

RM of Springfield Council Meeting  
February 7, 2023

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 2 hours 29 minutes 4 seconds



**UPDATE ON SIO SILICA PROJECT IN VIVIAN AND AREA - Attached is an analysis of By-law 21-25 and its potential impact on this project. I would urge you to read it and then contact the Mayor and your councillor and protest its enactment. Also note Mr. Mackling's comments in Question Period.**

**NOTE: As of February 7th., the RM Mayor and Council Contact Information page is being used to present campaign style information about each member of Council with the exception of Councillor Kuczynski. This is giving these members unfair advantage when it comes to the next municipal election. The purpose of the RM Web Site is to provide ratepayers with information on the services being provided to them by their tax dollars. Now their property taxes are being used to promote the resumes of members of Council. THIS IS FLAGRANT MISUSE OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS. ALSO THE AGENDA WAS CHANGED AFTER IT WAS POSTED ON FRIDAY BECAUSE I HAD ALREADY DRAFTED THE HEADINGS PORTION OF MY NOTES AND NOW THE NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHEN I DID THAT ON THE WEEKEND. TO ME, NO CHANGING OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE DONE AFTER IT IS POSTED UNTIL DURING THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA IN THE MEETING AT WHICH TIME ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE.**

**Mayor Therrien** - "Somebody mind getting that back door **there**. Hey, Ernie, can you get that door. Ok guys. Alright I'm going to call this to order **uh** please **um**...my name..or good evening, I'm Mayor Patrick Therrien...I've got a big go on this...is this better. Want me to try it again? Actually that seems much better...we've just got some technical difficulties here. Before we get started **there** as long as everybody has their hats off **uh** in chambers here please. **NOTE: Mayor Therrien seems to be obsessed with, I assume, men not wearing hats in the Council Chamber. This has never been an issue in the past. People come into Chamber in their street clothes which in the case of men often includes a cap. If a Sikh arrived in Council wearing a traditional head covering, is Mayor Therrien going to insist they remove their turban? Or how about a First Nations resident wearing a ceremonial headdress? The Mayor seems to think he is dealing with children, not adults.** Testing one, two, three, one, two...is that better. That's close enough? Ok, well thank you very much. **Uh** today's date **uh** for the record is **uh** February 7th **uh** 2023. Again, I'll...I'm Patrick **uh** Therrien, the Mayor of **uh** Springfield. **Uh** I'll introduce the **uh** councillors...To my right in descending down there is Deputy Mayor Glen Fuhl. **Uh**, he's Ward 1. Ward 2 is Andy Kuczynski. **Uh** Ward 3 is **uh** Mark **uh** Miller. **Uh** Ward 4 is **uh** Melinda Warren. **Uh** could we **uh** get a call to an order or not that, approval of the agenda, a mover and a seconder, please. That'll be Mark and Melinda." *Be it resolved that the agenda be approved.* And all those in favour? That'll be unanimous. **Uh** Adoption of the **uh** Minutes, a mover and a seconder **uh** for that. That'll be Melinda and **uh** Glen. *Whereas the Minutes of the Council meeting held January 24th. have been previously distributed to Council, be it resolved that the same be and are hereby approved.* Thank you. Any questions from Council on that **uh** January 24th **uh** Council meeting? I don't see any questions **there**. Could I get a **uh** vote **uh** on this **uh** to move forward? That'll be **uh** unanimous. And **uh** we'll get into **uh** Question Period. That'll be item #5 on the Question...on the **uh** the agenda. **Uh** if anybody's missing an agenda, it's all in the front **uh** **there** so if you wanna to grab some agendas for other people, please **uh** do so. **Uh** for Question Period here we've got a huge **uh** agenda here so we're going to keep it **uh** streamlined **there** to **uh** facilitate everybody being heard **uh** as best that we can. **Uh** I'm going to ask everybody to attend to the front **uh** where they're going to give their name and **uh** their address if they're not comfortable with the address **uh** the RM of Springfield'll be fine or Winnipeg and so on. **Uh** so the Question Period is open now. Is there somebody in the audience who would like to start it off. Edwin? You're next, sir. You're next, sir. (Now) No, after Edwin.

**5. QUESTION PERIOD - Edwin Giesbrecht** - Given the amount of the audience, and like you say I'll expedite. This will not be more than 3 minutes, 1 second. (Thank you) I'll read through it quickly. **Um** my question is to delegation. My name is first Edwin Giesbrecht, 65008 Vernon Road, RM of Springfield. My question is to delegation 8.3 respective to zoning by-law 21-25. That particular submission reflects upon historical development plan and process resulting in a secondary plan following similar processes. 8.3 stating no one was turned away and expressed an opinion of consistency, reasonability and equal opportunity. The representation goes on to state the group of 91 residents are in full support of the new zoning by-law as it stands, contrary to last count well over 200 objectors. The presentation also states given due diligence the council as exercised to date would be most unreasonable as to any further delay. Given the submission wrongly reflects upon the development plan signed February 5, 2019 and fact that secondary plan was due to the dissension amongst residents for development, given statement of equal opportunity the statement is false, especially in light of the former council and consultant outright rejecting and denying a request for referendum to those who were affected in the secondary Pineridge plan, which would have been an inclusive equal opportunity for all residents within the secondary plan to have just and fair independence for their opinion. In regards to this council's due diligence of the overall zoning by-law I find it absolutely improbable and more likely impossible for the new councillors to truly have been given any appropriate or reasonable time to study all of the writings, report's, recommendations and technical data leading up to the proposed overall zoning by-law 21-25 and all its inclusive proposals, especially in light of around three short months since having been sworn in as newly elected rookies. The former council made a mess of the overall zoning by-law which is why there have been so many objectors. This has been in part of residents having been

obstructed by former council, certainly the presentation purports 91 residents in affirmation, and however I remind we have around 16,000 residents in our Springfield democracy. The metaphor I would liken it to say a goalie in a hockey game whose goal is to achieve, what is called a shutout, however in this municipality in these chambers of democracy, to shut out the public from appropriate engagement with their representatives and not make time is patently wrong and quite frankly an embarrassment. This I don't think is unreasonable. In personal case of petition that was wrongfully ignored by a former council executed more recently November 29, 2022 to this new council requesting a vote. To date nothing. It appears there has not even been time to address a simple matter of a vote, seemingly and simply put just too busy, not enough time. So with due respect to this particular presentation 8.3, I question of council as to why you would not recall or at least stay the slated Manitoba Municipal Board hearings, a proxy of the former council's dirty laundry and invite the objectors back into their halls of democracy to discuss their objections in detail, once this new council has had time to get a real grip on By-Law 21-25. Thank you, Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Edwin, appreciate that. Anybody else? State your name for the record, Sir. **Al Mackling** - Good evening. My name is Al Mackling. **Mayor Therrien (interrupting)** - I remember you, Mr. Mackling. **Al Mackling** - I am a retired lawyer. We still own a little bit of property in Springfield. We lived out here in Springfield for 24 years but the house got too big for just the two of us. Our kids have grown and left. What I am here to talk about and really question is what I consider the environmental rape of an aquifer. I was just astounded at this proposal. It's dangerous. There's a threat to the aquifer from many ways. The aquifer could **collapse because of the pressures** that are put on it for extracting this silica sand and of course it can be polluted. They are going to be pumping air down to pump water up. Anybody that knows anything about the air knows that air is not pure. Years ago if people wanted to make some wine or whatever, they threw fruit in a ceramic or a clay pot and waited for it to ferment. How did it ferment? Well, because there are things in the air. The air is not pure. What kind of air are they going to be pumping into that aquifer? And of course they talk about ..it is..the advertising ..talk about all these wonderful jobs and they're going to process this silica sand extracted in Vivian. What's the process going to be? Draining the water out I suppose is a process. Maybe screening the silica sand is a process and they'll be conveniently putting it in rail cars and where are they taking it? For processing into solar panels? Where's the processing plant? Where it will end up of course is for **fracking** and this is a disgusting proposal. **NOTE: The mere amount that is being mined suggests that the majority of it would be for fracking purposes. How much silica sand is required for these other purposes?** And so I **fervently hope** that this Council changes the by-law and fights this development. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Mr. Mackling. **NOTE: Clapping can be heard in the audience.** **Councillor Miller** - Mr. Mayor, I have a question for Mr. Mackling. Mr. Mackling, you've had an esteemed career, you're a **lawyer, you're a Minister in this Provincial government**, I believe of Natural Resources, you've seen many, many undertakings of proposals throughout this Province, whether it be mining or other industrial developments and so it resonates with me particularly as what I would say as an environmental champion to hear you who have decades of experience, knowledge, and expertise to share with us your insight tonight. Thank you very much for coming. **Al Mackling** - You're welcome. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - Good evening. My name is Dr. Schulz. I'm from Heatherdale Road in the RM of Springfield and thank you for having me tonight again. I would like to just bring to your attention that the Conditional Use order that deals with conditions that is at public ..it's usually dealt with at public hearings and they are a public issue. Further I would like to um bring to your attention that a non compliance and a breach in commitments is also a public issue. Are we agreed on that? On January 30th. at fifteen hours and fifty minutes it was brought to my attention that Mayor Therrien said "it's the Schulz's problem on Heatherdale Road" and I would like to this to everybody's attention that it's not the Schulz's problem, it's the RM of Springfield's problem that this problem hasn't been solved yet in 5% of your time in office already of your entire time when you called period of 4 years. It's a problem of the Planning Department to not enforce laws and by-laws. It's a problem of Council and it's a problem of by-law enforcement. It's not a Schulz problem, ok. This comment is very unprofessional. It's very inappropriate. It's insulting and it's defaming. This comment requires more than a sincere apology. And what I expect from a Mayor that had been a former police officer, an R.C.M.P. officer, is integrity, honesty, professionalism, respect, accountability, service and excellence. With that I expect fairness, equal treatment of citizens, and also expecting enforcing of rules, regulations and by-laws. And I'm expecting that a former R.C.M.P. officer even in his retirement is non-biased and fair and I also would like to echo what happened at the site about the silica sand. It is really...sorry...yes I'm not in favour of any of that silica sand harvesting for many, many reasons which have been mentioned before and I can back that up with science. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Two issues here. To say I made that comment, I never made that comment ok. **NOTE: Maybe not while it was recorded but someone apparently heard the comment and supposedly they are not liars. Mayor Therrien seems to have memory problems as evidenced by the fact that even now he has trouble with the format of council meetings and relies on the CAO and others to keep him on track.** Second issue is your report which will be in your hands I would hope by **uh** Thursday. It's...we're waiting for the Environment **uh** people to get their paperwork. It's been completed **uh** so that answers your question so the enforcement portion. **NOTE: Dr. Schulz did not ask when she would be receiving a report. She asked why the "conditions" of a Conditional Use are not being enforced which, as Mayor Therrien has an extensive background in policing, he should be able to answer.** Our portion is complete but instead of giving you two reports, we're going to give you one solid report **uh** where it handles what we did and what **uh** the Environment **uh** Commission or Environment people will summarize **NOTE: He said "sumimize"** in their report. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - Do you think I want to believe you .. **Mayor Therrien (interrupting)** - That's fine.. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - .. not after **3 months of asking you to do something, I will believe it once I see it.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, then let's uh uh Thursday... **Dr. Helene Schulz** - (interrupting) You said another couple of days and I would see the report, it's two weeks later. There is no report. I went to the mail daily to look for the report. I checked my e-mails, I checked my Spam, I checked everything, I didn't let anything go unattended ... **Mayor Therrien (interrupting)** - Ya and that part I can confirm. I did say that. Ok. The other part is **absolute trash uh** with... **Dr. Helene Schulz** - (interrupting) You also said November 29th. that you want to deal with this within 30 days. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't think I said that. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - You said that on November 29th. **Mayor Therrien** - Let's just...on Thursday we'll get you that report, M'am. Like I say, our report's done. We're just waiting for the **uh** Environment **uh** people to put it all together. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - I will believe it once I see the report. **Mayor Therrien** - Alright, I understand. **Dr. Helene Schulz** - You have told me this many, many times that something will be done, that something is going to happen and it's a lie on lie. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - I want to ask you if Council is going to receive that report before it's released to Mrs. Schulz? Can we view it too? **Mayor Therrien** - We're going to get it all at the same time. We'll get it Monday. **Councillor Miller** - Mr. Mayor, thank you. Dr. Schulz, thank you again for presenting. I..as a new member of Council here, I am also very frustrated how the public is maybe sometimes treated. We need to look and dive deep on how we can expedite and make this more of a service oriented organization. **NOTE: THEY COULD ALL START BY READING THE "GUIDING PRINCIPLES" OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE R.M. which can be found on the Web Site. The RM is already supposed to be service oriented.** I know we're government but we can't fall back on that opinion that we're government so it's slow, so we'll take our time, this and that, let's get, you know, let's get reality here. We're serving the people of this municipality, we ought to be representing them well and let's strive for ..so when we go into the budgeting process if

there's something that we can do to expedite...if it means maybe maybe more staff, I don't know but let's serve the people that we're supposed to be serving. **NOTE: My opinion, you don't need more staff, merely a change in the attitude of certain of the staff, mainly some department heads and the CAO in particular.** I would be horribly frustrated if I were you. I agree with you. **Mayor Therrien** - Alright m'am...not right now, Edwin. This lady is next. ..Yes please. **Dr. Tammy Evancho, 54071 Heatherdale Road** - I live next door to the Schulz's. Um I came to a delegation on December 13th. and I had requested information on wash tickets where the business is operating next door to them. My telephone number was taken, information about where I lived was taken, and I have not heard back on that. So my question is, is there anything about the wash tickets and whether or not those are real, or what those actually are in that Report? **Mayor Therrien** - I recall you asking that, m'am. **NOTE: Can the Mayor not remember people's names and use them instead of sounding like an actor in the TV show "Gunsmoke"?** **Colleen Draper, CAO** - Ya, I can confirm the wash tickets are addressed in the Report. **Dr. Tammy Evancho** - Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, m'am. **Uh** any other questions? I think we have time for **uh** one more. We have a delegation starting at 6:30 and plus we've got a bunch of other things to take care of **uh** here so if there is another maybe one question, like we have time for that. Ok, then we'll **uh** ..**hey Vince, can you just...the hat...** (some lady is talking in the background) ..can you, everybody in the audience **take your hats off**, please. That's **my rule**, Vince. **Hats off**, Vince, **or I'm going to ask you to leave**. Ok, then we'll recess and we'll **uh** and we'll **call the police**. **NOTE: If the Mayor is going to do something as inappropriate and petty as threatening a member of the audience over the issue of a hat, he should at least then make good his threat. HE DID NOT and the audience member continued to wear his hat.** That's..that's all there is to it. That's a rule, Vince. There's no... this is **my chamber** and I've been saying it since...yes...it is as well but we've been, from Day 1 we've been saying to take the hat off. We'll have something...we'll have something posted for the next Council meeting, I'm not going to fight for **uh** something as minor as that. Ok, we'll discuss it later. So go ahead, Karen. **Karen Lalonde** - Just with By-law 21-25 I was wondering if Council would be making a date for a public hearing since there's so many people, you can see it's crowded here now and there's lots of other people that didn't come out tonight that are watching it on line so usually when there's, especially when it's major zoning changes, I think there's 56, I think that we've always had public hearings to hear from all the people so that's my question, will we be having a public hearing? **Mayor Therrien** - No, **uh** the Municipal **uh** Board is **uh** sitting February 16th. **uh** or sorry, 15th, 16th, 17th... **Karen Lalonde - interrupting** - Aren't you going to wait until you've heard from the people? Maybe you'd want to make changes. **Mayor Therrien** - Well that ..that's something that's already set. Those dates are set, the 15th, 16th, 17th **um** for the hearing...well Karen, you know as well as I, you were on Council for quite a few years, that that's ..that's already set, nothing is set in stone but **uh** that's the position it's been .. this has been going on for two and a half, almost 3 years so...and it's in less than a week that **uh** we're going to have the Municipal Board hearing. Everybody can have their say at that time to tweak it **uh** as well. **Karen Lalonde** - Well, that's unfortunate because the people are being left out of this by-law and there's a lot of changes coming and it's..it's **just not democratic**. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I guess the Municipal Board is part of that democr..democracy that you're talking about. **Karen Lalonde** - Not really, I think the first democracy is right here, closest to the people. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ya and we're listening to the people now. We're listening to you as well, m'am. **Karen Lalonde** - Well, 21-25 has been going on for 3 years and there's been nobody listening. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, we're listening now. **Karen Lalonde** - We're going to the Municipal Board but you're not really listening. Anyway, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much. If there's no further questions, I think we're out of time. We'll proceed to **uh** the Departmental Reports. (Edwin can be heard in the background saying "this is just copies of my dissertation"... ) Ok, that's fine. Thank you Edwin. Can I...for Department Reports...

## 6. REPORTS Elected Officials - Only the Mayor presents a report with a list of functions attended in point form. 6.2 Department Reports

**NOTE: Water & Waste** - Again with the exception of one sentence, it is virtually the same as every other month. Anyone interested in reading the notes would never get to the "new sentence" at the very bottom. **Fire Department** - The vast majority of their work, 22 incidents, is Medical First Response/Medical Assist. **Springfield Police Service** - SINCE MY BRINGING THE FACT THAT THE OAKBANK DETACHMENT WAS SENDING THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE SERVICE TO THEIR CALLS, THE DISPATCH PORTION OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN REMOVED. There was one Assist RCMP and one Assist Winnipeg Police Service - Stolen Vehicle listed. Chief Hitchon's report states the following "Conversion of a store room to a legal counsel phone and breathalyzer room." The R.C.M.P. Oakbank Detachment is a mere blocks away and it has both of these. Why are Springfield ratepayers having to pay for a service that already exists in the Municipality? Further the R.C.M.P. are the "official" police service of the Province of Manitoba. The Springfield Police Service should be dedicated to enforcing municipal by-laws, its original purpose. Instead it is doing the work of the R.C.M.P. the majority of the month. There were only 5 By-law incidents, 3 of which were Animal Control. We are already paying for an Animal Control officer to handle those calls. **CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK THEM TO RESCIND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE R.M. OF SPRINGFIELD AND THE OAKBANK DETACHMENT SIGNED, I BELIEVE, BY MAYOR FELL.** **Asset Management & Special Projects** - There is quite a comprehensive report provided but my question is: *who is attending webinars, registering for and receiving certificates and updating a spreadsheet* as to the best of my knowledge, we **do not currently have an Asset Management person.** **Facilities Department** - Most of report is regular maintenance. When there was work done on the Police Department that was not regular, i.e. **repairing of damage cause by the discharge of a firearm**, IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OR IN ANY REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY. It was also not mentioned at any of the Springfield Police Board meetings. **TO ME, THAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF "TRANSPARENCY" ESPOUSED BY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION.** The **Animal Control Report** had 20 items, 3 of which occurred in November, the remainder in December. **Mayor Therrien** - I'm on 6.2 by the way. Can I get a mover and seconder **uh** for the Reports in total **there**? That'll be Andy and Glen. (Kuczynski/Fuhl) *Be it resolved that Department Operating Reports be accepted as information.* **Mayor Therrien** - Any questions from Council in regards to that? Oh, did I miss that? Oh, sorry, ya 6.1 Can I get a mover and a seconder on that one, then? **Uh**, Mark and Glen. (Miller/Fuhl) **Colleen Draper, CAO** - Just to clarify for Council, um I put together a monthly report starting for activity from January 5th. until February 2nd. so **uh** the majority **NOTE: From the audience can be heard "I can't hear you".** .. so attached to the agenda there's a Council monthly report **uh** stating meetings that were attended from January 5th. to February 2nd. **uh** and that involves all of Council or individual councillors so this is just a breakdown of their activities for that month. So I have a mover and seconder, just **uh** *Be it resolved that Council accept the Elected Officials report as presented.* **NOTE: This policy of the CAO/Mayor presenting the activity report was a policy arrived at by the previous Mayor and the current CAO. Prior to that, each Councillor provided a report on their individual activities.** **Councillor Miller** - Thank you Mr. Mayor and CAO. I felt that your report is very brief and only gives dates and names of meetings. I don't think it does justice to the community nor to the fellow councillors on what activities these councillors or Mayor participated in so I have my own report and I hope I will table this for the Administration to put on public record but I also want to talk about it if I could very shortly because I think it is important. When I got elected, I said I would report to the constituents and that's what I'm going to do.

So February 1st. I attended the Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. meeting. The meeting was held at the RM of Springfield offices from 11 to 12:30. There was an update on funding, a draft press release, draft **residents eligibility criteria** by the Chair, Leslie Thompson and a report by Gord Damon. **NOTE: So Springfield ratepayers are funding a project but they have to meet eligibility criteria, drafted by a now non-resident of Springfield to be considered as residents of the facility. What is wrong with that picture? The best thing for the new Council to do is pass a resolution removing themselves as participants in this corporation and Councillor Fuhl should resign from it.** I'm claiming mileage which is 28 kilometers in allowable time to participate at that meeting. February 1st. I also participated in a Springfield Chamber of Commerce event that was hosted. It was held from 2:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the Industrial Park area and it was coordinated by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and included the owners, managers, and staff of some of those businesses. Some 900 invitees were asked to participate. It was circulated by the Chamber with approximately 40 people participating. Light snacks including an open liquor was available for attendees. It seemed like the aim was for building membership for the Chamber. Mayor Therrien and Councillors Kuczynski and Fuhl responded to questions and concerns during an open question and answer period. The main concerns raised were the high levels of taxation for those business owners, concerns on break and enters, drainage, overland flooding and frequency of pump outs by some business owners. No cost for participation at that meeting. I will be claiming mileage of 62 kms. and allowable time to attend that event. February 2nd. Association of Rural Municipalities (ARM). This included council reps from East St. Paul, Headingley, MacDonald, Ritchot, Rosser, Rockwood, St. Clements, St. Andrews, Springfield, Tache, West St. Paul and Selkirk. I commuted with Councillor Kuczynski to save travel costs and it was held at a private events barn near Argyle in the RM of Rockwood. A buffet meal was provided by 3 RMs including St. Andrews, St. Clements, and the City of Selkirk, providing updates on their activities. St. Andrews received a \$500,000. grant for a walking trail. Rec Centre Master Plan is almost done. They're doing a solid waste green hydrogen pilot program. St. Clements is receiving \$10 million dollars for a wastewater treatment plant. Selkirk has a huge increase in commercial development, \$35 million dollars is going to be dedicated to the hospital upgrade in Selkirk from the Province, I guess. The next meeting of the Association of Rural Municipalities is March 2nd. in the RM of Rosser and I'm claiming mileage and allowable time to attend this meeting. Springfield, our RM hosts the ARM event on October 5th. in our constituency or in our municipality. February 7th. the..WSP consultants gave an update to Council, that was this afternoon, 1:30 for about 2 1/2 hours I think it was. We had a briefing by the consultant who was hired by the RM, Meagan Boles, and it had to do specifically about Zoning By-law 21-25 and of course the upcoming public hearings that are going to be taking place next week. I have been receiving significant private citizen correspondence in opposition to proposed By-law 21-25 to date and I want that on record absolutely. And I just want to make another note, I send condolences to a former President of Hazelridge Community Centre, Al Suggitt, who I've known for many years. I know the Mayor had a good and long distinguished rapport with him as well as Councillor Fuhl and this is an individual who championed volunteerism. This is a person dedicated a huge amount of his life and time to baseball and so many other activities at the Hazelridge Community Club and I feel at a loss for our community for him and for his family I have sincere condolences. This is a man who should have received something like the Queen's Jubilee Award because he really, really deserved it so I just want to share that. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - I'll add a couple of points here as well. I guess people are, they're contacting me with regards to this World Unity Convoy, the protest that ...there's a protest on February the 4th. I was advised of that from the R.C.M.P. and Springfield Police Service. The protest was essentially a healthy **uh** exhibition of people's **um** you know **um** dissention with some parts, I'm not even sure exactly what the dissention was about. I just want to make note that it was non violent and nobody was hurt, that's exactly what **uh** I want to see and I think everybody else wants to see that. I've got no problem with **uh** protests and so on like that **uh** and the rules of the law and **uh um** has to apply and these people **uh** applied??? by that and **uh** they were at all reports **uh um** not causing any, any harm so that's a good thing. **Um** as Mark said, we have discussed this before, I was going to make some comments here about Al Suggitt. **Um** I've known Al Suggitt for quite some years. He was an exceptional man and **uh** he volunteered **uh** for the community and anybody who has the fruition??? to volunteer above all, they're the backbones of the community. I'm not saying that to be a politician or to make this political. I just knew the man. He was very strong community minded and **uh** a strong family man, sports and the community in that order. **Um** and I guess above all he was a good family man. **Um** with regards to ..I want to thank the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for hosting that **uh** event in the Industrial Park **uh um**, it was very well attended **there**. I gave a, an impromptu speech **there** and **um** we had some pretty good insight and like Mark had mentioned **there** the issues **there** were the drainage **there** and **uh uh** I won't reiterate what Mark was just saying **there**. **Um** with regards to the **uh** updates about the Municipal Board hearing for the Sio Silica, for the facility **um there**, we haven't heard anything with regards to that for 2, 3 weeks so that's overdue from the Municipal Board just to keep people up to date with regards to that and that should be mine right there unless there's any other **uh** Glen... **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I'd just like to add my condolences to Al Suggitt's family. I worked with Al on many years through my business. I also know he was a great volunteer in this community of Hazelridge area especially and he really did give his heart to the community and I just want to share that also. Thank you. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I attended the Interlake Eastern meeting that was held in Beausejour and I want to report to you that we own 10% of the hospital in Beausejour that probably nobody was aware of because when this hospital was built, there was structure put by the Provincial Government that every community surrounding that hospital had to provide 10% of the funding for that hospital. So we own it and I want to report to you that in our area, we have a 52% shortage of nurses and they don't know how they are going to get nurses. So they sent a delegation to the Philippines to recruit nurses for here. But at the same time a country like Ireland went to get nurses from the Philippines to Ireland and yet the Province of British Columbia went to Ireland to recruit nurses from their country. So I don't know how that is going to work out in the end. In our area, we have 14% of the migrants of the health care workers that they might even be leaving our area or go to other countries or maybe go to other provinces, you know, where the grass is greener and maybe better opportunities financially for them and their families. Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** - Thought I had a mover and seconder for the 6.2 but **uh um** we'll do again just to show we're in chronological??? order. Can I get a mover and seconder for the Department Reports **uh um** on hand **there**, Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). *Be it resolved that Department Operating Reports be accepted as information.* Any questions from Council with regards to **uh** the Reports? I just had a..one report with Waste & Water. I know that Phil is not here. **Um** does the quotes...I see that he **uh um** so that our money is wisely spend **uh** there was 4 quotes that were obtained I believe for some kind of a generator or some piece of apparatus that Wastewater wanted and **uh** they declined saying that they felt the budgets were too high, the quotes were too high, so I give them a lot of credit for looking out for that. They're looking for better **uh** for better costs **uh**. **Uh** I see **uh** oh one thing I noticed as well is the water system infrastructure, maybe I'll ask you Colleen in regards to that, I think we had talked about this is they're looking for contractors to put a fence around the **uh uh** I think it's a pumping station or one of the wells. **Um** we still haven't got that. Is that something Public Works can do? Can we ask Public Works if they can do that **uh** or is there something else holding us up on that. **NOTE: Public Works does not do the fencing suggested in the Water & Waste report to keep facilities such as these protected. In fact, all they do as far as I know is clear roads and deal with drainage issues. From the Water & Waste reports of 2022, it would appear that Public Works was not even**

typically write the resolution that all of Council attend at their discretion uh and that way whoever decides can attend. **Mayor Therrien** -That makes sense because if you change your mind or whatever. **Colleen Draper** - I just wonder if that's how I should draft the resolution then. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, that'll give us some flexibility if you guys change your mind. And the **uh** are you ready to go. *Be it resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend the FCM Conference at their discretion.* **Mayor Therrien** - All those in favour? That's unanimous. The next point is 12.1 to 12.7 I believe or .5 and that's a closed hearing. Sorry people but **uh** this'll be **uh** limited access. Laughing.. Can I get a mover and a seconder? Ya. **NOTE: I personally support attending the FCM Convention just from the point of view of hearing different perspectives and networking. If only a select few go, there is no way they can communicate back to the rest effectively.**

## 12. CLOSED MEETING

### 12.1 Request for metered utility service

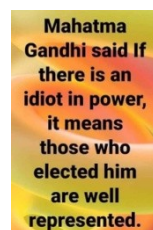
### 12.2 Municipal Water Installation

### 12.3 Waste Cart Replacement

### 12.4 CEC Hearings - Consultant Preparation

**13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING** - **Mayor Therrien** - We're back from the closed session at 51:27 hours **there**. **Um** could I get a mover and a seconder. Is it going to be a mover and a seconder coming out of camera? A mover and a seconder coming out of camera, Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). *Be it Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, then we're gonna... all in favour? **Councillor Fuhl** - Then I'll make a motion. I make a motion that no hats are worn in the Council chambers at any given time during the session of Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. **NOTE: Seriously? That is the resolution they came up with considering the list of items that were to be discussed In Camera? Further there has never been any such requirement in all the time I have been attending meetings. Rural males tend to wear caps, whether inside or outside. If such a policy existed prior to this, it should have been in a note posted on the Council Chamber door. What happened with all the listed items they were to discuss?** I guess we need to include Planning meeting on top of that. **Mayor Therrien** - Within Council chambers, I guess. (Yep) Like I don't think we're here to do **uh** treat adults like children **there** but taking your hat off is just a sign of respect **uh**. You can't wear it in court and I'm not saying this is a court of law but I'm just saying it's kind of something that we've adopted there since Day 1, you know and we all agreed to that except for tonight **uh there** it just kind of **uh** by himself. **Colleen Draper** - I just need a seconder. **Mayor Therrien** - A mover and seconder, Melinda.... **Councillor Fuhl** - I moved. **Mayor Therrien** - ... and Glen. Can we just .. a seconder on your own resolution...ummm **there?** **Councillor Fuhl** - No, I moved it. I'm making the motion. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ok. **NOTE: Try and keep up, Mr. Mayor!** **Colleen Draper** - So *Be it Resolved that no hats be worn in Council Chambers when a meeting is in session including Council, Committee of the Whole, Planning and Special Meetings.* **NOTE: What about Sikhs in turbans, what about women wearing hats, what about Arabs in a keffiyeh, what about a medical condition requiring a head covering, etc.? Personally, I think the discussion Council must have had to come up with such a non specific resolution was a colossal waste of time.** **Mayor Therrien** - All those in favour? That's unanimous. And **uh** we'll be closing out the **uh** meeting at **uh** why don't we say 10 p.m.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT



Mahatma  
Gandhi said If  
there is an  
idiot in power,  
it means  
those who  
elected him  
are well  
represented.