

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
August 8, 2023

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 2 hours 34 minutes 37 seconds



Picture from the press conference on the referendum sponsored by Councillors Kuczynski and Miller regarding the Sio Siloca Project. For further information, see: <https://saveourwaterspringfield.com>. Link to Winnipeg Sun Article: <https://winnipeg.sun.com/news/provincial/lawyer-for-silica-sand-mine-puts-little-stock-in-springfield-referendum-results>

Mayor Therrien - Ready to go then, Kristy. Well, thank you very much, uh folks, we'll start the meeting right on time at 6 uh p.m. Uh today's date is August 8 of 2023 and thank you very much for attending uh our meeting. Um just so uh you know who everybody is and I'm sure here everybody does and if those who don't, I'm Mayor Patrick Therrien uh for the RM of Springfield and to my right in descending order uh to my right is Deputy Mayor Councillor Ward 1 Glen Fuhl, next to him descending is Councillor Ward 2 uh Andy Kuczynski, uh next to Andy will be Councillor Ward 3 that's uh Mark Miller and uh last is Councillor Ward 4 and that's uh Melinda Warren.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Therrien - Uh then if we can start uh the approval of the agenda, can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to that** uh please. Uh Glen sorry who's the second uh Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **Colleen Draper, CAO** - *Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Any issues with regards to uh the agenda? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh yes thank you, Mr. Mayor. My only question is on Item No. 5, Question Period. I have in front of me the Procedure By-law adopted by the Municipality of Springfield, By-law No. 17-08 and uh under there uh a host ..under 7.4 Question Period and it doesn't say anything about only questions pertaining to the current agenda items. I wonder why we're still going forward with this, going against our own by-laws. Seems kind of bizarre that we as elected representatives would go against our own Procedure By-law but uh maybe I'm not seeing something correctly. If you could explain, Mr. Mayor, I'd love to hear it. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh you were there, Mark, uh during uh these uh Council uh meetings uh they were dysfunctional. Uh March the 7th. was the last date where it affected the uh our employees. **NOTE: The following is what was said to which the Mayor is referring: By failing to uphold the undertaking to release the Report prior to the C.E.C. hearings, which means prior to the public requisite deadlines for submissions is a serious questionable act of insubordination upon Council, upon residents and ratepayers. There was no shouting, no waving of fists, no aggressive body language, no reference to any particular member of the staff. JUST BECAUSE MAYOR THERRIEN DOES NOT LIKE WHAT IS BEING SAID DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR DYSFUNCTIONAL.** It was a very uh confrontational uh meeting and that precipitated **NOTE: Cause (an event or situation, typically one that is bad or undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely),** the welfare of our employees uh that being the primary concern here uh and I'm surprised to have to repeat myself cause I do it often. Um and you were present every time we explained that and you were there on March the 7th. I can't speak for you but I'm just saying it's kind of surprising uh that uh uh you know, it was, without putting words in your mouth, **we had an agreement** that uh what happened on March the 7th. was not functional, it wasn't healthy for our uh employees. **NOTE: I know of only one member to which it might refer and that was the CAO. Most CAOs are hired on a contractual basis and are not considered employees as such. No one seems to be able to find out on what terms Ms. Draper has been contracted.** Uh there was a focused approach uh uh towards uh one of our employees uh that was unhealthy. Uh the Question Period consisted of a very small uh amount of people every time and the questions got personal, they got very uh unhealthy and it was dysfunctional, it just wasn't working, and as we had attested before, **NOTE: The speaker pointed out a serious either oversight or deliberate withholding of important information from the public. THAT IS A STATEMENT OF FACT, nothing personal. The fact that one person was responsible is simply truth.** um other Councils uh don't do it just for that reason. **NOTE: Other Councils don't need a Question Period as questions can be asked at any time during the meeting, including during discussion of agenda items.** And I've been in the job now, I guess it's almost 10 months uh now and I, I talked to many, many Mayors and Reeves uh and most don't do the Question Period for that specific reason. Um when it comes to uh the health of our employees um that's a primary concern and it, it reared its face again uh uh with June the 13th. uh when we had to uh squash, quash, whatever the term is, I'm sure somebody will address me on that one. **NOTE: This is an excerpt from the June 13th. meeting: I'll try to speak up. Uh so uh we'll uh what we have here uh for today uh is a Special Meeting of Council to deal with uh 4 items, uh the Zoning uh By-Law amendment uh RE C E O Silica Municipal Board Order, uh the SIO Silica Development Agreement, uh the 2023 Financial Plan Amendment uh Public Hearing at 6:30, we're going to try to meet that time line, uh Second and Third reading of uh By-law 23-04 uh being the Taxation By-law. Uh there is no Question Period or Delegation schedule on, on this agenda. Uh other than the Financial Plan Public Hearing, the remaining agenda items are for Council discussion and decisions only. Uh I want to uh clarify uh a certain point here. I know that this goes against what I stated uh publicly on June the 6th. of 2023 um however I was uh wrong in stating that the public input would be allowed and I apologize for that. Uh development**

agreements are a negotiated agreement between the Municipality and a second party and fall under uh Closed Meeting matters, therefore I was wrong in suggesting that the public input uh would be allowed. There is no uh miss..it wasn't intentional. It's just a learning process uh for myself um and I would, I would say for other council as well. THE SQUASHING, IF YOU WILL, HAPPENED BEFORE THE AGENDA WAS EVEN POSTED. CALLING IT A "SPECIAL MEETING" PRECLUDED ANY QUESTION PERIOD. um that uh people cannot uh uh act uh uh as mature adults and make things personal, getting back to the March the 7th. That was the last date that we had 4 months of that and I just...we cannot tolerate that kind of stuff uh with regards to our employees. Uh it's uh, it was non functional. There was no uh uh um proceeding any further. The questions uh uh tantamount to personal assaults uh on our employees. And you've got a comment uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Sure do. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Again, I would challenge you, you said we had an agreement. I don't see any agreement here nor one you could provide to the public or to the media. There was no agreement so I challenge you on that. Second of all, ... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** I don't think I said an agreement. **NOTE: He definitely did say "agreement!".** **Councillor Miller** - You did say agreement, the verbatim audio will show that. Second of all, the by-law ... if we don't adhere to our own internal by-laws, then this is just a **gong show**. The adopted, entrenched by-law 17-08 does not indicate only questions pertaining to current agenda items. You can't willy nilly outside of the Procedure By-law just do what you want to do because you have some rational.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** This isn't just me, this isn't just me making this decision. We, we.... **Councillor Miller** - Well, you changed the by-law, Mr. Mayor... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** We're still working on the by-law. **Councillor Miller** - So, again, until it's changed.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** We can, we can address that but in the meantime **there...** **Councillor Miller** - You just can't willy nilly do what you want to do. **Mayor Therrien** - It's not I. Why do you always want to say I? It's not an I situation here. **Councillor Miller** - We as a Council have not adopted it and that's why... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** And we're working on this by-law. We'll address the fact whether it's going to be uh.... **Councillor Miller** - You don't understand.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Keeping it or getting rid of Question Period, that's one of our options. **Councillor Miller** - Do your quasi-democracy and make a fool of all of us **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Quasi democracy... **Councillor Miller** - If you don't follow the Procedure By-law, what basis are you following.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Well we're working on that Procedure by-law, Mark. We are working on that... **Councillor Miller** - Exactly but there is one you are not following. That is my point so we are working on amending it, I agree with you there. **Mayor Therrien** - We said we would look at that and then every time that we ..it gets down to a certain point where this isn't going too bad, it just gets back to the... **Councillor Miller - interrupting** Because of you, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - Because of me. **Councillor Miller** - You're not following the Procedure By-law that...we're trying to be a democratic body in front of the public and media and you willy nilly just close out the public and that's wrong, that's wrong. **Mayor Therrien** - I, I totally disagree. You kind of forget about historically how this is all occurring, Mark. Um...ya you do. **Councillor Miller** - No, look at the Minutes. **Mayor Therrien** - Here we go with the Minutes again, Mark.... **Councillor Miller** - Because those are the entrenched history of our procedures. of our discussions... **Mayor Therrien** - Well, you're ... **Councillor Miller** - You just said we had an agreement but you can't even come up with the agreement ... **Mayor Therrien** - You were here on March the 7th. when it was just... I used the term "gong show" on the 7th. of February... **Councillor Miller** - You always use the gong show... **Mayor Therrien** - I used that ...so when you just used it a few minutes ago so this is just in fact a Question Period and then we got delegations, people can come up as delegations and talk to these matters as well **NOTE: Here is an example of what happened when one person requested to come as a delegation: I received your response to my request to be a delegation on the August 8th meeting and to say the least I found it to be disrespectful not to mention presumptuous. The Mayor has frequently stated that any citizen can come to speak to council on topics not on the agenda but they must come as a delegation. It would seem that you have usurped his public declaration. I also note that the Council procedure by-law Section 11 sets out the requirements for Delegations and I believe my request met them. Point 11.2 states that generally there will be no limit to the number of delegations and you are well aware that previously there has been more than the 3 delegations at a council meeting so your excuse for the denial is questionable. I'm quite sure that the intent of the by-law granting authority to the CAO to schedule delegations as deemed appropriate wasn't intended to deny citizens access to council or to curtail questions or requests from the general public. As for your comments about my questions, you have no idea what they will be or that they would be the same as other residents. I therefore am expecting that you will provide me a delegation time at the next council meeting. That same thing happened when I tried to ask to be a delegation. I was denied and told my questions would be answered in a subsequent meeting.** I uh there's nothing stopping from people from talking with regards to the Question Period. **Councillor Miller - interrupting** Nothing stopping ...why are you closing out the public? Why are you locking the doors? Why are you restricting delegations? **Mayor Therrien** - You're talking about a whole ..you're talking about a huge...you're changing the goal posts here, I .. we've talked about the Question Period or you doing your media fun fest, I don't know what that is. **Councillor Miller - Wow. We love this Mayor.** **Mayor Therrien** - I don't think you do, Mark. Andy..oh sorry I think, did you have your hand up first, Melinda... go ahead, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok. Mr. Mayor, um I have the last uh Springfield uh "changes to procedural by-law". You're making here assumptions like this already passed. **Mayor Therrien** - It did. This is a month ago. I ..this, this.... **Councillor Kuczynski** - No, this is August 3rd. **Mayor Therrien** - I can't, I can't control the media ..when they do this but I think I had that interview a long time ago. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Well, they just printed it now. People are reading it only now. Whatever was spoken to you, people not aware but when they see it in the paper, that's when they're aware about it so we didn't change any by-law ..Procedural By-law, we shouldn't be changing because somebody just requested that we're going to change the by-law. We should have to obey the by-laws. If we don't have any by-laws and nobody going can obey, if you don't obey the by-laws then everybody else in this Municipality don't have to obey the by-laws. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, we were...we agreed that we weren't going to allow the Questions Period, there was a certain time we were going to allow and see how it's going, it hasn't... what do you mean, No, Mark? There's, there's no written agreement ... **Councillor Miller** - There is no agreement. **Mayor Therrien** - March the 7th. we said this isn't right. This is dysfunctional. It isn't healthy. **Councillor Miller** - You said that. Andy and I did not say that... **Mayor Therrien** - Why didn't you say something at that time? **Councillor Miller** - I did say something. I said you never lock out the public and you always allow them to say... **Mayor Therrien** - Well, that's when you had your media thing there. **Councillor Miller** - What are you talking about? You locked them out of the Council meeting, not our media... **Mayor Therrien** - You're talking something else altogether there. **Councillor Miller** - Well, so are you, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - No, ok, well it's ..I don't think we're going to get anywhere with this so... **Councillor Miller** - Obviously. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, I want to just point out to you that if we said we were going to stop this Question Period, then we're going to do it, whatever pretending on our agenda, we agreed to 3 weeks. Later on, you said 4 months. I heard the last one you said was 4 months. **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Well, then you just contradicted what Mark was saying **there** Andy. He's, he's essentially said that we didn't agree to anything **there**. So what is it, did we agree to it or not. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I said if we agree to anything... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Well Mark just nodded his head so ... **Councillor Kuczynski** - You said 4 months maybe a month ago. It's already 5 or 6 months and we're still doing the same thing over and

over so we have to obey the by-laws.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** We have to look at the Procedural By-law whether we're gonna... **Councillor Miller** - Which is right here. Do you want to see it, do you want a copy. **Mayor Therrien** - No we're going to ..Mark, sit down, **sit down**, this isn't, what, why are you trying to be uh uh a drama thing here. **Councillor Miller** - Why are you trying to break the by-law... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting loudly** We are not breaking the by-law. It's our heal... **Councillor Miller - interrupting**. It's right here. I can circulate it to all members of the public here... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** The health of our employees is far more important than the by-law here and we'll have a chance to look at the Procedural By-law and amend that where and when we can. **Councillor Miller** - Oh, wow. I can't believe I'm sitting here and.... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Uh, Glen...oh, go ahead Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - My recommendation is we bring the Procedural By-law forward to the next meeting and deal with this so we don't have this every time. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, we're prepared to do that, we're prepared to look at the Procedural By-law and ... **Councillor Miller** - Could I ask Councillor Fuhl a question. Can we please abide by the existing by-law which this Mayor doesn't seem to want to do, even today. **Mayor Therrien** - That's...that couldn't be any farther from the truth, Mark, you just, you're pandering to the camera and you're pandering to the audience here, that's all you're doing. **Councillor Miller** - Laughing...Wow. **Mayor Therrien** - Wow. **Councillor Miller** - Laughing...Wow, rhetoric. You're the one in the media getting all these grants and saying, rah rah rah... **Mayor Therrien** - No, we are getting those grants. The RM of Springfield is getting those grants. You're saying you're not? **Councillor Miller** - I'm not in the picture. **Mayor Therrien** - What do you mean, you're not in the picture? **NOTE: The Mayor is being obtuse. He full well knows about the picture in the Clipper.** **Councillor Miller** - Andy, I think you have the Clipper ... **Mayor Therrien** - That is just plain ...so if the picture, if you're not in the picture, you're not part of this. (ya) Well, why don't you go to some of these announcements, then. You have a chance to be there. Why don't you go? What stopped you from going, Mark? **NOTE: While not on the RM recording, a member of the audience says "Off topic".** Ya, ok. It's off topic. Did you do a delegation? No, Ted, ok, we're...oh ok. Can you hear now, Sir? Ok, thank you very much. Ok (laughing), that's a good point, I, I, I seem to get a out of habit without having this in front of me here. **NOTE: I believe someone pointed out he did not have his microphone turned on.** So I think we're uh we're done with regards to the Approval of the Agenda and then we'll uh, we'll go to uh Item 4 and that's the Adoption of the uh Minutes. Could I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to that**, please. Oh, I'm sorry, we need a vote uh on the agenda. All those in favour? That'll be myself, uh Glen and uh Melinda? (Therrien, Fuhl, Warren). All those opposed? That'll be Andy and Mark (Kuczynski/Miller).

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - July 18, 2023 Council Minutes - Mayor Therrien - Now we'll go to Item 4, that's the Adoption of the uh Minutes uh, can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to that**? Uh Andy and Pat (Kuczynski/Therrien). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas the Minutes of Council meeting held July 18th. have been previously distributed to Council, Be it Resolved that the same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Any questions **with regards to** the July 18th, 2023 Council Meeting minutes? Hands? I see none, can we move in support, a show of hands? That'll be unanimous.

5. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien - And we'll go to Item No. 5, uh Question Period. It's only questions pertaining to the current agenda uh items. Anybody in the audience? **Councillor Miller** - Point of Order, Mr. Mayor. Please go on record to say you will go outside of the existing Procedure By-law. Because... **Mayor Therrien** - Um because of uh March the 7th uh and the unhealthy environment leading up to that, yes. Any questions um from the audience? I see..Darryl? Sir, do you want to come up to the uh podium uh here sir? Yes, he had his hand up. Oh, ok. Is that a little bit better, testing one, two, three. Ok. Alright, we're just going to have uh uh questions pertaining to the agenda at this time here. Um Janet, did you want to come up? **Janet Nylen, Oakbank** - Thank you. I think everyone knows me. My name is Janet Nylen. I live in Oakbank. I am very disappointed to not be allowed as a delegation tonight as the Mayor has always said any resident can come to Council as a delegation but apparently the CAO now limits delegations to 3 per meeting so I asked to be a delegation at your next meeting. So my 5 minutes I would like to talk to Item 6.2 Department Reports, specifically Water & Waste, Page 3, the Oakbank uh Dugald Oakbank Water Supply Phase 3 Upgrades and Expansion. I read this maybe 4 or 5 times and then I realized that this is a cumulative report and it's very confusing for anybody who uh doesn't read them regularly to follow. It starts "based on May 31st. meeting". Well it turns out that was May 31, 2022. It wasn't just recent. So once I figured that out, I saw that you had been working on this Project for some time. Uh there's a pre-design reports from Associated Engineering and Friesen Drillers and I wonder if they are available to the public. **Mayor Therrien** - Um the Friesen Reports, M'am? **Janet Nylen** - The WWD meeting with Associated Engineering and Friesen Drillers on September 28th. to review Pre-Design Report and review next steps going forward. I wondered if any of the Reports are available to the public. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh that's something we can ask Phil. **Colleen Draper** - Um I can check with Phil, our Water & Waste ummm Manager to see if those documents, I believe those are the documents we uh just released for the tender so they should be available and we can provide a copy to you if they are. **Janet Nylen** - Ok. Like this is September 28th., it's almost a year ago um and then it also goes on to talk about um the Water Treatment Plant design concept raw water needs and expectations and the opinion of Probable Cost. So in the..a little bit off but it is mentioned down at the bottom here that there is an open house project on August 29th. It's been advertised as an Open House but never have there been any numbers associated with it or the proposed recovery of our payment for the debt. Um we see that you can mention that there's \$10.3 million dollars in project grants but it's my understanding from your budget that \$25 million dollars back in 2022, is that correct? **Mayor Therrien** - Um I think that number's right, uh Mrs. Nylen, uh don't hold me to it but I think that's around the 25, 26 million mark. On the 29th. of August we'll have some more um numbers and have all the consultants present so you can have as many questions that .. from that uh uh at that time **there** so uh I, I think on the 29th. we'll have as many people there that can answer some uh questions like our um uh uh Vision 2020 will have their uh placards uh in the front, I'm hoping everybody saw those before they came in **there**. Uh and maybe we could do a 5 minute break and everybody can look at that before we have the presentation but either or uh I'm hoping on the 29th. we can answer most of your questions and all the people that are involved in that as well. **Janet Nylen** - I'm sort of missing what that had to do with the 2020 but anyway. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh I just thought I'd throw that in there. It's **kind of like a sales pitch** (laughing). **Janet Nylen** - I guess my concern is it's the 29th. of August you're holding an Open House. People are still on holidays. It was kind of a little kind of insert in your uh Springfield 1/2 page Newsletter if you call it a newsletter. And it doesn't uh impact...give full impact to what this is going to mean to, to the Municipality and I'm wondering if you would re-advertise it or hold it on another occasion. Uh I've asked a number of questions as this has been going on and not received the information and I doubt that some of the information the consultants will be able to provide on the 29th. so that's why I want to come before Council because these are Council related questions and uh you have heard some of them but not all of them. So could I ask that you would consider advertising it in a more um apparent manner, like... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** I understand .. **Janet Nylen** - ..that people know that this is going to be a \$25 million dollar project that the Municipality at large is going to have to pay for less what the grants are

so it's \$15 million dollars. **Mayor Therrien** - Um are we able to ..is that in the newspaper at all, Colleen? **NOTE: Doesn't the Mayor read the local newspaper to keep abreast of what is being said? He is being paid enough!** **Colleen Draper** - So August 29th. is an Open House. Uh no decisions are being made at that evening uh, it's just for people to attend and ask questions and get more information. Um you know, any funding um decisions there would be a Public Hearing for any borrowing by-laws so this isn't the only meeting we'll be having on this. **NOTE: Further an Open House is where placards and information boards are set up for the public to view and any questions being asked are individual and not shared with the entire public present. I myself consider them a colossal waste of time and money.** We are working on a deadline uh to meet our funding requirements. Um so I mean, Open Houses are, you know, kind of the next logical step so people can come out um.... **Janet Nysten** - I guess my point is who will come out and until the impact is uh readily known to the public, they won't come out. So you have it on the last week of summer which is kind of questionable. Who even will be around maybe and then, like this is really important in my mind and I, if you want an Open House to hear from the public legitimately, you should say more than what you have in the paper, that's my question, would you advertise it that way, please. **Mayor Therrien** - Um, I, I, this ..legitimately, I'm not sure what you mean by that. We've, we've got it in the paper and we've got in our media blasts uh um. We'll throw it out there if we can again in the Media Blast. Uh word of mouth is getting out there. I see a ..lots of people are asking me uh this at the Co-op Hardware store and grocery store and getting gas in the community uh and I, I put it out there as well uh... but we've got a lot of things that we're trying to put in there. Logistics are going to be very hard to get all the other things we want to get in there. Sometimes it's a narrow um um uh area that we can do that so we're doing our best to try to uh you know, there's August the 29th. uh um any worse than any other time uh the middle of August or the middle of like June and July, that's not a good time, that's kind of why we take our holidays. Uh near, near the end of summer is about the best that we're going to do at this point here but we'll put it out there as another Media Blast so more and more people will know and do you have access to a Media Page, then you can put it on your media page. **Janet Nysten** - Well, you can count on it. I'm doing that but I want Council to understand and to see that to be transparent to the public, you should be putting out the cost of the project and you should be saying if there's not one option, give two options for payment of it because the best that I can get, as a former Administrator, is it's going to be over the whole Municipality because the 1200 or 1300 customers on water cannot afford \$15 million dollars. **NOTE: And that means, once again, the ratepayers at large are going to be paying for a service that they will never benefit from. That is simply not fair!** So I think if you want public transparency and you want them to understand the need and the scope and whatever is the project, you have to give it a fair trial or a fair... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** - I agree with you totally, uh Mrs. Nysten uh **there**. I'm still trying to learn how we're all doing all this and transparency has always been uh our objective uh here um. As for the cost uh, uh, uh what've you got Sir. Are you laughing about something? **Male Voice** - We can't hear. **Mayor Therrien** - Can you hear me better now? **Male Voice** - No, I wasn't. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok so I'm uh just uh saying is that uh as for the cost uh we're still working on those costs. Uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And sorry, I'm disappointed you weren't allowed to come as a delegation. And I think, again, these doors should be open if uh, to everyone and anyone at any time for a delegation but having said that, I have a question for you because I live in Ward 3 which represents of course Pine Ridge, Cooks Creek, Hazelridge and the rest of that area around Birds Hill and not one of my residents, including myself, is on piped water so having said that, I've heard feedback so far because of the ad in the Clipper, that people are asking those specific questions that you've just posed to us. If it's upwards of \$30 million dollars, are people in Ward 3 and other wards who will never get piped water, are they paying for it? Uh what would be the answer to that? That's the kind of question that I think people throughout the Municipality want to know. Because I can assure you, Mr. Mackie, you sent me an e-mail earlier uh and I've had many others who say, Mark, we elected you to represent us well and to do that, you have to oppose this because we don't want to be part of another escapade of paying additional taxes for the people in Oakbank where Mr. Mayor resides as well, but having said that, uh I want to reflect and represent the people in my ward strongly and so my question to you, uh Ms. Nysten, um, do you think there's a fairer approach on how to fund this because I know it's important but how can we move forward with a project like this. **Janet Nysten** - I don't know. I guess my ... if I'd been a delegation, I would have asked if there was any way of staging this project so that it could be managed in a tier type level or something like that so we're not putting out all the money and let development put the levy on development as it occurs and let them pay for the next stages. So something like that probably would have been my suggestion but just having said what..in response again to your question, and Councillor Fuhl will remember that just 5 or 6 years ago, the..Springfield at large paid for the main trunk line going down Main Street and down Willow west, you know, we paid ... everybody paid .. all the farmers, all the rural people, everybody paid for that line so it has happened before and my concern about borrowing at large is that there's no Public Hearing for it. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I think there's going to be a Public Hearing uh Colleen, is there not? Can you add on that? We're not just going to throw out a cheque for \$20 some odd million dollars. Right. **Janet Nysten** - It doesn't at large require um we don't have a right to appeal to the Municipal Board like we would as a Local Improvement. So anyway. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much, M'am. Uh Darr...oh, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, I would like to ask, Mr. Mayor, you stated that you are meeting people in the parking lots and discussing with them in the stores. I don't think this is the area that you should discuss the Council um agendas or you know, whatever is happening. We should have Public Meetings so people can come and you talk to everybody and whoever cannot attend the meeting, then they could be on the ZOOM. But talking with a few people in the parking lot, that doesn't solve the problem. And secondly I would like to ask Colleen, you said that we are working under a time frame. What is the time frame and for what? **Colleen Draper** - As part of the Agreement with Manitoba Water Services Board for their portion of the funding, um they've kind of given us the time line that they would like to tender for the Project in March of 2024. So that would require us to have, you know, the Project and Open Houses and any public hearings held before that date. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So when did you learn about this time frame, this time ... because I am hearing for the first time that we have a time frame on this grant from the Province. **Colleen Draper** - Um I think we've discussed this in meetings previously but um, I mean, we held off holding it in July. Um we're holding it at the Open House at the end of August. I heard that quite clearly from this Council was that you wanted to have more Open Houses where the public can come, ask questions, learn more about the project and that's our attempt to do that on August 29th. So questions about financing and phasing and all of those things will be part of our presentation on the 29th. so um, you know, we'd like to hear what other questions we have so we can ensure those are being addressed at that Open House. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But you allocated only 2 hours for that meeting and I think that's going to be just a sales job by the engineers and people that are going to be involved, whoever you state is going to be there at that meeting. So I don't know how much time and how many people are going to be there. We should have the Public Meeting right here in this Chamber so people can come and have discussions and not only one, maybe it will require 2, 3 meetings, maybe 4 and if we see a lot of people attending these meetings, maybe we should schedule them in another facility where there's more room for people to come. You might have 2, 3, 400 people coming here. Did anybody take that into consideration? **Colleen Draper** - Well, that's why we're hosting it at the Dugald Community Center cause we wouldn't hold as many people here. Uh it's more of uh a come and go from 6 to 8. We will have the consultants there.

People can ask questions. Uh it's not a structured presentation that we'll be doing all the talking for 2 hours. **NOTE: Exactly! There is no formal presentation, just boards set up and consultants available to talk one on one with visitors. THAT IS NOT HELPFUL. What is required is a formal presentation in Council to inform the public of the project, and then subsequently you could have this type of placard presentation showing it in more detail.** Um we'll have story boards up and we'll have all of the information in handouts that people can take and we'll be providing uh contact information if people have more questions or want more information, we'll gladly get back to them with it so... **Councillor Kuczynski** - So when are we going to have those uh meetings with the public right here in the Council chamber or other facility, you said we're going to have them, Public Hearings, so when is that going to happen? Do you have a time frame for that? **Colleen Draper** - Uh depending on what we hear on August and feedback from Council that we receive, then we can look at September or October um having any kind of Public Hearings that are required for borrowing. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, thank you. **NOTE: By that time, the Project is well under way and there is no turning back. Residents have not had the opportunity to say whether or not they are in favour of the project in the first place.** **Mayor Therrien** - Um I'll just address uh Andy about me talking to people, **that's my job.** People come up to me every day when I'm out uh in the public and ask me questions. I don't talk about In Camera stuff um to anybody. I uh In Camera uh is in secret and that stays there. This is uh public uh knowledge uh **there** and I'll talk to as many people that come up to me. I don't stand off. I don't ...I answer all my calls, all my e-mails uh so I'll continue doing so. **NOTE: As Head of Council, Mayor Therrien's job is to engage the public in the decision making process during open Council meetings and to hear the concerns and suggestions of his constituency. Granted, he can talk to people in public settings but those conversations are not available to ratepayers at large.** And as for the delegation uh **there** Mrs. Nysten, uh **there**, she is a delegation at another time. We just can't fit it in now. Look, we're supposed to have 5 minutes **with regards to** this and we're on to 40 minutes now so uh I think that's part of the dilemma here, it's not just 5 minutes. So maybe we'll go on to our next uh **Councillor Kuczynski interrupting** - Mr. Mayor, can I answer that? We have time allocation to 10:30 p.m. always for meetings so we have lots of time for it. That's what it says in our Procedures so we have a lot of time to do it. We don't have to finish our Council meeting at 8:30 or 9. **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Well, we have... **Councillor Kuczynski interrupting** - If people want to speak, then we should allow them to speak. That's what they're here for. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, we have a, we have our structured component and we've, we're 5 minutes into Questions and like I say, we're into 40 now. There's one more person who wanted to talk. Uh Darryl? **Darryl Speer, Oakbank** - Uh, Darryl Speer, Oakbank. Uh I want to speak to a question that relates to, speak to 6.2 the Water and Waste Report, the part where it talks about the Dugald/Oakbank Water Supply Phase III Upgraded Expansion for a projected cost of \$25 million or more. Since 1994 uh the Gravel Zone Aquifer has provided 100% of the water uh Municipal water for Oakbank and Dugald until recently when 2 wells were placed on Poplar Road and were put into service. This new water does not meet drinking water standards and has to be blended with the current Gravel Zone water to pass. Now more wells are being commissioned on Poplar Road to supply uh water for Oakbank and Dugald. Uh by this Report, by Water & Waste, using a very complicated and expensive Reverse Osmosis/Green Sand Treatment process. The only process required for water from the Gravel Zone Aquifer, (clearing throat) excuse me, uh the Heatherdale Wells is pumps, pipes and chlorination for distribution. Sourcing water from the Gravel Zone ridge, directly north of Oakbank in the south area of Birds Hill Park, I proposed several times to members of Council and the Directors of Water & Waste, including the current Director of Water & Waste, Mr. Phil Pawluk. He assured me this would be under consideration. I see no evidence of that. I would ask that Council **re-visit this whole Phase III Expansion for a better, more economical long term water supply at a fraction of the cost that does not have to be billed over the entire RM.** So my question is, will you reconsider this project in light of what I'm telling you now. It's not new news. It's old news. **Mayor Therrien** - So Darryl, you want us to uh scrap the uh Water Treatment Plant and go to this uh other aquifer? **Darryl Speer - EXACTLY! Mayor Therrien** - Ok, um, let us ask uh get that question, we'll speak to Phil Pawluk and give you an answer. (ok) Thank you very much, Mr. Speer(s). Was there somebody else? Uh Gloria? You have to come up **there**, uh M'am. The only reason, people, is that we get people to come up here is because uh there's people on line uh that can't hear or see uh some parts of it **there** so we've got to be open and transparent. **Gloria Romaniuk** - Thanks very much. My name is Gloria Romaniuk and I'm from Cooks Creek. Mark Miller is my representative. Um the questions stems from this discussion of the Open House and people having the opportunity to speak and ask questions at the Open House. The problem is probably the more said, the sound issue here at these meetings, if I am talking to my rep at the August 29th. event or meeting or Open House, my friend or neighbour or whoever twenty feet away will not know what we talked about. It's not an informative way to discuss this and it's such an important issue. Thank you. Unless you want an answer. **Mayor Therrien** - Um it's uh, uh, I've been to a few of these uh **there** and people are going around and they're looking at the uh placards that are out there much like the Vision 2020 out here um and then they're drawing questions from that. Uh I think there'll be a box in there that will ask questions and if you see that your councillor or I'm there, if you have a question for me, then feel free to ask me the question and if I don't know it, there's going to be engineers uh we're going to have our uh people there that can answer all those questions. Uh now your question uh ya you know in a perfect world, it'd be great that everybody's listening uh to that but it's there for information purposes **there**, we want people to look at the placards and see how it's going to function, how it's going to look and how it's going to work in the community and how it's going to help the community and you know, with all the extra uh subdivisions and and diminish our or increase our tax base **thereby**, I'm not an Economics major or anything like that but more people, then we're going to have to, we can get lower taxes and our infrastructure is 25, 30 years old so that's just part of the uh the component of that but that's just me so I'm going to be learning a lot from this as well so I uh I'm looking forward uh to that and I'm doing a lot of research as we speak uh uh much like I did with C I O, **NOTE: Someone should tell Mayor Therrien it is S I O, not C I O.** I'm learning how the systems all working uh **there** you know so I don't just sit on my deck and have coffee and read the paper, I do a lot of reading, every day I'm doing something to learn **with regards uh** to that uh. I was a Mountie for 35 years and uh I know the Criminal Code uh inside and out so I thought but there's sections in there, it's impossible to learn that. So you've got to have an idea. **Gloria Romaniuk** - Sorry, respectfully I just heard Janet Nysten and then Darryl Speer speak so knowledgeably about issues that they are passionate about, that they have studied as citizens (ya) and they come before this group and provide knowledge that they gain nothing other than the common benefits that we all gain as being citizens and paying a tax base. **Mayor Therrien** - Right. **Gloria Romaniuk** - They will not gain one way or another personally but at a public event like the one you're describing, it's almost like a sales pitch. And I have to say that the Clipper is one of the worst papers I've ever seen. I can hardly turn the pages on it and all it does, it, it's almost like they are um printing a platform for whatever group is paying for the ads in it. I don't think it's... **Mayor Therrien** - That's, that's your opinion, M'am. **Gloria Romaniuk** - I know. It's not a good source, if we just continually talk about the paper as being a source of information. It's not a fair source of information. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, and I think we can say that for uh you know, going back uh 40 years, uh the newspapers were a way of gathering information. Now it's all on social media and God knows how terrible that could be uh it's uh ... **Gloria Romaniuk** - So that's why our personal meetings are so important. **Mayor Therrien** - There's just so much misinformation and I think you're right uh the 29th. of August is a personal meeting but it's not going to end there. We're

going to have uh more discussions **with regards to** that and if you've got a question **with regards to** that, give it to Mark or give it to me or give it to both of us and then we'll try to find the answer uh for you. I'd direct you towards that. Uh we **Gloria Romaniuk** - I was actually even given to Darryl or Janet or others to see this through because they are so committed and so knowledgeable and they will provide you free advice and input. They are waiting to contribute and I think that's great. I think we're very lucky to have people like them in this RM. Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** - I agree with you, M'am. **NOTE: Then why doesn't he listen to them instead of people in the organization who may have a pre-determined mandate.** Thank you. Uh Mark and Andy. **Councillor Miller** - Gloria, may I ask you a question. Uh again you are in our area, uh Cooks Creek and so in generality where the rubber hits the road, would you be willing to subsidize once again Oakbank and Dugald for a Water Treatment Plant of upwards of \$30 million dollars with interest of about \$800,000. a year? **Gloria Romaniuk** - I'll tell you something personal. We uh ran our store for 30 some years. We had no pension. I had to work two part-time jobs for various reasons just to keep our family going and I had to listen to Sio Silica in my opinion, whining that they didn't get enough support and subsidies. Um our tax bill that just came in the mail is nearly 4 times higher than what it was last year. We went to the assessment meeting so there's a limit. **NOTE: And she is not alone. People in the gallery said "Hear, Hear". Everyone I have talked to, and mine also, have substantial increases to their tax bills. Sooner or later, we the ratepayers must pay for the expenditures of the Municipality.** **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, M'am. Oh, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, I want to point out to you that we as councillors, we cannot speak individually to every person who we represent. We don't have time and we don't have the proper kind of venue to do that. We have to have meetings, Public Meetings, so everybody who wants to come, can attend but otherwise we cannot speak to everybody because it's impossible to, to meet everybody and explain to everybody the situation and probably we don't have the time frame. Like Colleen just mentioned, that by March by next year we have to, you know, make that decision. How can we do that in such a short period of time. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, thank you. There was somebody else uh for another question? I see none. Do you got a question, Ted? Ok. Can I ask you, Ted, about your hat uh **there** in respect to the Chambers, you're going to take your hat off? **Ted Cole** - No, I will not. Um actually uh Patrick, um I'm glad you mentioned that because um..... **Mayor Therrien** - Did you bait me **there** Ted? Is that what you're doing? **Ted Cole** - Pardon? **Mayor Therrien** - Are you baiting me, that's why you're wearing your hat? **Ted Cole** - No, Sir. I'm wearing my hat because I have reasons for wearing my hat and um I will start with this. Now Patrick, will you please stop harassing me, bullying me, stop threatening me, discriminating against me, humiliating me, stop taking my human rights away from me such as freedom of speech, freedom of choice, and freedom of religion and expression. Now, who is your H.R. person? I need to know who to file my complaints with. One of the biggies is publicly belittling my opinion and dismissing my contribution without good cause or reason. If it is Colleen Draper, we have a problem. I feel I have been harassed over my delegation and have had my subject matter altered on two occasions as mentioned at previous meetings. This must and will stop now. Now Patrick, I also feel your language was offensive at the July 18th., 2023 Council meeting when you had to be told to watch your language by a councillor. Now there were more than just me that witnessed this unprofessional expression, not once, but twice, and I would hope that this will not occur again. **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, is there anything here that you want to add that's part of the agenda? Otherwise you've got a delegation, you're next. **Ted Cole** - No, no, no, no. Um you brought up the subject up of my cap. I came up here to ask a question. Now which is it? **Mayor Therrien** - You understand you're not supposed to wear a cap in the Chambers uh Ted. **Ted Cole** - Ok, I would... **Mayor Therrien** - So you're just, you're just deliberately uh... **Ted Cole** - No, I will explain it please and thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, Ted, you're not part of this, you're not part of the agenda so you've got a delegation coming up, you're not saying anything with regards to the agenda. Is there anything, a question here that you want to talk about.... **Ted Cole** - You're the one that brought up my cap. I'm responding to the fact that you brought up my cap. Not me bringing up my cap. You brought up my cap. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok Ted you got like maybe 2 minutes left so let's ...what's your question? **Ted Cole** - Ok. We'll get to that one. Now ... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Is this part of your delegation? Do you want to do a delegation now? **Ted Cole** - No, this is not part of my delegation. **Mayor Therrien** - Fair. Go ahead. **Ted Cole** - Is it true that Colleen Draper suggested that we, the taxpayers, foot the bill for the Water Treatment Plant? Is this true? Is she the one that suggested it? **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Is that your question then Ted? **Ted Cole** - My question... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** We are still working on that, Ted. **Ted Cole** - No, no, no hang on. Now like I say, is it true that she suggested that the taxpayers foot the bill? **Mayor Therrien** - Well, the taxpayers are going to foot the bill in one form or another and how or what proportion that is... **Ted Cole - interrupting** Now hang on, ... **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, I'll tell you when to hang on ok. **Ted Cole** - For sure. **Mayor Therrien** - I'll talk and then you can talk, alright. You're not even...what you're saying is not part of the agenda here. To answer your question, Colleen will answer that question and then you can sit down and wait for your delegation to start cause your time is up. Colleen, would you mind just answering that question. **Colleen Draper** - I'm not sure in what format you heard me say that. I would provide options to Council and a borrowing by-law can either be done at large or through a Local Improvement so ya, that would be an option that's on the table for Council to consider. **Mayor Therrien** - There's your answer Ted. **Ted Cole** - Unfortunately I didn't understand it. **Colleen Draper** - Where did you ... at what point did you hear me say that all of the ratepayers should pay so then I could answer your question. **NOTE: Mr. Cole was speaking at the same time she was but I did not hear what he said.** **Ted Cole** - Ok, the reason I was asking that question was clarification. I had heard that it was yourself that had suggested ...and that's why I'm asking. It's not I'm accusing you of..I am asking, that's all. So if this is incorrect, now I know the answer. **Mayor Therrien** - There's a lot of misinformation out there and Colleen's answered it **there** Ted. Thank you, Ted. Anybody else? I don't see any hands in the audience and ..you want to come up here, Sir? Sure. What's your name uh **there** Sir? **Gordon Mackie** - My name is Gordon Mackie. I do live in Cooks Creek and pay taxes there. Uh the context is that 17 years after a career as a bureaucrat and Deputy Minister of Manitoba, uh teaching Public Finance at Red River College, a career of which I am proud, Public Finance is concerned with raising and spending money for the public good for what people want. I'm not an authority but I do have some experience. I must tell you that the **central concept is that public expenditure must be equitable. Public good has to be provided in a way that meets the requirements of the population served.** To summarize that note, equity is the similar treatment of similarly situated individuals. Similarly situated in the RM of Springfield, some situated in Oakbank and in Dugald. **Many of us not.** If equity is to be achieved which should be the goal of all public finance and I'm lecturing you as if I was still in business, but the goal of all public finances need to provide equity and if you can't figure this out, you want to have public meetings and expect thousands of people to show up and tell you that you're technically wrong, it's not going to happen. We are lucky to have people like Darryl who can very well describe the importance of a diameter of pipe. I cannot and I will rely on him. If you can't figure out that equity will not be achieved, then you ought to scrap the public meetings and have some consultants come and tell you about how to achieve equity through taxation. Could you take that as a suggestion or could you add that to the agenda for the 29th. of August when you seem determined to have a meeting. Could you add that? Could we have some discussion about financing? **Mayor Therrien** - On the 29th. of August uh **there**. There'll be people there uh that can answer some questions **with regards to that.** And if they can't answer it, then they'll come back and then we'll make it open to the uh to the public uh

even more so than the 29th. of August. Gordon Mackie - May I respond to that? (sure) I think that this is the sentiment of almost everyone in this room. It is your job to answer those questions. It is your job to find a way to finance this glorious achievement. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much, Sir. Mark? Sir, Mr. Mackie. We've just got one question for you. **Councillor Miller** - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to make it absolutely clear, Mr. Mackie, uh I didn't prompt you to come to this meeting, I don't have anything other than to appreciate what you have to say, you give yourself uh too low of esteem ... **Gordon Mackie** - I didn't get the message from the Clipper. (laughter) **Councillor Miller** - Well, thank you. You were a Deputy Minister, basically the one who does everything for the Minister and the Government uh in your appreciated Department. You're a Professor. Uh I would rely on your expertise and your knowledge and I absolutely agree, it ought to be us as politicians here tonight to know those numbers because that's again, as I use the term, the rubber hits the road, that's what's going to make people uh vie for a project or not vie for a project before the environmental impact, of course, and so my question to you is, um you're asking us to seek further advice in the financial realm uh to see if it's equitable for all people including those in Cooks Creek, Pine Ridge, Anola and so forth, outside of the piped water district. Is that what you're suggesting. **Gordon Mackie** - Well, I...not quite, I...I want to see an equitable distribution of public goods. And Miss Draper has referred to alternatives and there are more than 2 alternatives. There's Local Improvement District and other...there's general taxation, there are several other alternatives and uh I really think that uh they need to be explored and it should be done in a transparent manner which may mean that you're going to have to go back to the Water Resources Board and negotiate some new deadlines. But I remind you, there's going to be a new government by March. So you're more likely to have somebody else to deal with. **Mayor Therrien** - Maybe. I'm not here to talk politics, Sir. **Gordon Mackie** - I am. I am if you're not. **You should all quit. Mayor Therrien** - Ya, thank you. Thank you. Ya. Thank you very much, Sir. Ok I uh any other questions, uh from uh on line and I see none. None in the audience then we're prepared to uh move forward then.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Elected Officials - Mayor Therrien - Uh let's go to 6.1, that'll be Elected Officials Reports, a mover and a seconder, please on that. Oh ok, who wants to be first in regards to that? Uh is there anybody that wants to make an election reports? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, I uh attended 2 meetings, one was Police Board meeting that uh we lost our uh um Chairman of the Police Board so we have to elect new and we was discussing that situation, how that is going to happen so it's going to be up to the Council again to decide it. So we just appoint one uh member of the Police Board Committee but now we have to elect the Chairman. **NOTE: The previous Chair, Anne Wowchuk, has sold her property very near to Sio Silica project and it sounds as if they moved away from the RM of Springfield.** Secondly, uh I attended the Northeast uh Health Committee Meeting in Beausejour and what they stated was that we are going to have a shortage of doctors. We graduated this summer about 125 doctors in the Province of Manitoba. None of them want to serve in the country. Everybody wants to do it in the City or they're going away. So we have to kind of look into that, how we're going to have maybe more people coming to that profession from the country than you know, just getting them from the City. **NOTE: That is relevant to places like Elma and Pine Falls but Oakbank and generally people that live in the RM of Springfield are close enough to the City of Winnipeg to have many medical clinics and doctors available to them so here it is not such an issue.** I asked the question, how many were foreign and how many were local students and they could not answer that. They don't have the numbers. Secondly I asked how many students will graduate and how many students applied for it, they said they're going to expand the you know faculties for the next semesters. We will see what is going to happen. We only have a shortage of nurses too because a lot of nurses were burnt out by COVID in the last two years and now we have a shortage of nurses so we have to look into it and um maybe as a Municipality we want to know what our programs are going to be here so we have doctors and nurses here in our community. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Andy. I think we're lucky here in Springfield/Oakbank, we have um I was going to say lots but we have doctors that have been here a long time and they're committed to the community uh **there**. We haven't got a big transition. I've had my doctor for 25 years uh and he's now my doctor for my grandkids so um and all my daughter and my daughter-in-laws are nurses **there** and I have to agree with you **there**, it's uh it's a huge factor for the amount of overtime and uh it's an issue that I've at many of the meetings we've been to the Minister of Health has uh talked **with regards** uh to that and she's been challenged by many people in the audience **with regards** to uh that problem and I totally agree with you, Andy. Um.. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, if you have that doctor for so long, he might retire soon. You better start looking for another one. **Mayor Therrien - laughing...**That's a good point, Andy. I, I won't let him retire. **laughing** I've got that power. And I'm joking. I'm sure somebody will send me e-mails uh but I'm just joking. Uh anybody else that wants to..Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I took attention to the Federal Government announcing an Affordable Housing Initiative and the Prime Minister indicated that it wasn't a Federal Government initiative, it's rather a Provincial and/or Municipal initiative so we should take uh attention to that to see if we can plug in with our developers and/or our Development Plan going forward of affordable housing in our community. Uh I know even my kids who are 19 and uh 23 can't afford residences in this Municipality and that echoes many that I've heard otherwise. Beyond that, uh I've been meeting with residents uh to discuss some subdivision opportunities that they have in the Pine Ridge district and so they're working with our uh Project uh Manager on that or Development Officer, Dan Doucet uh so I'm just trying to help guide them through the process of that as I should be doing and over the last uh week or so, as people have been receiving their tax notices, I didn't receive mine yet, I don't think a few others have but ... **Mayor Therrien** - It's in your mail slot. **Councillor Miller** - Oh that's why, that's why. Excellent. Save a dollar. Ya, I agree with that. That's great but I'm sure mine went up. I've heard residents..people indicated that they're tax has increased \$800., now realizing of course some of that is proportion, about 48% is School Division and 52% is Municipal. Um I raised this when we were going through the discussions of Financial that because of the Assessment, the actual increase is about 18 or 19%, that was confirmed by our Finance Officer, our Financial Officer here but Council approved a 2.09% increase so um you know, you can play with numbers any way in which you want but in actual fact, the total increase of what you're going to be paying is probably in the neighbourhood of an average of 21% and again, depending on a whole bunch of factors going forward, because it was an assessment year so all of us are going to hear a lot of pushback and a lot of concern with that and where are these dollars spent. And I can assure you going forward, um if we have to make cuts and um be more streamlined on every line item, then that's what we ought to do uh and taxes are just too high. I've always felt that was one of the reasons I ran and I want to make sure we can uh provide public benefit but you know, people in my area as well, again Cooks Creek uh and Pine Ridge and so forth feel that dust control isn't ..isn't as extended as it ought to be. So I want to work to ensure that uh we can provide better dust control and other services going forward and I want to tell you I've been doing a ..because we've had some down time in terms of the committees that we serve on, I've been doing a fair bit of research on silica sand. And on how it plays into the whole nine yards of propaganda and the information you've received through various sources, whether it be through corporate sources or environmental groups or

what not. And uh I want uh truth in the statement that this silica that's potentially going to come out of Vivian is going to be used for this ambitious Selkirk solar panel plant and it seems to me that we don't have an actual answer to that so uh I think what I'm going to do is I am going to do a direct e-mail outside of Council, just as Joe Public, to ask Sio Silica, is that sand going to be used for fracking, for solar panels, for microchips, for whatever, not what they're projecting but in actual fact, is there evidence to prove that it's the highest grade that can be used for that so these are questions that people are asking in the community. **NOTE: The Solar Panel factory in Selkirk is getting their sand from Wanipigow, not Vivian. The Vivian sand will be going to Alberta and points west.** I know Our Line in the Sand and other groups have been uh strong in terms of presenting to the Clean Environment Commission so I rely on their sources as well and uh we just want accuracy and truth in all these statements going forward because this is going to hit the fan in the next little bit as the Municipal Board holds its hearings and thank goodness they're going to be public hearings. We need to know all the facts so the public can provide a rebuttal and uh beyond that, basically have input because certain members of this Council don't seem to uh appreciate that and I certainly do. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien - I don't agree with the certain members uh there** Mark but that said, I'm going to carry on with my part of it here, mine is essentially uh I'll start off uh a strong shout out to our community uh and to Brett Howden of the Las Vegas Knights NHL team. We had a huge crowd. I would estimate in excess of 6500 and that's very conservative, people there. I was at the arena at 9 a.m. **there** seeing how everything was going uh **there**. Our volunteers were there and uh paid staff and they did a fantastic uh job. This is once in a lifetime uh **there**. There was people lined up at 9 o'clock in the morning uh getting a spot uh beneath the evestroughs **there**, the fascia uh **there** and it was pouring rain and I was wondering how this was going to handle uh cause I did arrange for a 65 Mustang and this guy is very particular about his car uh Greg and Laurie a shout out to them as well. Um and they provided that car and I know Brett and uh uh Mikey, Mikey, I really appreciate it that uh and I want to shout out to the volunteers and to the RM staff and that will be Dougie Crabb, uh Mike Erickson, Shawn Wilkinson, uh the Fire Department uh our R.C.M.P. members that were present uh **there** in red serge, it looked very nice uh next to the Cup and a lot of people were complementing uh the members that were uh present uh **there** and did a fantastic job. I told them they would be there for an hour. They were there for almost 3 so it was really nice uh **NOTE: Good thing the R.C.M.P. were not required elsewhere. Further it is fortunate it was during working hours so presumably we did not have to pay Municipal staff extra even though it took them from their regular duties.** on their part plus SPS, Springfield Police Service uh **there** and the volunteers, uh Shawn Brooks, uh Lenay Gutoski, and Neoma Green uh as well as Chrystal and Sheldon Howden uh **there**. Chrystal did a quite a bit of work in trying to get this all arranged uh. I only really saw Sheldon when it came time for uh all the photographs **there**. That's just a slam on Sheldon **there** but I want to put out the Craig McComb and Laurie um I'm sorry I think it's Tutley **there** now they're married so it's uh Mr. & Mrs. uh McComb for the use of their 65 Mustang. Uh Brett wanted me to ensure that he was always thanking them for that anyways but I want ..I said I was going to make it public and so the car was the second place in the World of Wheels so he didn't put this car out for just anybody to use. He wasn't, he was very standoffish about using it, he essentially said no but when I went up to him and told him that it'd be for the Stanley Cup and Brett Howden, he couldn't shake my hand uh quick enough uh nor release it even. He was well on board for that. I want to put a shout out to Anne Wowchuk who uh left her position uh **there** as the uh the Chief or the Chair **with regards to the** uh Police Board. She's a retired R.C.M.P. officer who I've known for many years uh **there** and I wish her all the luck in the world in her next endeavours **there** and the commitment she made to our community is outstanding. Um um and I want to thank uh Brett Howden of course and his wife, his wife Mikey Melieu uh for attending uh very, very gracious people. Uh I want to shout out to our R.C.M.P. uh Fire, uh sorry Springfield Fire and Rescue uh members for hockey, it's uh Ryan uh Detsch, Eric Johnson, Ray Stewart in the World Police Games uh um as well as CrossPit, that was Brittany Goudreau who came in second place overall uh and she was first and four out of six for her category so exceptional uh um work uh done by Brittany. Hockey and Lacrosse, that would be Reid Van Alstyne um and just lacrosse is Ben Sepke and Scott Scrupeland. Uh an 1/2 marathon, that would be Brian Madsen and Rob Smith uh for the marathon and the cycling so I want to congratulate all those members of our Fire Department and Rescue for their dedication so keeping fit and representing uh um Springfield in the World Police Games. **NOTE: What does any of that have to do with reporting on his activities to do with representing Springfield as Mayor????? NOTHING. He is using his position to glorify people who participate in Sports and other events that have nothing to do with the running of the Municipal Council. THAT IS FRANKLY RATHER DISGUSTING IN MY OPINION. Let him pay for a page in the Clipper and do all that at his own expense, not ours.** On the 21st. of uh July I attended a John Q meeting at uh or a announcement at Headingly with regards to uh a Daycare premier opening there with Premier Heather Stefanson and many other Ministers uh from the Provincial Government uh **there**. Um on the same date uh **there** I attended a Memorial uh event, dedication to Al Hammerbach, uh a guy I've known for 30 years, uh hockey uh buddy and uh just a long time resident, a volunteer uh from Oakbank Beautification as well. Uh the 31st. of July I went to the Southdale Community Club complex in Winnipeg where Minister Obby Khan with the Premier Stefanson um and Ron Schuler uh gave us a 1.1 million towards our aquatic centre in Dugald. This pool um will benefit the entire RM from young to old. Uh it is attached to the Dugald Estates but it is a community pool for all of Springfield. Uh I know it will be a great success. I know it's going to be people lining up and also it adds to our healthy living and aging in place uh model **with regard to** our Provincial uh mandate uh and as well as our mandate for our senior citizens and our young kids as well, for them to keep in the community. **NOTE: Those who can afford it.** Uh I want to throw this in **there with regards to uh** you know bringing our kids back to the community. We need some high density housing uh in that part of the uh this part of the equation **with regards to** our new subdivisions. **NOTE: When I was a hall monitor at Springfield Collegiate and overheard Grade 12 students talking among themselves, they could hardly wait to get out of Springfield and move to the City of Winnipeg where the action was.** Uh so I also attended a Celebrity Luncheon uh **there** uh Celebratory Luncheon held by the Dugald Place Executives and Springfield Heritage Housing for MLA Schuler **with regards to the money** that we got from the Provincial Government, one point one million. Uh the first of August I attended the Minister, Andrew Smith's announcement of a total of thirty-nine million dollars for the Infrastructure um towards the RM uh which will come out to about 1.2 million I think it was for the RM of Springfield and that's to be used for Infrastructure plus there's a 44 million dollar application process that's uh uh through the Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program. Uh so I attended a Memorial Service uh the 29th. of July for Al Suggett, sorry that's a bit out of order. Uh he's a long time volunteer uh in the RM of uh Springfield, mainly in the Cooks Creek, Hazelridge area. He was on the Executive of the Hazelridge Community Complex although I don't think it was an official uh position at that time **there** but prior to that being official, he had unfortunately passed away. Uh he was coaching hockey, I coached with him uh briefly, uh baseball uh he was a tireless community uh member, uh a great all around guy and he will be sadly missed. Um uh bear with me here, I'm sorry, ok, I think that should do it **there**. Anybody else? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, can I ask you a question? Like, you received \$1.1 million dollars for that swimming pool complex there in Dugald uh so in total, Ron Schuler gave us uh \$300,000. previously so it's \$1.4 million dollars and it says this complex, swimming complex is going to cost us \$7 million dollars. Whose going to foot the bill for the rest of that uh \$5.6 million dollars? We're getting like these grants and we're expecting like they are cookies or something like this

but there is costs associated that with all these projects that you want to bring here so can you please answer, **who's going to be paying the \$5.6 million dollars?** **Mayor Therrien** - Well, that's what we're going to have to uh work out uh and we're still in the process of uh working with uh the funding uh **there** uh so we, **I can't really answer** uh the question cause we're not quite sure how it's all going to work out. We're still in the uh process of that. We're not with shovel in the ground yet. Uh this is just money towards uh that project plus the other project is money towards our infrastructure uh **there** and uh so it's...within 2 days we got 2.2 million dollars. So I can't answer your question, cause I just don't know yet Andy, but once we do find that out, then we'll bring it before the uh the public and then uh Council as well. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So maybe we shouldn't be accepting any of these grants if we don't know where the rest of the money is going to come from. Like why are we accepting something and putting ourselves in the position that we have to go in debt uh farther in this tough times for everybody? And then, and then our taxes are going to go up again so we have..now we have the Water Treatment Plant, we have now the swimming pool, and probably going to come up on board uh lagoon and then we're going to have Sports Complex, so we're going to have to borrow like a hundred million dollars by the time we are going to be finished by next year. **Who's going to be paying for all these uh projects that we want to move forward with?** We have to answer ..ask those questions because that's what's coming down the pipeline. We, we have borrowing uh in our Budget projections for \$82 million dollars but that's just a projection. Probably what's going to happen, you know, with inflation and everything else, we're probably going to be close to a ..maybe \$110 million dollars. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Well, those questions have to be answered and we have to answer to the public. We cannot, we cannot do those things behind closed doors and somebody is going to give us a one million dollar grant or something, you know, that maybe helps a little bit if we have a lot of money saved but we don't at this point. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't know how to answer that, Andy, I just uh like if the Province is going to give us some money, then I'm more than happy to take it. We have uh um the projects that are on line. For us to say, no, I don't want the money uh yes, we have to take the money when it's there. Uh um it's up to us as a Council to make those decisions once we get more answers uh **there**, it's uh it's not my timing, it's the timing of the Government. But uh to say no, I'm not taking this money, Minister, I think that's not a good thing uh for us as Council to not take the money, it's uh the money is, is uh **there** uh um and should this project not go ahead, I'm sure the money..there's uh uh something in the uh the agreement that **there** we'll just sign that..these letters **there** and then if the project doesn't go ahead, then the money goes back uh but to say, no, I don't want the money, I think that's, that's uh foolhardy to do that. Any other questions at all? Ok, I don't see any other questions **with regards to** uh the Elected Officials Reports so then ...then we'll go to uh 6 point uh 2 and that's uh Department uh Reports.

6.2 Department Reports - NOTE: Police Board Report - Once again, a review of the Report reveals our Springfield Police Service are responding to calls sent to the R.C.M.P. call centre outside the RM of Springfield for which I do not believe we would be covered by insurance should anything untoward happen as follows: June 26 - Beausejour - Fraud; July 2 - Birds Hill Park - Assist General Public; July 4 - Unknown - Fraud; July 6 - Foot Patrols - Birds Hill Park Folk Fest and 2 speeding; July 7 - Birds Hill Park - Folk Fest Patrols, Missing Child, Domestic, Locate Missing Child; July 8 - Birds Hill Park - Mutual Aid, Traffic Control; July 11 - Tyndall - Assist Conservation, Search Warrant Execution; July 15 - Birds Hill Park - Speeding, Beausejour - Assist with Impaired Driving; July 16 - Winnipeg - Document Service; July 14 - Birds Hill Park - Assist Park Patrol; July 19 - Winnipeg - Warrant Execution; July 20 - Birds Hill Park - Traffic Control. SIMILARLY Fire Department - Attended a Fire on Bismarck Street in Winnipeg. NEITHER THE MAYOR OR ANY COUNCILLORS HAD ANY COMMENTS IN THIS REGARD. To me, that is negligence. Years ago, during the Folk Festival, our Fire Department and I think police as well were paid by the Folk Festival coordinators to provide service to Birds Hill Park during their event. In actual fact, Birds Hill Park in not within the RM of Springfield and our Police and Fire Departments should not be responding to calls there. Chief Hitchon, while new, should have consulted with previous members in this regard. Ditto for whoever is now the Fire Chief. Mayor Therrien - Uh can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** that please. Uh Mark and uh Melinda (Miller/Warren). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that July Operating Reports be accepted as information.* **Mayor Therrien** - Um is there anything that ..Council, can we do them as a whole, Asset Management, Animal Control, Animal Control June and July sorry uh Springfield Police, Public Works, Waste and Water Department, and Springfield Fire and Rescue Services uh as one resolution uh **there?** Everybody good with that? Any questions **with regards to** any other reports and I see none. If we're ready to vote on that, all those in support of adopting the uh the Departmental Reports specified, a show of hands. Myself and Glen, uh that's unanimous and it's passed.

8. DELEGATIONS

Mayor Therrien - Then we'll get into uh Delegations uh **there**. Um the first one will be... sorry staff, uh that'll be Staff Sargeant uh Courtney Sookermany. If you're ready to go **there** uh Courtney? I've got to get some water **there** uh, can we just wait uh 30 seconds until I get some water. Does somebody else want some water at all?

8.1 S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany - NOTE: There is talking faintly in the background but indecipherable and then laughter. Yep, Staff Sgt. Sookermany in charge of Oakbank and Beausejour. Um this is the second..the first quarter actually, the second quarter of uh the crime stats for Oakbank. Uh not too much changes. Uh there's a few and other interests - assault with a weapon and assault PO and fraud has been up. There's quite a number of frauds complaints uh lately and I think there's all different types of frauds. We're getting .. trying to manage those. Most of them are just a cyber crime so it's kind of hard to trace locally. Our hit and run which is basically a lot of time is in parking lots and the strip malls has been up a..a bit. Um speeding violations has kind of been down but I think a lot of time it's because of members being away and so. Parking offenses has been up and that's because we do a lot of the patrolling around the quarries. During the summertime, a lot of the city people and folks and kids come out and they park illegally so the members are doing patrols down there. Um in periods it's kind of broken down into two. In this quarter, we had twenty-one impaireds and then 12 IRP which is the new..for the first offenders like I had mentioned the last meeting I was here uh so basically if you are a first time offender and driving impaired, usually now it's just a ticket and your vehicle is seized for 30 days or 90 days, it depends on what the situation is uh so it's not, it's not a criminal code offense anymore but if you do get a second offense, then it goes to criminal charges. Um also services has been down, not by much, by about like 40 so last year at this time it was at 1681 and this year it's at 1602 and that's pretty much most of the changes ... **NOTE: At this point, everyone goes off speaker and so while voices can be heard in the background, not what they are saying, then suddenly he comes back loud and clear.** Um well, all the overtime or the call for service is, is um out of the Oakbank budget, the Oakbank/Beausejour budget um so all the cost is referred back to us. **Mayor**

Therrien - Um I thought it was a special project code that they pay for the security, Folk Festival. **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - No they don't. **Mayor Therrien** - Did they do that at one time? **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Probably long before I was here but now we just, we just provide the members, along we assist the park members so all the members that work, it's coming out of my budget and any member that comes in ..this year we were able not to bring in members from outside of the Detachment and work it so... **Mayor Therrien** - Was there overtime uh uh on this Folk Festival? **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Yep, there was some of the shifts at night and during the day and on the weekend. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, uh... **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Well, usually they are on the Wednesday when we start directing the traffic that's coming into the campers so we do all that. We had a member go in at 4 o'clock in the morning on overtime to direct the traffic on 206 into the park. **NOTE: I know for a fact that Folk Festival used to pay for our Fire Department to be on call during their event.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Um would you be able to check to see if at one time, that's many years ago when I was doing that uh um that the cost was going back to the Folk Festival. Uh I don't...if our taxpayers are paying for a special event that's generating money, then I don't think that that's a uh a good cost for our taxpayers to pay for something like that. That's just me...if the Council has any questions with regards to that. Uh if they have the Folk Festival, fine. Uh it's a great, it's a, a, a probably a venue that's known around the world, a lot of Minnesota states and all through Canada there **NOTE: Hardly the world!** but, but if costing is coming back to us uh first of all, has it changed, did it happen that the R.C.M.P., they had a budget and a project code and then they costed back uh so if we're able to check on that um and how do we open discussions to make sure taxpayers aren't paying for uh for these special uh events uh cause I, I know uh when it comes to Red River Ex, the City Police, there's special costs back for special events. Uh so I didn't come here to you know sucker punch you **with regards to** that uh. If you're able to check on that, that would be great. Um were any members hurt **with regards to** the Folk Festival or anything uh... **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Uh well, no, we had two missing. One teen was missing. Um we shut the park down, started members checking all the vehicles leaving but we were only notified like 5 hours later so it kind of...but uh we did and he was located in the park, I think about an hour and a half later and the second kid was a younger kid but he was found sleeping in one of the medical tents. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ok. **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Yep, sure. Um as regards to being called for other kinds of services, we have only...I think we were called there twice to lodges to intoxicated people so we were all happy. **Mayor Therrien - laughing** Oh, ok. Any other questions from Council? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Uh thank you Mr. Mayor and thank you for the work that you do in our community. Um these are a couple of questions, I'm not sure that you can answer them or can answer them in public, but I'll ask them anyway. Um how many number of R.C.M.P. officers are stationed in this domain, in this community and are you under..how can I say...underallocated staff. In other words, do you require additional uh officers at this current time? **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Um we are 10 members right now. **NOTE: That would be to cover 3 shifts.** We had one member retire and still waiting for that position to be replaced. Um if you ask any Detachment Commander, they would say Yes, we need more members (laughing) but as you can see in the news lately, it's hard recruiting people. Every police force is having the same issues and kind of all pulling from the same old barrels. It's probably not going to get better any time soon unless we get more younger peoples to start uh joining. **Councillor Miller** - Well, the good news is in your Report, it's trending downwards from Break and Enters I've seen to Uttering Threats to uh certain other things but... **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Uh that can vary (of course) because we have had a lot of break and enters but we have also caught a few people that are involved in break and enters so right now they're sitting in penitentiary but once they're released, they don't stay too long. They will probably go out again. **Councillor Miller** - People tend to stay with what they know, right. And that's an easy means ... **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Ya, I mean, it's society's..kind of two ways and I mean, we categorize people once they commit something and then every avenue for them to deter is kind of changed so people go back into the same patterns, right. **Councillor Miller** - For sure, like.. Thank you for that. My second to final question is uh what is the..is there an average response time for a member of the public to call you for, I don't know what kind of incident, it could be extor..again a break and enter or who knows what, a weapons offense uh is there a general response time. I mean, I'm sure you do it just like McDonalds, right. Like you can respond in 12 minutes ... **S/Sgt. Courtney Sookermany** - Uh so if you have a Break & Enter, and it occurred already, your members won't be going lights and siren, you have a weapons offense, yes (ok) so it will depend on, you know, take priority on what kind of offense it is um and which area we're dealing with because sometimes all members are in Beausejour or something or the Beausejour member may be called to the Industrial Park or Highway #1, it takes time to get there. **Councillor Miller** - Absolutely. That's a fair response. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Any other questions? Thank you very much, Staff. I appreciate that. Then we will proceed uh **there** with uh the Vision 2020 Proposed Personal Care Home, Item uh 8 uh point uh 2.

8.2 Vision 2020 - Proposed Personal Care Home - Mayor Therrien - Thank you, Hans. Thank you for your patience **there**, a little bit running behind. **Hans Peper** - Can I turn myself around a little bit so I can look at the public as well. **Mayor Therrien** - Maybe you want a stool to stand on too. (laughing) I know Hans so let's not get any bad e-mail **there**. **Hans Peper** - Ya, we go back a long ways (laughter). Ok yes, uh we would like to present to you today the proposal that we have given to the Provincial Government. Um somewhere at the end of May we were asked to make a proposal, in December worked very hard on that, provided a proposal to them, there were 6 other places plus 5 other places as well in the Province requested to provide a proposal and um so today is all about that. The Vision 2020 Group, I'd like to introduce my compadres over there. We have our Chair, Laurie Kyle ... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** - Would you guys like to stand up so ..if you're shy, you don't have to (laughing) ... **Hans Peper** - ...Laurie Kyle..we have Ken Reid, Tessa Greenaway, and Al Burton and we are part...we are a committee of the Kinsmen, of the Board of um our Oakbank/Springfield Kinsmen Senior Complex Inc. Sports ..well, we've got to work on that name now obviously. It's uh, it's a long name but I'll explain right away where that Board comes from but we as a committee have been working on this proposal and provided it. We've also worked closely with Council here and um Mark, Glen, and Patrick um because all 3 of them are also were appointed to us to help us and they're also part of the uh Springfield Heritage Committee Senior uh Senior Citizens um and we've made some presentations to the rest of Council as well to keep them informed. So Aging in Place, as Patrick already mentioned, aging in place is really critical for all of us and whether it's with Home Care Services, whether it's independent living, whether it's Assisted Living, supported living or the final one, basically, the personal care home, you'll, you know uh where people live that need 24 hour support. We want to be able to do that where we live and there are third generation, fourth generation people in this area that get sent out after waiting for a long time to get sent out to Care Homes somewhere in the IERHA today and all of us have stories about that. We all have family members and uh it's really terrible if you have to go to um Lac du Bonnet or somewhere, when all your family is here and you don't see your family in the last days of your life very much. Those things are not good, that's why we have been working hard and the Government has recognized, the Provincial Government, so we provided this proposal. So the Board, where does our Board fit in and I will make it a little shorter than I was initially planning if you don't mind because just for the sake of time. We also have a display at the end of the hallway. We will go there right away so please feel free to come talk to us and um you know you can also get the copy of this presentation if you want to. We'll provide that to you.

Um so the Oakbank Kinsmen Senior Complex Board is a volunteer organization that started in 1985 when we built Kin Place, the independent living. Um then in 2014 we added to that Springfield Place, building Springfield Place with 12 independent suites, independent living suites, and 12 supportive living suites. We own and operate Kin Place. We operate Springfield Place. We'll do the medical staff is done by the IERHA and we have an agreement with them, we do all the custodial work and kitchen and stuff like that. So our Board is all about seniors in our community, all about trying to provide them whatever it is that they need in the various phases of their lives. So that's why the Vision 2020 Committee that is part of that Board, we have been working on the strategy to build a PCH, to get more PCH beds in Springfield. Um we have 40 right now here in town and the proposal is for 96 more. And I will show you, the next slide is about what is the need of Personal Home Care beds in Springfield. Well, as you can see, the IERHA, of the 5 health regions, has the fewest beds, personal home care beds per thousand people over 65 but also a thousand people over 75. We're the lowest region, then on the right inside you can see that Springfield within that region actually is the lowest of the lowest. We have um we only have 40 beds and the average waiting time, you can't see that, but the average waiting time um between 2017 and 22 was half the capacity of that care home. So there's over 20 people waiting for the 39 beds that are available. Well, you know, that is 2, 3 years, sometimes longer and that is not...people don't have that time. So it is extremely urgent to deal with this element of Aging in Place. So the proposal we have provided um it is um the way personal care homes are built these days, it is not the traditional old fashioned more institutional uh big rooms you know and efficiency. Um it has really come into a more residential environment so we are building 8 small homes and each home has 12 rooms and each home has a kitchen where people can help make food. And they smell the foods being made. There is places where they can sit and socialize with their family. There's activities being done within the room so the whole purpose is to give a residential feel to the full situation that you spent that phase of your life in an environment where it is homey, where you can invite people to, where you ...if you don't like your neighbour, you can actually...you don't have to stay in your room. You can come and sit in some of the other areas that is there. And there's privacy, there's lights, there's nice seating areas so that is what the whole design is all about, food and socialization. We know, that phase in our lives is extremely important so we focused on that and last year, the Manitoba Government came out with design standards for PCH and they also made an update to that after the whole COVID dust settled and um the building standards we have chosen in the electrical, mechanical and construction area, we have chosen to build a very solid building. Um it is a steel structure made out of concrete because one of the criteria is it needs to be quiet, it needs to be sound insulated. Not a wooden structure. We all know how noisy a wooden structure is so we've chosen for a real good structure and um big multi purpose kitchen in there, I'll show that to you right now, right away, there is uh um facilities for all staff because we planned on a bunch of sites as seen to other PCHs in the Province and the same was everywhere, the staff was complaining, don't have any space for them, there's no storage space for furniture, stuff like that so we've taken all those things into account. We want to build a respective place. Um to drill down, the site, as you can see, the site is a 5 point acre site along the south side of Oakbank. It's owned by the RM and um it's being donated for the purpose of this project. The site is fully serviced, electrical, gas, town water and sewer at today's capacity of the town. Geotechnical research was done, foundation has been designed, the environmental research was done and nothing found in the soil, no Phase 2 required, drainage plan made and we've looked at all the traffic and the loading of the parking and the activities and we believe it's going to be very minimal activities about traffic on that side of town the way it's set up. Um this gives you some artistic impressions of the site um looking at it from the south to the north. You can see the condo on the top there, the condo development that's there today and the Baptist Church is on the west side and uh this is the layout of the view from the south. The next one is a view from the north where you can see the courtyard and memorial garden, you can see a little bit of a walking path around it. The parking is on the south side. Activity mostly happens on the south side so um to keep it all away from the residential area around it. Um the next 2 pictures also just give you some more about the courtyard itself, an artistic impression, I hope that our filming will look a little nicer than this but um that's the other one and in that protected courtyard where people can sit outside and activities can be made and how. Um the next drawing is the 2D drawing ... **Mayor Therrien** - Sorry to interrupt you **there** but if we went back to the...like going back one uh photograph, we'd be able to show where that area is uh **there** so if you go back to the next one uh Kristy.... **Hans Peper** - Uh, Slide 7. Go further. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, 7s there so um I'm not sure if we could point to where that is... **Hans Peper** - It's going to be on the north side of the facility between the 2 wings. If you take the next slide, it's a little easier. If you look at it from that way, you see it now, the courtyard there. It is...it'll be fenced in so it's secure. People can walk around there without getting lost or going in places where they're not supposed to go and that's really an important place for um the residents. If we go to Slide 3 slides forward you see more of the schematic setup of the building. We can see the 4 wings times two floors that makes the 8 houses we have times 12 beds each, 96 beds. One of these units will...is designated as a Special Needs Unit for people with advanced Alzheimers and uh other issues. The layout doesn't really change, it's just a matter of staffing in there so as the population Alzheimers and problems increase we can add...we're very flexible to add more special needs units in there without physically having to do anything other than hiring people, changing people. And um you can see on the south set two houses on the south side you can see uh the main downtown area, that what we call downtown where a lot of the activities are happening, I'll drill down a little bit further on that ...maybe go to the next slide. The next slide shows a neighbourhood, we call two houses a neighbourhood because the houses actually share quite a bit of activities, you can see that in the center there, like there's a bathing area, there's...there is linen storage there, there is an office for the health care people, there is a variety of things that between two houses is required. And there's other stuff within the house itself. So the house itself has things like uh laundry, personal laundry or it's also in the shared area you can see various activities areas that are there, you can see the kitchen centrally set up so with the main kitchen being in the downtown area, large kitchen, proteins can be prepared there, protein can then be sent over to the local kitchen and in the local kitchen the protein gets dished out, other side dishes get made, residents can help, you know, they participate in making food which is such a nice thing to do for a lot of people, or watch it being made, smell it being made, um dinner times, breakfast times...not like, it's not like the usual residential set up that you used to get up at 10 and you want then your breakfast, well, the staff has to do that for you. It's not like 8 o'clock breakfast time and at 8:15 it's over, like in the old days, that's not how it works because in your own residence, you have your own habits. You might not want to have breakfast or skip lunch, whatever. That needs to be, that needs to be possible, so when you plan out your organization, it's really a residence focused, it's not a fast focused place so if a cleaner is cleaning and one of the residents wants to talk with him out for a while because he's lonely or she's lonely, the cleaner should be able to sit down and talk for 10 or 15 minutes without somebody saying, hey, hey, go on, you've got to clean. In the old days that was task oriented, you're a cleaner, you clean 8 hours a day. No, no, ya you're a cleaner but you're there for the residents so if she has to do something special for somebody, you do that which is a different mind set and actually the sites we have seen, there was quite a bit of issues with those with a lot of experience coming to work in a new environment and having the wrong experience because they're all task oriented. Hey, I'm making the food now buddy. You don't want to eat, out of here. Well, that's not right. So we, those people had to be retrained, it was actually very interesting to see that. But anyhow, before I get carried on, I'll go to the next

slide. It gives you a couple of artistic impressions how the house can look like. Um this is with the central area in front of the kitchen uh with a look in the area there where the dinner activity is. Um you can see we've spent quite a bit of time on a design on the lights coming in, there is two places where lights come in, there's also an area where people can sit on the balcony and um we've had in four months' time 14 design iterations on this process. We had .. we were very close with the IERHA and Shared Health, all their designers, our own architects who are experienced, we were really trying to come up with a really good design and we think we did. We can go quickly to ..on the main downtown area, entrance is on the east side there, there's a big hallway, there's a cafe, a place to sit, there's a little shop, a tuck shop, crazy name, a tuck shop um and then on the bottom you can see a large multi-purpose room, we have a kitchen, a very serious kitchen for meal programs, we can do any meal programs we need to do with cold/frozen storage that you can walk into, there's a nice area specially dedicated to staff entrance, staff area beside the locker room because we want staff to be as comfortable and respected in that facility as the residents are, as the visitors are. It's all about respect so we spent a lot of time to deal with every interest group that walks around there. The next picture's another artistic impression of our architect how an area can look like in the central hallway there. It doesn't really show the space good but it is a little bit of an impression with a lot of woody stuff, you know, and finish to make it comfortable and um the next slide shows you the actual um room for the resident of the house. Um it's about 20 x 14 ft. so 275 sq. ft., that's the standard today, the minimum standard. It's comfortable. Every...this came out of the COVID situation, every room, every resident has his own shower and um is provided with T.V. and furniture and um it is also um very good visible there for any support, keep the doors open for health care staff all day to be able to see where everybody is. So the whole layout of the house is modified a few times cause if there's a dead corner somewhere and you can't be seen as you walk there, it's not good if you're alone at night and on your own so we spent a lot of time designing for that and the next slide will show you an artistic impression of that. What you don't see in here though which is really important, there will be tracks in the ceiling of the room, every room, so and in those tracks built in there is a room device that can be moved where the resident can sit in comfortably in a chair and moved around anywhere in the room, whether to the bathroom or to the shower or back into the bed or anywhere. So without any of the staff having to risk their back lifting or having these clunky big old machines that go away, it's really a snazzy way of resolving that mobility. The next slide also gives you a little bit of a feel of that room. Um we hope to make that window much larger and make it a bay window because it's nice for the family to have a bay window. We don't think it'll cost a lot more money so there's some things we want to do but for now, that's what it looks like. Then we talk organization. It's um it's a big deal to organize something like this. A 139 permanent new positions in Oakbank. Of that, 75 of them are residents' assistants, you know, wherever you find these people today. We need to be extremely organized with who we hire. We start with the C.E.O., with the Director of Care. We have a Human Resource person, an educator to come on board really soon to help us with all the education plans we need to do, to talk to the schools and have a residents' assistance program here at the school and school inspectors in Grade XII. You know, we can do it in Selkirk, we can do it here and um we really have to focus on um finding people, training people, making local people, attracting local people as well so this is a big thing we've spent a lot of time and will be spending a lot of time on this. Uh medical coverage, we're working with the IERHA. They prefer that the Nurse Practitioners society in place of doctors that are present, Nurse Practitioners are working out very well in these environments. And Pharmacy, the rest of Manitoba are using the Medi System and we are promoting all the pharmacists in town. So that is a fight that we still have to win but we're going to go for that. Organization. The next slide gives you a little bit of a feel how that chart will look like, it's, you know, the hierarchal slide with the CEO but more importantly, you can see that the IERHA have dotted lines to these positions to the IERHA. The IERHA directs our Board. The CEO has a dotted line to the Regional Liaison in the IERHA. The allied health staff is functionally, you know, needs to comply with the IERHA's demands so but the place and the organization is run by our Board. That's the big difference from current PCH. And the reason is that the IERHA is preferring and the other regional organizations too is that these type of places are managed by local people, by their own community, by people that have their own family in there and that volunteer themselves and know what goes on rather than a removed health care organization. Now basically they want to govern us just to make sure we have the right care for their care but they want that local commitment from there. They want us altogether to help that place, to manage that place the proper way so that's why they're saying to our Board, you guys have to manage it. We will oversee you but you guys are the power there. And we could walk away and say to the Director, you know, you guys do it but then we get that all out of our hands and you know we have already spent on Kin Place, we have Kin Place, you know and we now have a new facility in place and so can you imagine the combination of stuff so we're in charge of all that and we can do all that, the Meal Programs, regional stuff, it's great. Community support..so far we have um to go to the next slide, we've been..we've involved you all a lot and uh the two MLAs of this area, Ron Schuler and Bob, Bob Lagasse, we're meeting with them even this morning still and um we talked about important things like high density housing is important also for this Program. We need for people to be able to move to Oakbank and actually live here and be able to afford to live here and the Dugald planned Assisted Living Facility there is very augmentative to assisted living before the Personal Care Home. It's really, it's really very important, the two together. We've had two Open Houses with the neighbours just to make sure that they were ok. We fielded a lot of questions. They were very positive, you know, the people from the north condos and then also met with the Baptist Church, our other neighbour and that was positive. We established contact with First Nations organization, Metis organization is ongoing and also what we want is a Daycare attached to the facility because we need that for our employees that come there with children and they have to drop them off somewhere and um but it's also wonderful for the seniors to see the kids running around. So it's a multi-generational place so uh so uh we've asked Kids Corner to work that Program and we're talking to them all the time. They are working..it's a separate activity but also from the Manitoba Government but they are going ...they're trying to make that happen. Um current letters of support have been received from about 20 organizations so far so we've spoke to a lot of people and a lot of people are excited about this and realized that we need something like this in our community. We're short, we need to be able to age in place. And we're constantly talking to people. Right now we are not doing any more...can I go to the next uh slide um, ok I guess they can step back. Aging in Place is taking shape and I think it's really important we mention that. We're getting there bit by bit. Right now the biggest bottleneck is the Care Home capacity. We hope to get there. Then there will be other things, like we need more Assisted Living or some Supported Living or Independent Living. There's always something but this is the big one right now we need to deal with and it will really help our community. So we just put some of the values that are in the 2023 Senior Strategy from the Manitoba Government that they um released. They talk about 4 different things that are really important. And we think, and we've been trying to realize that, that we have given, uh we're giving power to all these 4 things. Uh Respect is very important. It has to be a respectful place to be. Um Equity and Inclusion, Truth and Reconciliation, we'll have, we'll have a space for religious and spiritual activities uh you know for anything that needs to take place, I mean, that will be there. Quality and Innovation, the..it's not somebody presses a button to call for a nurse and you know, that institutional kind of behaviour, no people have had the arm band and sensors now which are open up to them and now which don't ..doors don't open up for them and um it's really, it's like uh it's an expensive top of the line system but

it's really a good system that very nicely manages security and access in that facility. Quality, it's a ..I think we've picked up some good solid building so what is our next steps. Our next steps is um to get approval from our Manitoba Government. We have provided..6 of us..6 groups have provided their proposals to them. Um their proposals we believe are all very good. The money was all set aside, the um, the um Treasury Board of the Manitoba Government has been dealing with it. They need to approve it and we were told that's just a matter of a few weeks and then Minister Scott Johnston of Senior Care will contact us and we then take the next steps um and the Oakbank/Springfield Senior Complex Board ..we need to determine what is our requirements for our Board to grow, become stronger, become deeper, wider because this is a big added responsibility to our life. Um we are putting..we are making .. we have a communication awareness strategy that we are putting our upcoming Open Houses on hold until we really get more certainty by the Provincial Government that this is really going to happen because you know to um it's a little bit of a...we could do it and we're here today. We're extremely excited. We believe this is going to be approved. Uh but you never know until we have a signature or until we have the approval come and the money is really there. Um so in the meantime though we keep in close contact with all the parties involved, with our architect, um the architect is MNP Miracle Construction Management Cos. equitable construction, but the thing to work with us on building Springfield and it's a successful relationship and a successful building. Now Akman had to do our fee and everything so they were selected as the best again so we have a powerful team and we're ready to roll as soon as we get the go ahead. So I think that's um what I would like to tell you now. I don't know if there's time for questions. We will be physically at the end of the hall with a lot of these pictures and drawings. We can show you much more in detail and you can ask us many more questions if you want to later this evening or anytime. Ok. **NOTE: There is a woman talking in the background but again, not at the microphone and I cannot hear what she is saying.** **Response:** Ya, every small house has two rooms with a door in between so at Dorfman Development because what we were...what we have found um is that for the mental health and the health of the couples, it's very often..it's very good to keep those 2 apart yet the doors open, it's like a hotel. You can be with each other all the time but the care staff recommended to us you know, have couples can be there but they should...because very often they're all in different physical health. One can roll around and the other not. So then you have..basically both have their own dedicated room yet together as well so ok. We also have two bariatric rooms in here so 94 regular rooms and 2 bariatric rooms, bariatric rooms for heavier individuals that needs more space. The room is actually 350 sq. ft. and the bed is big and the doors are bigger, the bath is bigger, it's just that..um that's above the statistics right now 2 versus 94 regular. So we can have bariatric rooms as well. Any other questions at all. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh Laurie? **NOTE: Again this person did not come to the mike and therefore I cannot hear what they are saying. The Mayor should be insisting that those who wish to speak should come to the microphone in order to be heard and recorded.** **Hans Peper** - Well, excellent, and actually that's true MS patients any time in their life might have, yep. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh Mark, you had a question? **Councillor Miller** - Us yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. And Laurie, you know, thank you very much for the ..all..many years of efforts that you put in when I was on the Kin Place Board, as you know uh we were uh needing additional beds at that time and so my question for Hans is uh Vision 2020 of course you started these efforts some time back. So um why is the trigger being pulled now, in other words, why couldn't it have this have happened 3 years ago or even 4 years ago? The needs are there, we know the stats, the population is aging, the trigger needed to be pulled then. I'm glad it's now and moving forward I hope but uh uh why is it so Johnny Come Late on these kinds of issues? **Hans Peper** - Ok, that's a very good question and I don't know how many answers you'll get. For us, we got together in 2016 as a Vision 2020 group. Now we say it's 2020 because we're seen very well but it was really 2020 because in 2020 we wanted to have all this done uh and we submitted the Plan in 2017 to the Government at that time and on senior care and we thought it was a good plan and um no response, no interest, no money, we're not doing it. So we have been sitting there chomping on the bit and until in the Fall last year, we got this phone call saying hey, we realize we need to do something. Well uh your plan was good which one, oh that plan 5 years ago, yes, yes, ya ok good and they said come, we want to talk so they all came here, we met here and within days we were going crazy with our architect and uh with the you know estimating things and doing the drafts and redesigning things, by then nothing really had changed and we focused on the PCH part only, not on other forms of care that we had in 2017 also focused on, we focused on the independent living form of care but no, the Government, the Provincial Government said it's PCH Program only, we need another 1,000 more beds in Manitoba. Bring it on. Now, you know, we said ok ..well we're not going to protest against that so uh we'll be on the front line, you know, you're dishing out food, we're hungry so um so that's what happened. Ya it was painful that we had to wait for a long time but we're very happy now but we've got it all done and initially we were told we were the last in line of the 6, we started at the last moment, every time we were pointed at, you guys are you know, we worked so hard and again nobody said anything anymore unless I think it turns out we are in the front line, you know with a good design so but we'll see, you know, we'll see. You know, Minister Johnston has to come through. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Hans. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Hi. I would like to ask uh, you mentioned that we're going to have open spaces and everything, that's for seniors. For the young generation, we are saying high density and because it's not affordable for you. It's kind of the two things don't work together. **Hans Peper** - Well, one is about living somewhere in a, in a home, high density home, apartments so you can afford to live there and the other one is for senior citizens in a care home. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I understand. How can we afford..we can afford for seniors by government..you're going to run by government program and yet we cannot afford making some decisions that the young people can buy the houses in this area. Somehow it doesn't work. It's like fire and water together.. **Hans Peper** - I don't know if I can answer that question. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Well, ok, you don't understand, that's fine. Secondly I want to ask you, who's going to be managing this thing? How are we going to get those people, just from the Springfield or it's going to be like Province wide that you're going to get the residents here? **Hans Peper** - It's..all the people that will come in here are going to be the catchment from the IERHA ok so it's the RL Regional Health Organization, that catchment, people can come in. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok so the whenever you make statements that people from this area are going to be here with their families and everything, probably the people are going to want to come to this place, there'll be no more places for them. **Hans Peper** - No that's not true because ... **Councillor Kuczynski** - interrupting Well, how many are you going to have reservation for some people from this area? **Hans Peper** - The other 3 places that are being proposed in the IERHA catchment area are Lac du Bonnet, they're at Arborg and they're at Stonewall. So that means that those 3 cities are getting much more capacity as well and also that their residents don't have to go somewhere else. And Beausejour has capacity today. They're looking at even more capacity so there is...the IERHA is building enough capacity so people don't have to leave their town anymore to go somewhere else or from somewhere else to come here and take our place. Ours citizens, that's not how it's going to be, they're addressing the whole thing. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I understand but if they're ..there is senior citizens and people that need assistance maybe, whatever someplace up north. They're going to bring them here because I see Truth & Reconciliation so I know what that means. They're going to bring us the people, probably Native people here to this community. At this point we don't have it but it's going to happen. You're not going to say that we're not going to accept these people. **NOTE: Councillor Kuczynski obviously did not understand the scope of IERHA's region in our area. North is not beyond places like Lac du Bonnet in this**

catchment. Hans Peper - The Northern Health uh Region where most First Nations people live, you can see on the Stats, has a lot of capacity. They are not expected to come here cause it's..if you look at the Stats for Manitoba Health, they are the region with the most beds right now relative to the aging population. So we believe that this will really address our, um mostly our local community but the one caveat that we have to say, it is the IERHA that in the end makes the decision who goes where. So and we all know that and even if we manage this facility, they will not take that power away from us so if you go there and wherever you live in their catchment and say, you know, I need to go to a PCH or their families' panel says you need to go to a PCH, they will then decide where you go ok. Now if they have capacity all over the place, it's much easier. If they don't have capacity like today, then um you might go to Pine Falls, living in Oakbank. I mean, those things happen, yes. You wanted to add something there. **NOTE: Again, a lady is speaking in the background but I cannot hear what she is saying. Very unfortunate because the public should be able to hear everything being said.** Councillor Kuczynski - And I understand, it's not going to be perfect, you know, we don't live in a perfect you know society but you know but those things are going to happen so. That's what I wanted to say, if we have this Facility here and it's going to be available, the majority of the people are going to be from this area. You know, that's what it should be, you know, because, that's right, we hope and you know, the only time will tell. Ok. Thank you. Councillor Fuhl - I'd just like to say that this is a good news for the community. Uh it allows us to hopefully keep as many people as we can within our community and hopefully that nobody has to go anywhere else and that they can stay in this community. Again the projections, I'm sure the IERHA has done their projections. Where they're going to land, they're not building these for...not to have a house for people and again it's good for the community and I support it a hundred percent. Thank you. **NOTE: As usual, another pointless platitude on the part of Councillor Fuhl who simply echoes what has been said during the discussions of which he takes no part.** Mayor Therrien - I would just mirror what uh Councillor Fuhl is saying uh there and if I can just uh congratulate uh the Committee uh there for their exceptional work, I know it's uh a huge endeavour. You guys are working like dogs and I know you're working all the time and to get this for our community so I congratulate uh each and every one of you for this and Hans uh I thought you might be a little bit nervous but you did an exceptional job here. It's very, a very good job. And uh I just want to, I just want to add uh there, what the old plan back in 2017, I think the concept was like pods and now with this new uh community living uh um aspect of and working there, we've been to Niverville uh and other areas there, Niverville being the freshest one, no Berger being the freshest there, this community living aspect is, is huge. Uh my mother who has Alzheimers uh there um I, she has that community living, it's a private uh um facility uh but I used to work at ..as the Director of Security at Deer Lodge so I, I ..how people are able to communicate and work together at Deer Lodge is a very old facility so it doesn't have that community living as a strong, premier uh or primary uh uh focus, um that's to say that's an exceptional facility, Deer Lodge, just now that their community like talk on Main Street uh Hans had mentioned Main Street and stuff like that so it's not just Main Street, uh the people get that idea that this is their place and aging in place is huge. I would love to have my mother come into the area here um but that's not necessarily something that can happen, just the logistics there so aging in place, I want to keep the community together, uh keep the community, our elders uh and the young and the old together, that's what we want. That's the primary purpose in having this facility will allow us to do that uh. Um the high density housing, Andy, I think uh the high density housing will allow uh younger people who are starting off to live in this area at a more affordable price uh there and that's, that's a strong issue that we need. If you look in the other RMs, the East St. Paul, uh even uh Tache which is very reminiscent or similar to us, they've got huge amounts of uh high density housing there and high density housing is more affordable housing. Uh people can..I was at that uh Open House in Dugald and I remember a young guy who had just got married and he was uh..he knew my son, friends with my son, he said, Mr. Therrien, I can't afford to live here. I want to live back in Dugald and I said, you know, we're working on that, we want to bring high density housing or housing that's more affordable. His idea is that apartments or something like that, he's got a good job and she's got a good job but it takes time to afford houses, they're ..our housing here uh um I think Oakbank is like 90% uh or higher for the amount of single family housing so we need more of this high density housing where our young people can stay in the community um and my uh I don't want to talk ..my family is lots of nurses uh there and I know 4 nurses uh that would jump at the chance of working back in their uh their community and they're young and energetic um there so this place also had walking paths so um it's not just uh inside this ..it's all outside as well. It's very close to our uh Tim Hortons and I'm sure a lot of the elderly citizens are going to make a track towards the Tim Hortons or a Tim Hortons run. Uh we're going to have Daycare there, that's another issue um there that's going to attract uh people into our area um and if they've got daycare, you got high density housing and so on, all that together is, is going to make for this uh this community approach, uh aging in place. Um I think that's about it. I made a bunch of notes here, I can't even read my writing uh so uh we want to keep our hands in this as well. I think Hans has shown the flow uh almost like the chain of command there but uh but uh if we threw everything to IERHA and they're doing a great job uh don't get me wrong but if we can have some, some input into this, and we will, uh we want, we want to maintain that uh part of our community interaction in that. Um I've got nothing else to say. Uh any other questions there from Council or any other comments? Then if we're finished with that, uh that's a great job uh Hans. Once again, thank you very much, uh Committee for doing that. It's a great exceptional job. We have all those placards out there. Please feel free to uh look at them. If you've got any questions, please feel free to ask uh our 2020 uh Committee. Thank you very much, guys. Then we'll go straight to 8.3 which should have been at 7:15. We're about an hour late, there, uh Ted. **NOTE: Between allowing the presentation to exceed its allotted time plus the questions and comments from members of Council and the Mayors own lengthy soliloquy, the meeting is not happening in an well organized manner. The Mayor is the one responsible for keeping the meeting to schedule but has not proved very effective in that regard.** If you want to take the uh the podium here and give your..... Ok, Ted, whenever you're ready.

8.3 Ted Cole - Council Sio Silica and Garbage - Uh my name is Ted Cole. I live in the RM of Springfield. What I've given you is a copy of a letter to be sent to Minister Klein asking him to stop Sio from proceeding. I would appreciate it if you would please sign those. Of course, it's all your choice uh but anyhow, when you do, if you can give it to me or I will be willing to pick it up later on in the Council or in the foyer there. Uh I accept Colleen's invitation to meet and discuss my concerns with Departmental heads with witnesses in the Gallery like this and ZOOM feed along with the recording for the public to show openness and transparency and we will have a number of these uh meetings in the future, I hope so that was that part. Now comes to an unfortunate part. Uh I lost a friend that day. That friend was the only one that came out into the parking lot on March 11th, 2023. She asked if I was ok. I told her where I was going. That is a friend. Now did Melinda tell you why I made that phone call. **Mayor Therrien** - Um I think we're uh ..to answer your question uh I'm not uh at present to answer it right now anyways. **Ted Cole** - Fine. **Mayor Therrien** - Did we answer this last time two weeks ago? We've been doing this for how many times now uh... **Ted Cole** - Patrick, please, answer the question. **Mayor Therrien** - What's the question again, Ted? **Ted Cole** - The question is, did Melinda tell you why I phoned her? **Mayor Therrien** - Uh no. **Ted Cole** - Would it be alright if Melinda told you why I phoned her? **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, I...what

does this have to do with Sio Silica. Uh this is something that's long past, this...this is past.. **Ted Cole** - No, no, no, this is not past. My words and my opinion .. my words of concern for another human being have been twisted into a threat. My words of concern...my words...and I need to get down to the bottom of how did that turn into a threat? **Mayor Therrien** - I can't, I can't discuss anything about that, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Why? **Mayor Therrien** - Because it's none of my business. It's all been handled. **NOTE: Mr. Cole telephoned Councillor Warren and suggested that if Council voted in favour of Sio Silica, he didn't know what might happen. Councillor Warren took that as a personal threat, shared it with a family member who shared it with the Clipper where it made front page news. At the very least, I would have expected Councillor Warren to explain the mixup during a Council meeting and ensure that the Clipper print another article to advise the public that no threat to her person had indeed occurred. SHE DID NOT. The Clipper made a big headline of it...Councillor Warren will continue her duties as Councillor in spite of the threat made to her person. That is total hogwash and a retraction should be printed exonerating Mr. Cole and explaining the true facts if the Clipper had any kind of integrity as a newspaper.** **Ted Cole** - It has not been handled. **Mayor Therrien** - As far as I'm concerned, it has. **Ted Cole** - As far as you may be concerned, that might be your opinion but in my opinion, in my opinion, my words of concern for another human being and as far as I know, that is not against the law, in fact it's promoted, my words in my opinion were changed into a threat and I would like an answer from Melinda, please. **Mayor Therrien** - No, I'll, I'll ask Council if we have to answer anything but we've already answered that unless Melinda wants to but as far... **Ted Cole** - You have not answered. **Mayor Therrien** - Yes, we have, Ted. What does this have to do with uh Sio Silica or garbage? You've been up here like 4 times and never talked about garbage. **Ted Cole** - Oooh. This happened before, didn't it? **Mayor Therrien** - What's that? **Ted Cole** - You've changed my subject. You have changed my subject. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, we've answered your, your question with regards to... **Ted Cole** - No, you haven't. You have not. **Mayor Therrien** - Why don't you put down here you want to talk about this, this threat. **Ted Cole** - Council, Sio Silica and garbage. And like I say, I accept Colleen's offer to discuss the issues that I have with the Department Heads with witnesses, with the ZOOM so everybody has transparency. Now getting back to this issue, I would like if Melinda is willing, to answer why I called. And if not, if she is willing, if she is willing, I will give my reason right here and now. **Mayor Therrien** - I, I...this is ..we're just going in circles again Ted. **Ted Cole** - No we are not. **Mayor Therrien** - Melinda, do you want to answer any of these questions? Then we're...she does not want ...find another topic uh there Ted. **Ted Cole** - Well... **Mayor Therrien** - If this is supposed to be the Council part, then fine, try Sio Silica and garbage. You've already tried Sio or you did Sio Silica with this uh petition here so is there anything about garbage? **NOTE: Mr. Cole says something that I can't hear.** **Mayor Therrien** - I'm not going to answer that. You want, you want garbage? You want to talk about garbage? **Ted Cole** - Well, ok. You don't have to answer any questions. **Mayor Therrien** - How much time have we got left, Kristy? **Ted Cole** - Yep, cut me off. **Mayor Therrien** - (laughing) I can't say that. 8 minutes. **Ted Cole** - Ok. When I phoned Melinda, I was concerned about her because I had witnessed Melinda at the fund raiser in Anola and she talked with the people and she was having a good time. People talked with her, they were friendly with her, there was no bad vibes at all and if Sio screwed up, if they screwed up, and they made the peoples' world here a mess with their water, with the sand, whatever, the people, if Melinda would have voted in favour of that lousy job of an agreement, if she would have voted in favour, the people would not forget and the reasons I gave her. You could be hurt in so many different ways. That was what I was concerned about. She could lose friends, she could lose the respect in the community, she could be shot, who knows what else. That was my concern for her. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, we're not here to talk about that, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Well, you may not be but I have to clear what my reason for that phone call... **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, go speak to the Mounties. They'll talk to you about it. **Ted Cole** - That's another thing. That's another...the paper reported that the individual who had committed the threat ... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** We're still talking about the same thing, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Ya, I know, I know. And that's what I want out in the open. The paper stated that the person that had made the threat had been talked to. To this very day, they have not talked to me. Now that makes me think that I have not committed a crime because they have not talked to me, not to this very minute. **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, we're not talking about that. **Ted Cole** - Yes, we are. **Mayor Therrien** - No we're not. **Ted Cole** - Ya, and you know why? You know why? When my words are twisted, I cannot live with it. My words. When a situation is created based on my words, my words, where people are in fear in this Chamber, people are in fear in the lobby because of my words, there's a problem because my words were not a threat. My words were not a reason to close the doors. My words were not a reason for shutting the people outside. **NOTE: Mr. Cole has a point. Mayor Therrien in Council referred to the restrictions being imposed due to threats to the safety of staff and Council and if this is the only incident of threat, then he had no reason for the restrictions.** That is mine. Do you understand? **Mayor Therrien** - I heard you, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Good. Now see this cap here. And you asked me to remove my cap. This cap I equate to being my faith, my beliefs, my turban, my indigenous headdress, this does not say "fuddle duddle" but **LEST WE FORGET**. Yet it is only a piece of cloth just like this flag, only a piece of cloth. But then again, they are both just as sacred to me. The cap honours the veterans past, present and future. Their sacrifice is to be remembered, not just one day a year but every day of every year. They sacrificed for me and for a reason, even your relatives. You have taken it upon yourself to go against that reason. I will not allow you discredit or dishonour our veterans. We owe our freedoms and beliefs to them. They will be remembered and honoured as long as I am around. Do not ask me to remove my hat again, please. Sio will not either for the same reason and nor will the governing Party of Manitoba. Now I want to make this clear. I want to make this very clear. I would never, ever, ever threaten that woman, that woman that was concerned about my well-being. The only person that came out that day on March 11th. 2023 into the parking lot and asked me if I was ok. Let that be known to everyone here. I would never threaten that woman but somehow my words got twisted and made to look like..you people are in trouble. You people are in big danger here because of my words. That is **wrong**. That is wrong. That is not the **truth**. And an innocent man got caught up in this too. An innocent man. Now we all make mistakes because we're human and that's ok because we are human. We also have feelings. We also will try to help each other get through these. Now I defended a man on March the 11th. who spoke at that meeting in Anola. I tried to defend that and I told Melinda about it **Mayor Therrien** - Thirty seconds, uh Ted. **NOTE: Is he kidding? Mr. Cole has been speaking for at least 15 or 20 minutes already. The Mayor seems to have different clocks for different people.** **Ted Cole** - That's good, make it whatever. But what I want you to know, Sir, is I tried to defend a man. And now I am trying to defend Melinda. I am trying to defend Melinda for the same darn reason. I, in my opinion, believe that man that I tried to defend was used and in Melinda's case, I, in my opinion, believe she was used. **NOTE: I must respectfully disagree with the Mr. Cole. I think Councillor Warren knows exactly what she is doing at all times and could have cleared this matter up by coming clean that there was no threat to her in spite of her tearful act.** And now she bears the heat of this whole situation. My words were twisted. And she got caught into it to a point where how do you back out. **NOTE: By telling the truth. Mayor Therrien** - Ok, Ted, I'm sorry but uh your time is up. **Ted Cole** - I thank you very much for giving me this time. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Ted. **Ted Cole** - And now you know why I wear this cap and what it's all about. And my words will never be twisted again. Remember that, please. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Ted. Uh once we're finished with delegations,

10. CONSENT AGENDA - Province of Manitoba - Strategic Infrastructure Projects Funding Announcement and AMM News Bulletin - July 28, 2023. Mayor Therrien - .. we'll go to the Consent uh Agenda. Can we do them all in uh one resolution? Can I get a mover and a seconder with regards to the Consent uh Agenda there please. Uh Glen and Melinda. (Fuhl/Warren) Colleen Draper - *Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of 2 items, Be It Resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information.* Mayor Therrien - Any questions, concerns from Council? I see none. All those in support of the passing of Consent Agenda 10 and 10.1? Show of hands. That'll be unanimous.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Board of Revision Appointments - Mayor Therrien - Then we'll go on to New Business. Uh that will be 11 point uh one, a mover and a seconder uh with regards to that as well please? That'll be Pat and Mark (Therrien/Miller). Colleen Draper - Uh just before I read the Resolution out, I'm looking for 2 volunteers from Council to sit on this year's Board of Revision. Um sorry I don't have the date handy here. It's in November. November 16th. We're looking for 2 members of Council to volunteer to sit on the Board on November 16th. Mayor Therrien - Um well Melinda's uh done it already. Glen, have you done it? Uh Mark and Andy, would you guys step up uh for something like that? Colleen Draper - Uh not until all the appeals come in so it could be one day, it could be 2, we've had 3 days, we just won't know until the appeal deadline's over. Councillor Kuczynski - Are we going to have assessment now every year or every second year that people are going to have to appeal this year again? Colleen Draper - We have a Board of Revision every year but a reassessment does not occur every year. Mayor Therrien - Every two years, right? Colleen Draper - Every two years. Councillor Kuczynski - Oh, so we have some other business to do with the Board of Revision or...Glen, can you enlighten us what's happening there? Councillor Fuhl - You attended the Board of Revisions this..last time. It's the same process ..it happens again but with the appeals. Councillor Kuczynski - But if the people don't have the assessment, then what are they coming back with? Councillor Fuhl - Well, they're coming back because maybe they missed last year. And now they got their tax bill and now they have a second chance to come again. Councillor Kuczynski - Oh, I thought you have only one chance to ... that year when you get the (no) your assessment. Colleen Draper - No, you can appeal your assessment every year there's an opportunity. Councillor Kuczynski - Ok but the people..but are we going to have assessment then this year? Colleen Draper - There's a Board of Revision every year so I need 2 councillor members to sit on that. Councillor Kuczynski - But that's not what I asked, Colleen. Do we have assessment happening this year again? If we don't.... Mayor Therrien - Every two years. Councillor Kuczynski - Ok, so if we don't have assessment, then what are people going to come with? Councillor Fuhl - Like as I explained, so if I got my assessment and it's up 18% and I didn't catch it at the time for the Board of Revisions last year and now I got my tax bill and it's gone up, let's say \$800, a \$1,000. bucks, well I can come to the Board of Revisions this year to appeal it. Colleen Draper - So November 16th. 2023 is the Board of Revision date and you can appeal your 2024 assessment. So assessment notices ... Councillor Kuczynski - How can you appeal when you don't, you don't get assessment or you will. Colleen Draper - The assessment notices have already been mailed out. Councillor Kuczynski - So there I didn't receive my tax .. I didn't know, Ok. Thank you. Mayor Therrien - ... **NOTE: The Mayor forgot to unmute.** 2022 so Mark and Andy, do you guys want to do that? Colleen Draper - Both of you? Mayor Therrien - And next year, I'm not sure if there is that or is there conflict. Alright, I'll put forward for next year. Colleen Draper - Ok. *Be it Resolved that the Board of Revision for 2024 be composed of the following people: Doug Shaver, Chair, Councillor Mark Miller, Councillor Andy Kuczynski and Kristy Groenheide, Board Secretary.* Uh, November 16th. Mayor Therrien - All those in support of that motion uh there? Show of hands. So that'll be unanimous.

11.2 Rail Safety Week - Mayor Therrien - And then we move to 11.2, that's Rail Safety uh Week uh a mover and a seconder. Pat and uh Glen (Therrien/Fuhl). Colleen Draper - *Be it Resolved that the RM of Springfield support National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 18th. to 24th., 2023.* Mayor Therrien - Any questions from Council uh on that? I see none. Can we get a, a show of hands uh those in support. That'll be unanimous and passed.

11.3 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Expansion Proposal - Mayor Therrien - 11.3 is the Seine Rat uh Roseau Watershed District Expansion Project. Uh a mover and a seconder for that as well, please. Uh Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). Colleen Draper - *Whereas Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal for the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District that supports watershed management in Manitoba and outlines the details of Municipal participation in the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District and whereas the RM of Springfield has met with Manitoba regarding the expansion proposal for the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District, and Whereas Council of the RM of Springfield understands that the amendment to the Watershed District's regulation will include the final details of participation in the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District, therefore Be it Resolved that the RM of Springfield supports the proposed area forming part of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District in accordance with the Watershed District Act and Regulations.* Mayor Therrien - Any questions from Council with regards to the uh reading of that? If none, can I get a show of hands of those in support of 11.3. That'll be unanimous. **NOTE: While not mentioned, our participation in this organization currently costs ratepayers in the neighbourhood of \$300,000. annually. Expansion will no doubt mean an increase in the annual cost.**

11.4 Anola Community Club Playground Project - Mayor Therrien - Uh 11.4 is the Anola Community Club uh Playground Project 2023. Uh a mover and a seconder. Patrick and Melinda (Therrien/Warren). Colleen Draper - *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield award the design, supply and installation of the Anola Community Club Playground Project to Playground R Us up to a project cost of \$80,000.* Mayor Therrien - Any questions uh from Council with regards to that? Mark? Councillor Miller - Uh just curious to know, is this in the Recreation Budget already for this we approved I guess, in principle? Colleen Draper - Ya, a portion is coming from the Bipole Reserve and there was a grant received as well. Mayor Therrien - Thank you. It's on the last page, you'll have a breakdown. Two grants were on that report and it'll show ..ya so this is a great project and it doesn't cost anything. **NOTE: Well, that is not true. Even though it is being paid for by a Reserve and grants, it still costs ratepayers. All tax dollars available to Government, be it municipal, provincial or federal, comes from taxpayers.** Uh any questions, any other questions from Council. Councillor Kuczynski - Well, I cannot open this. the Anola Community Playground. No, that doesn't open. Oh. I'm opening...oh .. and how much grant are we receiving now Colleen Draper - Uh we received \$34,730. from Building Sustainable Communities. Councillor Kuczynski - Ok. Mayor Therrien - And we got Bipole. Colleen Draper - Ya, we had a Bipole that we get an amount every year so um \$45,270. is coming from that Reserve amount. Mayor Therrien - Well, that's a great day for Anola, um we look

forward to that. You as well...you were talking about that. So any other questions from Council. All those is support uh then a show of hands. That'll be unanimous. Then we'll go into Closed Meeting uh to discuss uh legal matters.

12. CLOSED MEETING Mayor Therrien - So that's 12 there. Time is 8:34.

12.1 Legal Matters - Mayor Therrien - Can I get a mover and a seconder to move into Closed uh Meeting in Camera. Uh Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that this meeting recess to In Camera to discuss legal issues and Be it Further Resolved that all matters shall remain confidential until a Report is made public.*

13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING Mayor Therrien - Ok thank you. It's 9:02 and we are out of In Camera. Can I get a mover and a seconder to come out of In Camera. Uh Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). Ok. **Colleen Draper** - *Be it Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** - Alright, any questions or anything we want to address before we close the uh meeting. And I see none. Then we'll close the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Can I get a show of hands, those in uh support. That'll be unanimous. Thank you very much. And that's uh our meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Article in Letters to Editor August 10th. issue of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Don't be swayed by ads

Re: Safety concerns nuke decommissioning (Aug. 5) It was a fortunate coincidence to see a Sio Silica ad at the top of the article about the deficiencies in oversight of the decommissioning of the former Whiteshell nuclear research laboratories.

The lesson is clear: even the heavily regulated nuclear industry is not immune to human failures in regulation that could potentially lead to environmental disaster. How, then, can the provincial government even consider allowing a far-less regulated company as Sio Silica to engage in operations that are equally risky for the land and humans alike?

I hope they have not been swayed by Sio Silica's fictitious ad campaign, which rivals the provincial governments for rosy claims with no basis in fact.

ROBIN ATTAS

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