

I have some questions about the List of Accounts on the February 15th, 2022 Council meeting:

1) CONSULTING FIRMS:

Cheque No. 154189 Shandy Walls Consulting \$2,625.00 and Cheque No. 154297 \$2,625.00 - I understand Ms. Walls is being paid to fundraise for the Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. which is a construct of the current Council. I don't believe Council should be engaged in fund raising for a private entity. In any case, the Corporation should be remunerating (SHHI) Ms. Walls for her fundraising efforts, not the ratepayers of the RM of Springfield.

Cheque No. 154208 Synchena Consulting \$1,234.80

Cheque No. 154249 FPS Consultants \$8,283.45 - On what are we consulting this firm?

Cheque No. 154255 Way to Go Consulting Inc. \$3,281.25 - On what are we consulting this company?

2) SPRINGFIELD HERITAGE HOUSING INC. **Cheque No. 154126** Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. \$2,115.00 **154207** Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. \$1,000. **Cheque No. 154283** Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. \$20,000. - This is a corporation set up to collect funds for the construction of a senior's complex in Dugald including a pool. Any funds collected should go directly into an account set up for this corporation. Why is the RM of Springfield cutting cheques payable to the corporation? Where did these contributions originate? Why is the Municipality involved in a private housing corporation? Is the donor being given a tax receipt by the RM implying they are contributing in some way to a political entity, municipal facility, or charity? I think the Auditor General should be contacted in this regard to investigate the legality of this setup. These are rather substantial amounts. Who are the donors?

3) Cheque No. 154171 Winnipeg Police Service \$1,050.00 - As with other rural municipalities in Manitoba, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the force responsible for maintaining law and order. Why is the RM of Springfield issuing a cheque to the Winnipeg Police Service who have no jurisdiction in the municipality?

4) LAW FIRMS - **154148** Fast Trippier Clunie Wittman LLP \$18,868.20 **154237** DD West LLP \$13,948.83 **154242** Thompson Dorfman Sweatman \$8,653.93 **154293** Taylor McCaffrey LLP \$206.95 Total \$41,677.91 in legal fees in one month. **WHY?** Why is the RM of Springfield engaging 4 different law firms? What type of litigation/services are each of these providing and why are they required? How many billable hours do these amounts represent? Why is all this legal advice/work necessary?