uh Mrs. Bell was uh saying uh there, if she has a question **there**, we try to get an answer for her **there**, but we're also going to inform the public, uh **there** of the

answer uh to that question and under Old Business. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, that's what... **Mayor Therrien** - Any issues with that uh Colleen? **Colleen Draper** - No, I just...I would hope that the question they're asking is very clear before they leave because I'm..you know, sometimes we've had presenters that we're not quite sure what the question actually is to answer them properly so. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So we can state it to them that your question is not clear enough and we don't have an answer for that. And they have to know about that. **Colleen Draper** - Ya, so you know, a lot of times it's maybe not even a question, it's more of a comment so we have to, you know, be very clear that Question Period are for questions and the questions have to be clearly stated so that we can give clear answers so I have no objection to the recommendation to add to 16.4 um that responses will be provided within 30 days and recorded under Unfinished Business at the next available meeting type thing so we can work on that wording. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And maybe just what you said that the question is not clear enough, maybe people are just coming too for Question Period because they want to make comments, you know and that's why I said public participation would be better when they make just (ya) statements that they want to send in than the Question Period. Because you know, they come and I think people just want to speak, not necessarily ask a question, you know ... **Colleen Draper** - Ya, ok.. **Councillor Kuczynski** - ...especially when it's at the beginning of our meeting and you know, and they don't even know what we're going to talk about and what, you know...thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Um, I don't know, were you going to say something, Colleen? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Oh, I was just going to build on what uh Councillor Kuczynski was saying, certain municipalities do have just public participation instead of Question Period so I mean, there is a precedent for that in other RMs because, certain people want to make statements. I mean, we may or may not want to hear them and they may not be of any value to us but uh if it gets it off their chest and it's important to them, I guess that's a means for them to do that. I don't know how broad we want to go with that. I know again the past Councils in maybe here and other places have been too restrictive and uh people get very frustrated when they can't voice their concerns but um just.... **Colleen Draper** - So I would you know love to have a list of other RMs that have a Question Period because I investigated and reached out so if you have um some names I would love to follow up with them. **Councillor Miller** - Absolutely and I can get you that. **Councillor Warren???** - I think there's 137 municipalities and 7, there's only 7 that have a Question Period just so you know. **Colleen Draper** - And a lot of it is the Question Period is at the end of the meeting so it's very different at different RMs. **NOTE: Actually it makes more sense to have questions at the end of the meeting rather than at the beginning because then one is in a position to know what they want to ask about what was discussed during the meeting.** So I'd love to speak to someone that does it well. (laughing) **Mayor Therrien** - Sorry, Glen, I'll uh I'll get you after. Um I've spoken to many uh Mayors and Reeves, councillors um in the short time that I've been in the job. I probably tend to have more uh contact with the Mayors and Reeves uh **there** than most of the Council here and that's just by the position that I'm in **there** um and most do not uh I'm reiterating what Melinda was saying, most do not have a Question Period uh for various reasons uh **there**. **NOTE: That is most likely because it is not required as constituents are allowed to ask questions during the time when agenda items are being discussed, unlike in Springfield where residents cannot participate directly in the discussions.** They do allow delegations uh um to have their um you know their views uh brought forward as well. Um go ahead, Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I'd just like to add to that and uh that's where I'd like to implement (d) again where we have questions pertaining to current agenda items for Question Period um because they can come in as a delegation and bring anything up at that time. Um that's what a Delegation is for, to bring up their concerns of any topic and the present it to the CAO so that we can prepare for it. So I'm prepared to add uh (d) questions pertaining to a current agenda items. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I think we saw an example of that today though where one delegation was refused so I'm not sure, I would kind of challenge uh Councillor Fuhl that you're saying everybody always has an opportunity to come as a delegation. I think we see evidence tonight where that's not actually in place or happening. **Mayor Therrien** - But we, sorry, did you want to respond. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, just what is says in, today it was explained is the reason that we're doing a public open house to do with the water for the reason so to me I'm satisfied with that because I think that we, she's right, there's an open house for that to take place and if they still want to come in as a delegation after the open house, maybe they'll get their answer answered at the Open House and maybe they won't. So they have that option to come again to a delegation then. So I think I'm on side with that. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, maybe what I'll do, I ...ya, go ahead **there** Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Um (laughing) and you know, the pressure is on you, Mr. Mayor, for the simple reason we saw the antics tonight, uh where you tried to constrain people for questions and uh uh whatever we do and say uh they just kind of wander, right. So I'm just saying, we can .. if you're putting it in place, I'm not sure that we're going to have obedience to it. And I'm not uh I'm not personally supportive to that cause I think again people have to have a venue and an opportunity to speak their mind but uh as long as it's in the, it's respectful and it's within the 5 minutes and so forth, you know, frankly uh what's the harm of allowing people...this is the uh real pushback we got from the last Council, right. Because people were telling us at the door, this Council...that former Council was very, very restrictive, we couldn't say anything to them, everything was muzzled and la, la, la. Whether that's true or not, we don't know but I would hate to be ... carry that torch and be restrictive again going forward. **Mayor Therrien** -Ummm, thank you uh Mark. Um I'll, I'll get you in a minute **there** Andy. I uh I wrote this uh **there** so that I'd be specific **with regards to** this. Um I would want it to stay the way that it is uh now just based on the behaviour and you, you notice tonight that behaviour but that's not been uh unique uh for tonight and uh I know uh Mr. Murray uh **there**, his uh his uh uh um um talk **with regards to** a very volatile uh subject in a very uh compassionate subject on his part does uh go towards uh the uh procedural by-law. We allowed him more than the 5 minutes uh **there** um and yes, uh people do get uh elevated **there**. That seems to be more the norm than the uh exception uh **there**. Um the different situations uh are, are very uh volatile and I, I understand Mr. Murray's um I don't quite understand uh some of the other presenters uh **there** when uh uh, you're right uh you know, people just don't listen and that was kind of what I was kind of explaining **there** after the situation **there** and again, it's not been unique tonight, uh it happens uh, you know, I hate to say quite often but I'll say it uh **there** it's uh far more uh times than not. Uh I'll get right into this. Uh Question Period, uh it does not work. Uh it does not work in other RMs. uh. Most have gotten rid of uh got rid of it altogether. Uh I was drawing upon opening up uh Question Period when elected uh and was warned in advance that this may not be a good idea. Uh there was a reason last Council uh had questions pertaining to the agenda only. Um it became apparent uh soon after this uh opening up uh same, we'll use the word transparent or some would use the word transparent uh which is a word overly used uh to communicate uh what themselves feel is transparent using their own definition. Um this Question Period is without question a, a dysfunctional misused by a few people uh repetitively **NOTE: He had trouble pronouncing repetitively,** uh to try to get back, it seems, at some of the last Council members. It seems to be a, a common denominator **with regards to** that. Uh it is I felt a form of abuse to the attacks on our employee had been insensitive to abusive, bullying, harassing and mean. **NOTE: The low key mention of the CAO's failure to provide certain service in a timely manner or whatever by a speaker during Question Period is certainly being blown out of proportion by the Mayor. It was a comment in passing but I guess it really hit home because of the sheer TRUTH of the statement made and that caused distress to the CAO.** Um it's a personal in nature and meant that way. Uh I will get to the personal component of that statement uh soon enough. I have to mention uh others use e-mails in

some way uh under disguise of seeking answers uh, they make an exhaustive, repetitive high volume work as a means uh to uh just inundate uh the RM um uh and I say that uh there's lots of questions that are put forward and we try to answer them but they're, they're meant to be..in my opinion.. this is myself, to be exhaustive in nature and meant to uh kind of slow the process. **NOTE: I truly believe this comment is referring to once a month when List of Accounts is presented on the agenda. I go through the List of Accounts and question some of the payments of which I am unsure. After all, these are our tax dollars and we have a right to know if our revenues are being used appropriately. I will continue to do this every month because it is my right as a ratepayer. The person making up those cheques should be in a position to almost immediately be able to explain them and the CAO has to sign off on all cheques, as does the Mayor and Council. They should not be signing if they have not first understood what it is they are sanctioning.** Uh we have delegations which have uh begun to transition uh uh to the way we can get the public's opinion, mood without the abuse, i.e. I just think that the delegations seem, seem to be working uh **there**. I just hope that the delegations will stick to uh what on the, uh uh what they've given to us uh **there** and there's, there's been several cases uh **there** where it was anything else that was on the uh the details that were provided to us. Uh Question Period is uh not the only way to speak to Council. It's a means and e-mails, phone calls are still the main way to get hold of Council. I get many, many uh I've got an exceptional amount of e-mails uh and uh uh messages over the last uh uh week uh but I answer all my messages and I'm sure most councillors uh do the same thing. Uh people will make these uh work projects uh uh trying to exhaust our CAO and uh the excessive work is uh many, many times not warranted uh **there** **NOTE: In whose opinion is it not warranted, Mayor Therrien?** uh um and it slows down the system, uh much like Question Period if not controlled correctly. Now for the personal ..I've uh, I've uh been uh I'll leave the uh the personal component out of this for the time being. Uh I'm not here uh for people to feel sorry uh for me or for the staff. Uh we took this job knowing full well that uh what it encompasses uh **there**. I never did uh uh feel uh that uh um I did this job or tried to get this job for any other purpose except for to uh allow uh um the RM to go forward. Um and I find that uh the Question Period is ..is have gotten totally out of hand. it's uh um the word dysfunctional uh I think the best way to uh describe this. Um our employee endured 4 months of this constant bullying and harassment at which point uh um I reintroduced the Question Period pertaining to the agenda uh it was now a uh an issue of health and workplace uh uh **there** which I felt superseded the uh our by-law uh cause the issue was very paramount. There was uh very uh poisonous uh environment that was actually detrimental to our, to our employee. **NOTE: Mayor Therrien is a former R.C.M.P. officer and thus knows that allegations must be backed up with actual evidence. Show us, your electors, the evidence of the abuse and poisonous environment of which you speak, bearing in mind I am now transcribing the meetings word for word. That is evidence. Where is yours?** Uh many times uh it has been, there has been misbehaviour so people uh would shout in the audience uh even to the point that I was requiring to call upon the R.C.M.P. Uh these events uh in some cases uh are planned and democracy cannot run uh this way. **NOTE: The very definition of democracy is "a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives".** Uh violence will never uh will never be allowed uh the safety of our staff and our public is always paramount uh. I was a Mountie for 35 years and uh I took my oath uh very seriously uh in a very uh bad situations uh **there** and uh I do not like uh how people are interacting uh in this uh Council chambers, how people just do not treat each other uh nice. **NOTE: Then I would suggest not trying to take away residents' democratic rights by scheduling special meetings so there is no opportunity provided for them to voice their concerns. Further the word "misbehaviour" does not describe what transpired. The assembly, without benefit of Council control, peacefully sat or stood in their respective locations and in an organized and respectful fashion, continued the meeting, everyone that wished having a chance to express themselves to the group.** I'm not a naive person, trust me I'm not, I just find that we have to get uh you know, people want to get their subject across and please feel free to do so in the prescribed method that we are allowing in our Procedural By-law um and I'm open to all kinds of discussions to anybody at any time and I do it often when I'm out and about in the community. Uh I talk to uh many, many people. Um it almost got to the point where I'm going to start wearing a mask uh **there** so I'm not seeing as many people. I say that facetiously uh **there** uh and only for that purpose uh **there** so that's, that's my idea **with regards to** Question Period. It's 4 pages of uh what I think uh Question Period should be strictly pertaining to the items with regards to the agenda based on the history, the brief history that we've had. Any other comments or questions **with regards to** Council. Uh Andy I'll let Melinda ... **Councillor Warren** - I would like to say that I was one of those people that looked at the Question Period and looked at how many municipalities actually have Question Period. Now I know Springfield has a lot of questions and I know you know we all have questions, we all want answers, we all have concerns so I am ok with Question Period but there needs to be order and to keep that order, I would say that we need to pertain to the agenda um and so that we keep having order, we need to stick to the 16.0 which is the time. It uh Council meetings need to, to keep going and not to stop..and so Question Period I you know and like the Mayor here has said, that you can e-mail and you can e-mail your questions, your concerns, you can phone, your councillor is available to you and um ya..besides, how many Question Periods, like I know people will have a lot of questions on the Water Treatment Plant. People have a lot of questions right now on their tax bill which isn't on the agenda. So that's where councillors come into effect. You know, we get your calls, we get your e-mails, and we take it to the CAO or Department Heads to find what we can. **Mayor Therrien** - Very well said. Um was it Mark or Andy, uh Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, the more restrictive we are going to be, the more people are going to become uh very I would say um not abusive but frustrated. And that's what...I talked with you previously on the other meeting that you know, we have a lot of frustrated residents here in this municipality. When I was campaigning, people were frustrated and this frustration is going to be building, building, building, you know, and if we restrict people, then nobody is going to show up here, what for if I cannot state my mind. I have to, I have to talk about what somebody tells me to talk about. That doesn't work in a democracy and free society. People want to be free and they want to say whatever they want to speak about. It's not necessarily going to be you know what we like. Mr. Murray spoke. He has all the right to say whatever he wants. He's upset at me or whatever. He has his rights and you know, I have to take it like a man and uh you know, if something happened that you know, he got frustrated and uh...I have to just sit and listen and maybe if I have a proper answer, I'll give them the answer but you know, we cannot keep restricting people because that's not going to be very healthy for, for people and for us and I guess for society in general. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh thank you. I guess to answer some of your points, uh **there**, um uh people were like that uh before we had the uh um you know, pertaining to the uh questions uh you know, the proper uh verbiage **there**, only pertaining to the current uh agenda. Uh it, it, uh, uh I don't want to keep on repeating myself but it, it was quite uh bad here uh uh for the first uh 4 months, so bad that it affected the uh uh employee there and workplace and safety issues are paramount. Uh the open mike uh we changed that to what it was before uh and I think you mentioned that uh Mark or Andy, I'm not sure and um I thought it would be a great thing but it, it was, it was terrible uh the first 4 months. Uh you had mentioned that people will not want to be present at times, there were some people here and I know them well, they contacted me and they were present here when uh the people were uh getting quite upset that they didn't want to talk, they, they were, there was fear that uh uh that they would talk and actually going against what they uh the people here

were predominantly were uh addressing **there** so we can't have it both ways, the people were afraid to, to come and uh say otherwise, like uh we owe it to uh our public to uh to have a uniform uh approach to this in, in a uh, in a manner where people are going to be respectful uh of the Chair, of Council, and we have to work uh together for that uh uh so that uh together **we can shut down the people uh there** and not listening to the Chair uh you know, what do we have uh again uh like I say, we owe that to the public. I found that it was, it was much better once we put that uh in **there**, only questions pertaining to the current agenda, at least we can have a focus **with regards to** that and even then still people were coming up here and they were talking about anything else but and then still not uh not listening uh though although it seemed to be a little bit more uh um I would say better uh but having only questions pertaining to the current agenda seems to be good. It has its probs because we have people that just seem to think that they could run over uh Council and that has to stop. Um that's basically all I really have to say. My opinion is that we have to, to have, we could get rid of Question Period altogether. Uh this is kind of a happy uh medium or a medium, only questions pertaining to the uh the current agenda um like Councillor Warren had mentioned. Uh many uh Councils, uh large proportion, the majority do not have uh Question Period and uh judging from my uh talks with other Mayors and Reeves who've got considerable experience, some are newly elected, I myself uh like myself um and they base it on uh you know that uh it wasn't a functional uh or uh you know a process that was working and uh for them. I can't say uh you know uh the vast majority were like that but I can tell you **there** from what Melinda was saying that the vast majority of our RMs do not have it. So I say this is the happy uh or uh a medium as opposed to getting rid of Question Period altogether. Putting it in that it retains only questions pertaining to the current agenda items. Uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Yes, I would just hate to go down a slippery slope. I remember in the Reeve Holland days that uh he used to allow public uh participation throughout the agenda items and I think that was very healthy. In fact there was very few people who were uh dissatisfied, they were actually very thrilled to be part of this RM who wanted to hear the concerns of the public but um you know, one person on the media chat that you should have no fear of public questioning, if it is too uncomfortable for you, maybe you were doing something wrong. Do the right thing and your problem is solved. Another person, I know we were talking about this before, we ought to very much have either monthly or quarterly, whatever we determine, public outreach sessions again in Cooks Creek, Anola, Dugald uh and so forth, Oakbank and outside of maybe this Chamber where we're can engage with the public and maybe we'll have 5 people, maybe we'll have 500 but we need to do a better job if we're going to restrict people in this Chamber, we **have** to ensure that we give them a means to speak to all of us uh through public participation, through again an Open House with Council or something like that. And I don't mean the 150th Anniversary because that's just a general dialogue and mingling. I mean an actual meeting where we can uh share updates and hear the concerns of residents on all topics. Maybe that's the forum that we need to move to. So I think this discussion is healthy but the worst part is that democracy is not a democracy without the input of the public who elected them. Again to go the slippery slope of restricting and uh prohibiting and all the rest of it, I think we might be setting ourselves up for another night like this. Again we saw 2 presenters here tonight even know that this was on pertaining to the current agenda items. It's going to fall on your lap uh to try to, you know, cordially guide these people or restrain them and I just don't know how you're going to do that. I mean, uh that's your suggestion but you saw what happened tonight and previous nights even with this specific restriction on so I wish I had the solution. I'm not pretending I do but it's just a thought. **Mayor Therrien** - I agree. I'll, I'll just answer that uh uh as much as I can uh **there** Andy, I'll let you go. Uh we have discussed having these uh uh these meetings uh **there** but that said, we have had many ideas about getting out to the public and doing a Town Halls and all that, we just haven't..uh we've got our uh uh discussions that are coming up for 25..21:25. We have our uh Municipal Board Hearings in October, we have our Water Treatment Plant uh that's coming up uh uh, we have probably 2 or 3 more than that. Our time is really getting narrow **with regards to** that. It's a great idea, it's not, it's not a unique idea, we have discussed that so um yes, having, having these meetings uh are good when and where we can do so is uh we're..I guess we're still working on that so uh with that said uh I empha uh I emphasize exactly how you're saying that **???** and I'd like that and we've all said we'd like that as well. Um this isn't being restrictive, I think this is just uh uh making sure that uh it's questions pertaining to the current agenda will allow us, I think, better decorum. We've seen what it was beforehand. There was a reason that the Council had it like that uh before uh questions uh **there** uh and it's because of that and then the, the amount of uh uh other RMs that don't do it, I would, I, you know, I would assume it's uh for the same, for the same reasons uh um. As for a slippery slope, I don't necessarily agree with that. Uh I think, like anything else, it's evolving and it's part of the democracy what we can see uh how it was beforehand and uh that's, that was not working and it was uh not uh not controlled. As for tonight, uh uh again it wasn't uh uh controlled, the emotions are very heated uh **there** and uh I uh I understand that. It did pertain to the agenda um you know uh um at least one did, the other one I, in my opinion did not and it, it was getting combative towards uh some of our councillors and that uh that's just never uh that can't be done. And uh like you say, uh Mark, how do we control that. I think the best way to control that is if Council works together on situations uh like that uh **there**. Uh I'm not trying to be funny here but uh I know my grandson uh **there**, it's called a time out uh **there**. Uh do we leave the Chambers and have a 5 minute time out uh **there**? Again, I'm not trying to be funny or facetious or anything like that. Uh we have to come up with something and that's what we're going to have to do in a very uh uh In Camera and I know it's a sensitive topic **with regards to** In Camera but sometimes when we're discussing these uh things uh we get far more uh stuff done when we're having this as part of a working group uh or working group so uh without berating that fact, it comes, comes down to my agreement the only questions pertaining to the current agenda items. Andy, did you want to go next? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, like we almost like in a pressure cooker now and you know what's happening. If you don't release the pressure, and you're kind of very rigid, we suggest to you and you're very rigid, you don't want to change. You're talking the same thing over and over and yet we're giving suggestions and we said, try something different because for some reason this doesn't work what we have now. And maybe we have to try something different that the frustration is going to resolve and people are going to be more polite and they're going to, you know, do it because otherwise if we continue the way we continue, it's going to be happening, I don't know how you are going to control it but you know, you're going to get frustrated too so. You know, it's your decision obviously but you know, Council has to decide, do we want to, do we want to live in coming here and constantly argue and, and the same thing over and over or are we just going to change, make some changes that we're going to find different avenues that we're going to be better and it's going to be better in this Chamber. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Andy. Glen, do you want... **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I'm going to add to this. Um so I'm all for the Open House cause we talked about that so maybe that's our happy medium where we say, and I don't know if we can add that to the Procedural By-law that we have a minimum of 2 Open Houses a year. I don't want to commit to quarterly cause like our Mayor said, we're busy at times but if we put it in our Procedural By-law that we'll have 2 Open Houses a year and with structure, then within our time lines that we're doing that, allow the public to come and have an open forum. It still has to be managed, it still has to be respectful, and there is probably going to maybe still be people that aren't able to speak but at least we're doing our part in allowing any topic to come up and be part of the conversation. **NOTE: ??? But those conversations are between the official and an individual and not widely heard by others in attendance so in other words, PRIVATE**

CONVERSATIONS. That is why in my opinion Open Houses are only beneficial after the final decisions have been made and the main purpose is to widely advertise the decision to the public in an open and "come and go" forum. They don't provide for OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION. Maybe that's our way of being able to do that because I'm all for the public to be able to speak on a controlled manner but here, we're in a Council meeting, we have our agendas, we have certain times, and it's...it keeps us more uniformed at what our topics are if we keep it to the agenda where if we have 2 Open Houses, then the whole public, we can then put ummm a publication out and allow the people to come. And then what we do is, we do a rotation like we talked about, maybe we go to each ward that we talked about, everywhere where there's a place to have these Open Houses versus just in the Chamber. That's the comment I'd like to add. Thank you. ??? **Mayor Therrien -** Uh. **Colleen Draper -** Can I say... **Mayor Therrien -** Oh... **Colleen Draper -** ...something. I, I don't suggest we add it to the Procedural By-law. Um we did that with Question Period and six or seven years later we're still trying to figure out how Question Period works. **NOTE: My suggestion: get rid of Question Period and go back to how it is done in other RMs, where the public can participate in the discussion of all individual items on the agenda at the same time they are being discussed by Council. That is, by definition, OPEN AND TRANSPARENT government.** So I know you've requested Open Houses. I think I stated publicly that September will be our first community consultation and it will be around the Budget and I'm sure a lot of the frustrated residents will be there sharing what their frustrations are because it's usually around budget and what services they are aren't getting or aren't happy with so September is planned for our first community consultation meeting. Um obviously Question Period is not working the way it's laid out, otherwise there wouldn't be this much discussion this evening so I don't think you're going to solve anything. I would love to get that list of communities that do have Question Period and reach out to them and see how they are making it work properly and just get more information on it cause I think if it's done right, and, and worded specifically, it can work so um I think Council should give Second Reading. There's quite a few amendments that we've made this evening. Let Administration go back, make those changes, uh bring back the By-law for Third Reading on September 5th. at our next Council meeting and see if we can do some of that research before then. **NOTE: I think a CAO should not be making such suggestions to Council. It is Council that is supposed to be making decisions, not the CAO. She has just made a decision as to how they should proceed.** **Councillor Kuczynski -** Colleen, but I want to answer you again, you said you have Question Period for six years and it doesn't work. Why are you... **Colleen Draper -** Well, I'm just saying our current By-law... **Councillor Kuczynski -** Why are we going to, you know, beat the same thing over and over and over, it doesn't work. It doesn't work, make changes. **Colleen Draper -** Well my comment was that Question Period was not a long time thing in Springfield. This was introduced in, you know, the last 10 years, I would say. So... **Councillor Fuhr -** We had it all 3 terms that I've been on. **Colleen Draper -** Ya, so it's not something we've always had but it's not working. **Councillor Kuczynski -** And you always have restricted what's on the agenda or you have opened it to ... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** No we have had it open and then we ran into issues that made Council decide to restrict it to agenda items. **NOTE: Translation: Previously constituents could hold up their hands and ask questions during the Council deliberations of each item on the agenda but the issue they "ran into" was that Mayor Fell did not like being questioned. She gave the edict that questions would only be entertained at the beginning of the meeting before the items on the agenda were being discussed. That was contrary to common sense but Mayor Fell was not a believer in democracy.** Uh you decided to make it open again and we ran into issues again??? so it's not working the way we're hoping it would so finding out from RMs that are making it work would be our best way forward. **NOTE: I doubt there are any to speak of because most run their Council meetings by allowing discussion on any and every agenda item at the time it is reached on the agenda, at the same time it is being addressed and deliberated by their elected officials. We haven't had that since the reign of Mayor Fell.** **Councillor Kuczynski -** So did you find out why it wasn't working, what was the problem, and did you deal with that issue before you went and put restrictions on people because you have to define it...if you have problems, you have to define them and deal with them ... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** I put the restrictions on it... **Councillor Kuczynski -** No, no I'm not saying you, I'm talking about Councils, like I'm not, you're the CAO so (ya) but you know, Council probably went to you and said, (whispering) Colleen, it doesn't work, it doesn't work, like I'm know, look what's happening here. So they put restriction, well, it doesn't work again and then... **Colleen Draper -** If I had a vote uh I guess. (laughing) **Councillor Kuczynski -** Ya, I know but we have to find solutions, (I know) we cannot just you know, talk about the same thing over and over and we have no solution.. **Colleen Draper -** Ya, I know, and I talk often about that I am a member of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association and not long ago I put out a question to all the municipalities in Manitoba about Question Period and I got no responses other than, why do you have a question period. **Councillor Kuczynski -** There you go so why did ..don't we move it... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** we hear that there's 7 or that you know, Council Miller has a list that I can reach out to is great news. So I'm.. I'm trying to get research for you so you know we can try to make this work the best that we can. **Councillor Kuczynski -** So the majority of municipalities don't have question period, why don't we change too..maybe something different works...must be working for them. **Colleen Draper -** Ya Council makes decisions at a Council meeting. **NOTE: That sounds sarcastic to me!** So it's not usually open for public participation. **NOTE: I disagree. I have been to Council meetings in West St. Paul and in LaBroquerie and the audience, by simply raising their hand during Council discussions, could make their feelings know right then and there and in fact, did. Any and all discussion, including contributions from the gallery, were considered.** **Mayor Therrien -** Are you saying, Andy, to get rid of Question Period? **Councillor Kuczynski -** Of course, and get back to public participation and let people come here and, and talk to us, like, whatever they say, like sometimes we like it, sometimes we don't like it but you know, they're going to say, hey, these people really want to listen to us. And then they're going to say, well, I'm happy about that and, and, and but then having this Question Period and having, you know, every week we have some incident.... **Councillor Warren - speaking without her mike being on** You would have..you would have to get the definition of what their public participation is because it still ...you still need to have order in your Council chamber so if residents still come up and, and want to say their, their item, we still don't know what they're going to talk about so we don't have any information in front of us. That's, that's where I'm saying but public ..ya we can look into what that means in a different municipality before we.... **NOTE: That is what having a long term CAO comes in handy for. Whatever is raised, she would more than likely be able to contribute some history to the item. That is her role. She provides information and manages staff.** **Councillor Kuczynski -** But that's going to be the start only so we're going to say, ok we're going to say, please be polite. We, we give you free time but please be polite. You know, you are frustrated, everything like this, you be polite, respectful and we'll see how this is going to work because if the Question Period doesn't work, why have it, I think. **Mayor Therrien -** Well, just uh with all respect **there**, just changing a words of public participation isn't going to uh satisfy the uh what we've uh had before us **there** so essentially uh uh Council before had the Question Period pertaining to the items. We get in there and we want to open it up uh which is, was a great idea, I thought at the time uh **there** and then it turned, you know, very uh very toxic uh **there** and that's uh why we went to only questions pertaining to the current agendas. Changing the title, Andy, it doesn't, it doesn't make any sense to me. I think uh uh what we have to do is uh look at uh maintaining questions, only questions pertaining to the current agenda items or get rid of Question Period altogether. **NOTE: I have a novel idea. What if the Head of**

Council, recently titled "Mayor", do his job and maintain control over the proceedings. As I see it, that is one of his primary functions, one at which he obviously requires lacks expertise. If, if it's still gets uh bad then we'll have to look at amending uh the By-law with Council to get rid of it uh altogether uh there. Um there's many??? avenues that they can explore through delegations uh um so on??? but I, I think uh we have uh kind of exhausted this question uh there. Um uh what do we do? Do we vote on whether we, we maintain it uh to pertaining to the uh the items uh there or **NOTE: Exhibit A...the Mayor has not informed himself on proper procedure, or has lost track of where they are in terms of the proceedings, therefore he should be getting more instruction on how to lead a meeting.** um on Question Period or do we.... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** I think the suggestion if you just leave it as is until we can do more research and then make any final changes at the Third Reading on September 5th. **NOTE: A couple of questions: What is the hurry? Why doesn't she speak to her father who used to be Reeve or other former Reeves such as Bob Bodnaruk or Jim McCarthy? In fact, it might not be a bad idea to invite them to come to a Council meeting and share their experience with Council and constituents. JUST AN IDEA!** **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ok, there's a ... Council agree with that, there? And what are our define the questions uh there? Just what we have the researches with regards to uh other RMs uh there and how they uh uh they deal with it and **Colleen Draper - interrupting** Ya, if they get to who has Question Period and uh who allows public participation just after any agenda item is what I'm hearing that you want to open it up to. Uh is it working, is it not working, what other questions do you want to ask? **NOTE: How about "In your Council meetings, you do you ensure that the ratepayers can participate in discussion and decision making?"** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Um I don't know if that's going to make a difference uh there but let's uh do the research and see what is brought forward and then we can make another informed decision uh before the do the uh Third Reading. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But why do we have to ...people have to ask questions. Just let them speak. They don't have to keep asking questions. Sometimes maybe we have no answer but they're going to speak, and you know, what's on their mind and they're probably going to be satisfied. They have, they have time frame ... **Colleen Draper - interrupting** That's what they call you at home for (laughing). **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ya. **Colleen Draper** - That's your role as a Councillor. (laughing) **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, there's many, many avenues where like uh Coun..or citizens can contact us. Uh going out for a walk, uh people stopping and talking to me all the time, I've said that many, many times uh there they, they always have access to their uh uh to their councillors and to the Mayor and to the Administration uh staff so **NOTE: Private conversations with individuals on the street cannot be compared to a public meeting with a published agenda to which the entire constituency has access. No wonder we have problems when the Mayor cannot distinguish between a public meeting and a private meeting.** um why don't we uh leave it as what it is now um and uh uh figure out what those answers to those questions are and get some more uh research on that. And then we could uh figure out from that point uh on the Third Reading how uh what uh once we get those questions answered uh there. Everybody in agreement uh with that uh leave it the way it is and then we'll do the research and then have a proper decision prepared or ready to go uh later on for Third Reading. **NOTE: Wait just a minute. That "bolded" phrase defies the very principle of democracy! Where is the public participation there?** Um if everybody's good with regards uh to...where did I leave off, uh... **Colleen Draper** - 17. **Mayor Therrien** - 17. The public decorum at meetings. Uh so 17.0 has a, b, c and d ..uh to ensure a safe and secure environment for Council, committee, and Board meetings including electronic meetings, a member of the public may not address a) Council or committee without permission b) interrupt any speaker or action of the Council or any person addressing Council or committee c) behave in a disorderly manner including engaging in debate or conversation or other behaviours that may, that may prove disruptive or d) place placards, signs, posters etc. or any other advertising devices in Council chambers uh er any location at which a meeting is uh being conducted. Any issues uh with regards to 17 a) or just 17 point 0. I see none. Uh then that was uhhh that was 7. uh 1, Second uh Reading there. Do we vote on that uh ... **Colleen Draper** - Well, I've read the resolution but I'll just read it. *Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-Law No. 22-22 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the Council of the RM of Springfield and the committees thereof as amended.* **Mayor Therrien** - With those uh amendments uh made uh that we had discussed uh Council can I get a uh vote uh uh for those in support of our amendments uh Second Reading of uh By-law 22-22 the Procedural By-law. Show of hands, those in support. Uh that'll be unanimous. **NOTE: I submit that they should not be voting on this document until it has been brought back to Council with the discussed amendments made to it. This way, how can Council be sure what exactly they are voting on?**

7.1.1 By-law 22-22 Procedural By-law (3rd Reading) - Mayor Therrien - Are we prepared to do...no, we're not prepared to do a Third Reading uh there, we'll come back to that.

8. DELEGATION

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. CONSENT AGENDA - 10.1 Howden Family - Thank You. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, then, why don't we uh uh go to uh 10 uh the Consent Agenda. That'll be a mover and a seconder, please uh Pat and uh uh Glen (Therrien/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of one item, Be it Resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information.* **Mayor Therrien** - Um sorry I got uh tied up there. Where are we at uh uh yes, uh any issues or concerns with regards to that uh at all? Um then we'll go to uh New uh oh, can I get a vote with regards to 10 and 10.1? That'll be unanimous.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Appointment of the Auditor - Mayor Therrien - We'll get to 11.1 appoint the that'll be Auditor there. Can I get a mover and a seconder uh please? Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield award the audit services to the Exchange Group for the Financial Statement Year Ends for 2023, 24 and 2025.* **Mayor Therrien** - Uh issues or concerns from Council with regard to the Auditor appointing of the Auditor? I see none so those in support with regards to 11.1 Appointment of the Auditor? Show of hands in support? That'll be unanimous.

11.2 Financial Statements - January 2023; February 2023; March 2023; April 2023 - Mayor Therrien - Then we'll get into uh 11.2, uh Financial uh Statements uh um there uh from January, February, March and April of uh 2023. Uh a mover and a seconder uh please. Uh Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it resolved that that the Financial Statements for the months of January, February, March and April*

2023 be approved as presented. **Mayor Therrien** - Um any questions from Council **with regards to** those four financial statements? I see none. We're prepared to vote, those in support of uh the New Business, 11.2? Show of hands? That'll be uh unanimous.

11.3 List of Accounts - **NOTE: I had questioned some of the cheques on this list and received answers. However some answers I felt needed additional clarification but I have not yet received answers as follows: Insofar as the student help, how were the students selected? Was there some type of advertising and a competitive process? What is being excavated on Eastdale Road insofar as the RM of Springfield is concerned? Is one of those expropriation files to do with the Donaldson Drain? If so, I have still not received any answer to my question as to what is the necessity of straightening the Donaldson Drain? Use of that drain in the last number of years has been minimal, and it works fine the way it is. Why would we spend a million dollars or more to straighten it? I would like to see that discussed during a Council meeting. Could you arrange to add its discussion to either this or the very next meeting agenda.** **Mayor Therrien** - Then 11.3 is List of

Accounts, uh a mover and a seconder, please. Uh Melinda and Pat (Warren/Therrien). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of July 13th. to August 8th., Be it Resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from Cheque 158055 to 158284 totaling \$2,298,354.36 be approved for payment as well as the following EFT entries: Western Financial \$11,915.84; Amelia \$323.49; Beausejour CoOp \$791.91; RBC Visa \$17,701.88; Red River CoOp \$56,630.91; And Be it Further Resolved that July payroll in the amount of \$340,469.46 be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Council looked at all the uh accounts uh many, many pages uh **there**. Any issues uh that they want to bring up, uh or are we prepared to vote? We're prepared to vote, can I get a show of hands of those in support of 11.3, List of Accounts?

NOTE: By the way, Councillors, or at least when I was one, are each given a folder of these accounts just prior to a Council meeting and asked to sign off on them. Hardly much time for scrutiny until after the fact. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I have one question. This Dodge Ram uh Cheque Number 158186 which department is that vehicle? **Colleen Draper** - I'm going to let Amram answer that so I mean it's worth his while to be here all night. Or is he not listening? **Amram Bangura, Manager of Finance** - Yes, he's up here, yes, I'm here. **Colleen Draper** - Uh Cheque Number 158186 .. **Amram Bangura** - 158186 ... **Colleen Draper** - For a 2023 Dodge Ram, you know what Department that's for. **Amram Bangura** - Ya, I'm just trying to look that up quickly. **Colleen Draper** - It would most likely be Public Works. **Amram Bangura** - Just a moment. It's a long list here. **NOTE: But the cheque numbers are in order.** Ok, ooh 158186 Holly will help me also to pull it up. I have a long list. **Holly** - Hi. Sorry about that. Uh I can comment on that. That is for the...ya, it's going to be Public Works, it's a Dodge Ram 4500 series so this is actually a down-payment to get it prepared for um I guess backlog or backordered as such. **NOTE: The amount of the cheque is \$72,317. I haven't ever bought a new truck, mine is an 86 Dodge Ram but that seems like an awfully big down-payment on a truck. I won't soon be buying a new one.** So we had to pay a partial payment to it. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And do we know when that thing was approved?

Holly - Um that was on the Financial Plan. I believe that that's all done by Public Works. **Amram Bangura** - So that will be part of the Capital Fleet Management Program. **Holly** - Yes. **Amram Bangura** - Cause we had um 2 Dodge Rams that were part of that Fleet Program. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok. Thank you. **Colleen Draper** - So that would be part of the uh Fleet Reserve. **Amram Bangura** - The Vehicle and Equipment it would be coming from reserve. **Colleen Draper** - Uh Mark has a question. **Mayor Therrien** - Sorry, Mark. Go ahead. **Councillor Miller** - Uh just a couple of questions regarding these uh accounts. Number 158211 Maple Leaf Construction \$66,465.00, it says Springfield sidewalks, so is that the most current asphaltting of the sidewalk from the RM Office to Co-Op, I suspect? **Holly** - That'd probably be the preliminary ..I'm not sure if that ..if we got the invoice compl..if that's the final invoice for the asphalt but they have been working on it, that would..might have been the first. I'm just going to take a look to see if we have another payment process for them. **Councillor Miller** - And my question would be, that would be part of the Public Works original budget that we approved back in..oh what was it, January, February. **Holly** - That is the Public Works Pathway Project, Capital project. **Councillor Miller** - Ok, thank you. **Colleen Draper** - So those funds are coming out of Pathway Reserve, Holly? **Holly** - Yes. (ok) **Councillor Miller** - Ok, and 2 more. The number is 158135 Tri M Trucking Limited and it's \$163,776.86 for gravel hauling. **Holly** - Alright. Can you repeat that one? 158...135.. **Councillor Miller** - ...135. Tri M Trucking for \$163,776.86 (ya) and in the notes it says "gravel hauling" but just, any specifics, what kind of gravel hauling? **Holly** - Umm for that dollar amount, that would probably be quite a few areas but let me take a look at that actual ... **Councillor Miller** - And I suspect it would be for road uh rehabilitation or... **Amram Bangura** - What's the number on that one? **Councillor Miller** - ...something to that...I don't want to put words in your mouth but ... **Holly** - No, it's ok. Um Amram that was uh 158135 so that was covering ..oh that was about ten different invoices so they all .. ya, so this time of year, there's a lot of uh um gravel hauling. There's also some smaller invoices included in there of hauling shingles, um just hauling stuff for us on our roads, some drainage work, and hauling gravel so it was repeat...re.. uh... **Councillor Miller** - Ok, thank you. **NOTE: Considering it was a whole bunch of smaller invoices, one would especially wonder why this company seems to get an unusual amount of jobs as opposed to any other trucking firm in the municipality. It is owned by a relative of one of the employees of Public Works.** **Holly** - Ya the majority is hauling of the gravel. **Councillor Miller** - One final question is 158063 and that's AMM Trading Company for \$182,869.82 and it says "dust control supplies" but I just wanted to bring to light that dust control is a major uh undertaking (laughing), it's financially somewhat crippling. Uh I try to share to residents that it's...I think Blaine indicated that it's something like \$4,600. per mile to do dust control, I mean that could vary but it's, it's, it's a huge part of the budget and obviously an important necessity for many residents but it shows that we're putting in a fair bit of dollars into this type of project. **Holly** - Ya it ..ya our dust control is ..is a very big project so this includes one, two, three...well 6 invoices for the um dust control. **Councillor Miller** - Thank you. **Holly** - Yep. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ya and then I want to ask a question. My un... **Mayor Therrien** - Go ahead, Dan. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So if those costs are escalating, how long are we going to keep up when the people are asking, do more, do more, do more and nobody wants to pay taxes. At one point, are we going to say we cannot do it anymore? I don't, I don't know how we're going to deal with that problem, you know. **Mayor Therrien** - That's uh that's the million dollar question. Pardon the pun **there** but uh costs are going up **there** and uh we uh...you know, we just never know what the..what it's going to be uh for any one year. They do uh projections uh uh the units **there**, they go before Amram and Holly and Thor and then they, they, correct me if I'm wrong here, uh Colleen, and they, they ask for "x" amount uh **there** and then uh there's a bit of a barter back and forth before I get too far into this, does that sound correct so far?

Colleen Draper - I apologize, I missed that whole conversation so about the amount of ... **Mayor Therrien** - Costs are going to go up uh **there**, essentially what you're asking for Andy, how are we going to adjust. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Sorry, it's going to come to the point where we cannot afford the dust control any more. The Finance Department is going to tell us our budgets are out. We don't have anymore money. You know, because people are going to be asking like...see..oh my neighbour has it, I have to have it too, then next neighbour, ya I have it too and so are we going to dust control the whole municipality and what, we just are going to spend all the budget just on the dust control. **Colleen Draper** - That's a good question and hard for Council to make (ya) so it's always, it's always going to be an item discussed at budget time and

how much more can we spend on dust control without always just increasing the mill rate and what the effect is on the residents' property tax and always looking for other areas where we can cut to make up the difference, like you just can't keep adding and adding without removing so it's always something that we discuss quite a bit during budget time every year so I don't have a quick fix for you but... **Councillor Kuczynski** - I know but we have..we have more and more requests always and we have to deal with that, like you know we have to talk with the people.

NOTE: Novel idea. Why not put that on an agenda and discuss the issue at length, as a way of informing the public the actual cost of what is desirable as opposed to necessary. On some residential rural roads, it would not be essential, just beneficial to keep the dust down that filters into residences.

Colleen Draper - And, and I, you know... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Like, usually... pay eventually..user pay, yes you want to do it for you but you have to pay for it. **Colleen Draper** - And not to speak for Councillor Miller but it's something he's raised with us so we've made a note of it that the dust control policy really needs to come back to Council and you need to review that and maybe there's roads that are getting dust control that have just been over the years added on and don't necessarily need to be so, you know, I'd love to just wipe the slate clean and look at every road and does it fit or not and start over and you're going to definitely find savings there but it's going to hurt a lot of feelings so um that would be a hard discussion to have with residents. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Eventually everybody is going to be hurt if we say we can't afford it any more. But you know, like this Vernon Road, like I know the people who live here by Oakbank, they're complaining and there's a lot of houses there but going farther and they're saying, well, because ..do it because people are going there with the garbage because it's closer. They could go to 206 and go to Hillside and you know, so few houses live you know in there so and you know spraying because you know... **Colleen Draper** - Ya. **Councillor Kuczynski** - ..because you know, 3 cars or 10 cars, trucks going there every day, then I need dust control but if we have to explain to people, you have to help us to start saving money, otherwise you know, we're going to be in the poor house. **NOTE: It would be the type of conversation to have when the expenditure of a potential Recreation Center in being discussed. What is the top priority, road maintenance or recreation.** (laughing) Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much, uh Andy. Then unless there's any other uh clarifications uh with regards to accounts, uh can we vote **with regards to** uh passing 11.3, List of Accounts uh the title of number 3. Show of hands? That's unanimous.

11.4 Tax Sale Reserve Bid - Mayor Therrien - Uh and last one here is 11.4 Tax Sale uh Reserve uh Bid uh a mover and seconder please. Uh Mark and Glen (Miller/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas pursuant to Section 372 of the Municipal Act, the Municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the Tax Arrears and Costs in respect of the property, Be it Resolved that the RM of Springfield place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property for the tax sale to be held November 1st, 2023.* **Mayor Therrien** - Issues, concerns? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Do we know how many houses are in arrears on taxes? **Colleen Draper** - Unfortunately I don't. I would typically have that answer for you but our tax clerk is on holidays right now so um I can get that information to you at the next meeting.

NOTE: Two observations: 1) Why is there no built-in back-up system in the Administration of the RM of Springfield? 2) Why put it on this agenda is the tax clerk is on holidays. Why not have left it for when they returned? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yep, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I just for clarity, Glen, you would probably know from previous years, maybe the numbers jumped and gone, you know, quite different, but let's say there's 10 properties, are you saying that these people are forfeiting their, their real estate because they can't pay the property taxes, that's...my understanding is. **Colleen Draper** - Uh, I can maybe answer that. Um we typically start with probably 200 properties that get a tax sale notice uh every year and through the efforts of Susan, our tax clerk, who deserves a raise all the time I say, uh she will dwindle that down to probably 20 properties by the time we have to give official notice uh and typically those properties are, you know, they're either in some kind of ...there's liens against them or you know some kind of issue behind them, they're typically the same properties every year and the bank will come in at the final hour and pay those out so I honestly can't remember the last time we had to go through with the tax sale. It's usually cleared off completely just by the efforts of our tax clerk. **Mayor Therrien** - Any other questions there. Then uh if there's nothing **with regards to** the sale tax reserve uh bid 11.4, a show of hands, those in support of uh the motion. That'll be unanimous and is passed, carried.

12. CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien - Now we're..ladies and gentlemen, now we're going to go to a Closed uh meeting. Can I get a mover and seconder **with regards to** going into Closed uh Meeting? Uh Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that this meeting recess into In Camera to discuss personnel and legal issues and Be it Further Resolved that all matters shall remain confidential until a Report is made public.* **Mayor Therrien** - Those in favour of the motion? That's unanimous.

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13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien - Everybody ready to go. Um we are going to go back uh in session out of Camera at 10 uh 05 uh p.m. Can I get a mover and seconder to come out of uh camera, please? That'll be Mark and Glen (Miller/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** - And a show of hands, those in support of the motion. That'll be unanimous. Um we have a resolution uh that we'd like to read uh to the public uh **there**. Could I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** the uh resolution? Uh Melinda and uh Mark (Warren/Miller). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas based on the comments made by Councillor Kuczynski at the August 8th, 2023 Council Meeting, Be it Resolved that Councillor Kuczynski has agreed to a 7 day unpaid suspension with the requirement to take cultural awareness training at his own cost as soon as can be arranged with the Certificate of Completion to be provided to the Municipality in due course.* **Mayor Therrien** - Uh with that uh read aloud and the information we had leading into that, uh could I get a show of hands of those in support of ...is there a resolution number or whatever uh? I guess not, eh. Those in support of the resolution as uh read out by uh Colleen? Show of hands, those in support? That'll be uh unanimous uh **there** and adopted resolution. Um I don't think there are any other issues with regards to this uh meeting and uh the we will go out of the meeting at uh 10:07 p.m., mover and seconder again uh on that. Pardon me. Uh just a mover uh Glen. Um and we'll be out of the meeting is closed at 10:07 um again August the 15th. Thank you very much uh people for a long night. Thank you.

14. ADJOURNMENT

