

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

As mentioned in my last notes, a group of citizens concerned with the decisions being made by this Council have met and have thus far taken the action of mailing a pamphlet (Council has FAILED it's ratepayers) to residents in the municipality. Further information can be accessed at <https://www.springfieldsrightscorp.ca> or springfieldratepayerscorp@gmail.com (telephone 204-904-7873) and I am always available to talk at 204-866-3484 about anything in my notes. This is our only way to inform ratepayers, those not in the habit of attending council meetings, who mainly rely on the Clipper for information about what is going on in the municipality. Thus far the costs have been covered by the group as unlike Council and the Municipality, we do not have tax dollars funding us. The group are working on behalf of taxpayers that have already been or will be in the future negatively affected by inappropriate decisions of Council. Council appears to be putting the interests of corporations ahead of those of their residents. DONATIONS TO THE CAUSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, regardless of the amount. An account has been opened and receipts will be issued. Coffee and an apple fritter at Hortons set me back between \$5 and \$10 dollars. That is a small amount to pay for your future comfort and security and the accountability of Council. Please join us in trying to ensure that between now and October 2022 when the next municipal election is held, decisions going forward will be for the benefit of the majority of the ratepayers of Springfield, not corporations.

This meeting lasted 50 minutes. Just over half of that, 27 minutes, was Question Period.

There was one addition to the agenda: Ward Appropriations

QUESTION PERIOD: Janet Nylen - 8.8 Financial Statements, April, May and June. I just want to express my appreciation to the staff to have financials that are available in a timely manner. I do have one question arising from the June statement and that's a payable to Education \$332,871. It was my understanding that all payments for education should be made by January of the year so I don't know if this is related to the refund to the citizens. I don't know what that payable is. **Mayor Fell** - So Colleen, if you're not sure we will pose that question to our Finance ..actually she's not here right now but we will get back to you with that answer, Janet. **NOTE: Later on in this meeting Jody Friesen, the Finance Manager, is recorded and it appears she is at a residence, not the office.** Do you have any other questions? **Janet Nylen** - Yes. Item 6.1 the Opening of the Public Road By-law 21-13 and I think that's for turning lanes into Parrish & Heimbecker. I wondered why the by-law references DEP. NO. 970/2020 WLTO and there's no reference in the by-law to the Plan #6910 that's shown on the attachment, on the sketch. **Mayor Fell** - That...do you need some time, Colleen? She's going to need some time. Do you have any other questions, Janet, and we'll get back to you with that answer. **Janet Nylen** - Usually there's a reference in the by-law to an attached plan number and there's none in this by-law so I just think it would be suitable and I guess the question, Council, would be, do you have ownership of all the lands in question? **NOTE: I believe Mr. Persaud in the silo house did not wish to relinquish any of his land to widen Poplar Road and therefore I do believe the RM is having to expropriate the land they required. However the expropriation process is a lengthy one so I doubt they have ownership of the land they took at this point. That is my opinion. Allowing the P&H Facility to locate on land not zoned commercial/industrial has dramatically negatively affected the residents of that area, the families immediately to the south and in particular, Mr. Persaud. His dream rural home has been forever severely diminished and as a ratepayer, I am appalled at the actions of this Council. They are supposed to represent the ratepayers, not corporations, but this is only one in a long line of decisions that favour commercial entities, Pine Ridge Hollow expansion (sold for considerably less than a reasonable price), Berger Peat Processing Plant (unnecessary as they have one in the vicinity of Hadashville where the peat is mined), CanWhite Sands that potentially could endanger our potable water supply, the vehicle storage lot approved on that idyllic treed building lot on the northeast side of 206 to the north of the Oaks Condo, the proposed residential development on the lot adjacent to Aspen Lakes on Main Street where an older yellow home now stands that was strongly protested by residents of Oakbank...it just goes on and on. THE OPINION AND WISHES OF CURRENT RESIDENTS ARE COMPLETELY IGNORED BY THIS COUNCIL. Next year when the municipal election is held, I would hope you would remember the damage they have done in 4 short years led by Mayor Fell.** **Mayor Fell** - Ok she'll get those answers and I'll ..we'll get back to you right away. **Janet Nylen** - You don't know if you have ownership? **NOTE: it is dishonest of Mayor Fell to pretend that she does not know who has ownership of the land required for turning lanes. Why would you have even allowed P&H to locate there without being completely apprised of the zoning, ownership of the lands in question, impact on the neighbourhood, etc.** **Mayor Fell** - She's just pulling everything up, Janet. **Janet Nylen** - Item 6.3 it's the Aggregate By-law 20-22 and I've never heard the expression Council would defeat a by-law deliberately that has only had First Reading. I've heard of abandonment or replacement by um but... **Mayor Fell** - (interrupting) Well, we actually looked. We went to Municipal Relations to get some advice on how they wanted us to move forward with the process. Um this was the method they wanted us to move forward. We have this in writing. If you would like me to read out that e-mail, I will read it out for you but that's why we're proceeding in this fashion. **Janet Nylen** - So then I'm assuming that you're not going to give Second Reading to that By-law with amendments and you're proceeding with the new by-law, 21-19. **Mayor Fell** - So however it's written in..and again it's still up for a vote but however it's written in the agenda um we will vote on it at that time. **Janet Nylen** - Well, it says you can do either or so I guess .. so then could I comment on that new by-law. I wondered who had prepared it. **Mayor Fell** - Blaine Moffat, our Director of Public Works and some of his employees. **Janet Nylen** - Cause there's some redundancies in...you make reference to Section 232 of the Municipal Act and only some of those sections apply...like there's no section "I" for example preventing

and fighting fires. It's worded awkwardly I think and longer than it needed to be. **Mayor Fell** - Ok well you have those suggestions, as I said before, you can e-mail them in with the suggested highlights in addition to having your questions and we will take a look at that during the process of passing a by-law. **Janet Nysten** - I just wonder, what is Council's intent with this by-law? It seems to be going into areas beyond what we've had in quarries before. **Mayor Fell** - Our intent is to update our by-law. The old by-law was from 70s ..73-22 so it's very old. Uh Blaine did some consultation with the Province in regards to an updated by-law and this is what they came up with. **Janet Nysten** - So putting in refining, roasting, smelting ...those kind of things are now going to be allowed in the quarries? **Mayor Fell** - Um if you're ..regarding..like ancillary uses there, they can apply to do ancillary uses but there's an application process associated with that. **Janet Nysten** - Cause as I read the by-law right now, if they're an existing quarry, they don't have to apply for anything unless ...ok I'm just looking at Section 6 that just relates to new quarries. **Mayor Fell** - So Schedule A is for existing...Schedule E is for existing quarries is the word now (sighing) instead of aggregate operations it's quarries. **Janet Nysten** - My concern is um this has always been a real big dilemma for Council, I appreciate that, for years and I'm glad to see some efforts to go in to make it better but I guess if you're not going to go and inspect all the existing quarries and allow them to continue as is and if they're not lawful, like at least the earlier bylaw **Mayor Fell** - **(interrupting)** We'll be doing that so when they get licensed every year um there's certain things they're have to adhere to to get their license to operate. So just because they're already existing doesn't automatically mean they get to continue to operate. They do have to operate within certain parameters. Um one of the things we're looking to do in the future as well is have someone who's responsible and in play who is responsible to look after um the aggregate operations in Springfield and ensure they're being compliant. **NOTE: i recall a few years ago when they were resurfacing PTH 15 and had an asphalt plant near Vivian just off 302, I believe, and someone was to inspect the plant daily, an insider advised that absolutely NO CHECKING of the operation was done by the municipality.** **Janet Nysten** - I hope so but I don't read that in the wording of your by-law as it stands. Now if today you're only giving first reading to it, I can prepare something in more detail for the next reading. **Mayor Fell** - Ya, you should send it in ahead of time so we have a chance to review it or at least Administration has a chance to review it because if you submit it the same day, we won't be able to go through all those changes on line. It makes it very difficult but at least we can give it to our Public Works Director to review. **Janet Nysten** - Well, I guess the same thing applies if the agenda comes out on a Friday with it and you only have ..you're away or something and you don't have an opportunity..you can't do things in advance so if you're suggesting to me that there will be an opportunity at Second Reading to do that, I will do that. **NOTE: Yes, agendas are posted late Friday afternoon but THEN, subsequently, the agenda is changed prior to the meeting, say Monday or even Tuesday morning without any announcement. Council does this with impunity when really any changes after being posted should be part of the actual meeting when the agenda is being approved. What is sauce for the goose does not seem to be sauce for the gander.** **Mayor Fell** - Well, ya, you have the by-law ..the by-law is available now so if you take a look at it and send it in the Director of Public Works will have a look at that. **Colleen Draper, CAO** - So I can comment on the opening of a public road. So this by-law is just reflecting the fact that we widened Poplar Road so this has nothing to do with any kind of turning lanes on the highway. This is specific to the widening of Poplar Road um and that deposit plan that's being referenced is 970/2020 and that is Schedule A that's attached to the By-law so I guess your question is why did we not reference Schedule A in the by-law itself. **Janet Nysten** - Well and if you look at that attachment it refers to it as Plan #6910... **Colleen Draper, CAO** -**(interrupting)** So that's the Plan # but if you look at the top right corner of that Schedule A it's a Deposit Plan so it's referring to the deposit plan..... **Janet Nysten** -**(interrupting)** So maybe if you say reference deposit plan #970 I might not have been ..I didn't understand what a deposit # 970 was but it's a deposit plan. **Colleen Draper** - Yes and that's kind of on the bottom of page 1, it has the deposit number 970 2020 in brackets there so.... **Mayor Fell** - Thank you for clarification, Colleen and WE OWN THAT ROAD. **NOTE: The Municipality owns the road and the approach (ditch) from which they obtained fill to widen the road. However, turn lanes will need to be established to accommodate the additional traffic caused by the P&H Facility, especially as some of the trucks will be heavily loaded and not able to slow down quickly, and part of the landowners property will be required for the yield on Poplar Road.** **Colleen Draper** - So the RM has ownership of that road. **Darryl Speer** - **(There seemed to be a great deal of technical problems with the audio which is odd because the previous speaker lives only a few blocks away from this speaker and both live in Oakbank.)** Why is Council being directed by the CAO to defeat By-Law 20-22 that was passed with Council's approval December 15th. unanimously? **Mayor Fell** - So as I explained to Janet earlier, we went to Municipal Relations for advice on how to, how to move forward. There's been quite a bit of changes to the aggregate by-law or quarry by-law and we asked Municipal Relations how would you like us to deal with it and this is how they told us to move forward. We **do have that email from them if you would like me to read it out.** **Darryl Speer** - Would you please read it out. **NOTE: Mayor Fell did offer to read out the ruling from Municipal Relations to Jan Nysten but she did not. And then when Mr. Speer requests it be read out, CAO Draper just comments on the amount of changes but does not read out the ruling.** **Colleen Draper** - I think just to clarify that uh we've had comments before where we've given first reading to a bylaw and then we've had so many changes that it's hard to reflect what those changes are before second reading so when I spoke to Municipal Relations about this, I indicated that that's a concern we've had in the past and they suggested defeating at second reading the original bylaw to make it void and uh then proceed with first reading with a new bylaw number just so that it's very clear that this is a new bylaw, there's been several amendments so it was hard to reflect those going from first to second reading with the original bylaw. **NOTE: What is lacking with this Council is the preliminary discussion of issues etc. IN PUBLIC to identify problems with the draft bylaws before they proceed to first reading. Instead, prior to this meeting as an example, the Council were in a meeting from at least 11:45 a.m. on as explained when I tried to Log On using their codes. In other words, by the time the meeting opened, they had been in discussion for a good hour prior to the public meeting which would explain why this meeting started at 1 and ended at 1:50 and the majority of the time was spent in Question Period.** **Darryl Speer** - Why are there schedules missing from By-law 20-22 going into By-law 21-19? **Mayor Fell** - All the schedules are attached to the By-law. **Colleen Draper** - That is some of those, some of the major amendments that we've made to revise some of those schedules so that's another reason we, we've just decided to go first reading with a completely new bylaw.

This gets it out into the public and then we can get further comments from the public on the new proposed bylaw. **NOTE: The amendments were never discussed in or available for discussion by the public. Further where is the Aggregate Committee that was supposed to be reviewing and discussing all aspects of the "aggregate" industry? They appointed a Chair from another Municipality but that was the last we heard of it. Although it has been stated that Blaine Moffat was the author of the new bylaw, having known the gentleman for many, many years now, writing is not one of his strong suits and neither is it of the staff that might be most familiar with that industry. I would suggest the bylaw may have been provided from some other source, perhaps the industry itself.** Darryl Speer - Schedule B is missing in the new bylaw that was in 20-22. Mayor Fell - So there's amendments made so whatever the new bylaw is for First Reading, tho..that's what was done uh with consultation with the Province through Public Works and that's what's coming to Council for its first reading. Darryl Speer - This is a key schedule from 20-22 and should not be omitted from 21-19 is my point. Mayor Fell - Thank you for your feedback. Do you have any other questions, Darryl? Darryl Speer - It has to do with the extraction of aggregate below the water and it is a key provision in By-law 73-22, was carried forward in 20-22 and now it has been removed from 21-19. Why? **NOTE: From what I can recall, dredging below the water line is why the Heatherdale wells went GUDI (Groundwater Under Direct Influence) and ended up having to be treated at considerable expense to taxpayers.** Mayor Fell - So I believe you are talking about the dredging part of it so in consultation with the Province uh the Province advised us that that's their jurisdiction um and dredging is, has to be dealt with through the Provincial ...which department is it, Colleen? The Provincial Mines Department. Darryl Speer - Also missing is Schedule E. Mayor Fell - Darryl, whatever schedules are in there is what the amended bylaw is. Darryl Speer - What I want is why the notification and the community consultation process Mayor Fell - I can't hear what you asked. Darryl Speer - There is no schedule E from 20-22 to 21-19. Why? Mayor Fell - The amendments that have been changed is what the current bylaw is, Darryl. Darryl Speer - I want to know why this has been eliminated? Mayor Fell - Which schedule are you referring to? Darryl Speer - The community consultation has been eliminated. Mayor Fell - Ok so on our Development Plan um we have designations of MX and their permitted uses so it they are a permitted use um they're allowed to happen. Darryl Speer - That changed from a hearing on a Conditional Use. That's been taken away. Mayor Fell - I didn't hear his whole question...but MX has always been a permitted use in our Development Plan. **NOTE: MX is a Development Plan designation. Mining is the use.** Darryl Speer - This made provision for a public hearing. Mayor Fell - But it's a permitted use, Darryl. So that's my answer to your question. Do you have any other questions? Darryl Speer - Well this was identified in November and approved in December and now you're coming back and saying it's withdrawn. That's my question. Mayor Fell - So Darryl, both..both of them are on the agenda. You can see what both bylaws look like so if it's not there, then it's been changed or withdrawn. Like your, like the answer's right there. Do you have any other questions or comments? Darryl Speer - Following up on Janet's question, does the RM have(his voice drops off) Mayor Fell - I've got nothing. Is there anybody here. Darryl, we can't hear you at all. Is there anybody else in the gallery that has any uh questions or comments? **NOTE: I believe by gallery Mayor Fell is referring to those who are attending the meeting on line as physical attendance is prohibited.** Colleen Draper - Darryl, if you could please e-mail me any more questions that you have then I can try and get those responses for you. **NOTE: The trouble with that is that the answers are then not part of public record as they are in writing to an individual. Council and particularly the CAO should be prepared to field questions on the topics covered by the agenda, if not other general questions.** Mayor Fell - Ok I will then close the Question Period cause I don't see anybody unmuting or putting their little hand up.

BYLAWS

6.1 By-law 21-13 Opening of a Public Road (2nd Reading) - Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law 21-13 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to open a public road, NW 1/4 32-10-6. NOTE: This is Poplar Road, immediately south of PTH #15 and it has been open even since I moved to the municipality in 1977. Peter Williams - Paragraph 1 has two parts to it and they don't seem to be consistent...like part 1 refers to the Deposit Land No. and then subject to reservations and provisions contained in the grant from the Crown but that clause is missing from the second part of Paragraph 1. **(There is a very long pause while everyone on Council looks at their copy which they should have read before the meeting.)** Colleen Draper - I uh you know I'd have to look into that if we want to hold off on Third Reading then we can confirm that. So this is the way the by-law was received by Legal Counsel so ..I assumed it was correct so... Mayor Fell - Well, we'll just double check that. We'll put it on the next Council meeting. **NOTE: Should Council not have checked all that before the meeting, not to mention the CAO?** Councillor Wilson - Well, we can do the Second Reading. Mayor Fell - Ok so we'll verify that Councillor Williams. Is there any other questions or comments? All those in favour? **CARRIED 6-0 NOTE: I am frankly appalled at Councillor Wilson who used to be such an advocate for preserving our resources, particularly in the aggregate area of the municipality, but now seems in a haste to pass an ill conceived piece of legislation written by outsiders. How can Council unanimously vote on what they know to be a flawed by-law? WHAT IS THE HURRY?**

6.2 By-law 21-18 Speed Limits (Second Reading) - Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law 21-18 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway or portion of a highway under the responsible traffic authority's jurisdiction. Councillor Williams - I don't have a problem with the by-law itself. There's some detailed issues in the Schedule B and we don't have to discuss it now. I'm willing to move ahead with the by-law. Mayor Fell - Yes that's what our Public Works Director had said is we're moving forward with the by-law and we can amend those as we need and as move forward with our Traffic Study and our Traffic Plan that they're working on. **NOTE: Maybe I am wrong but why is Council approving faulty by-laws pending future amendment? Should Staff not ensure the by-law is as correct as it can be at that point in time before it even comes to Council for the vote? Should Council not require Staff to provide them with complete and accurate material to be passed by resolution? Otherwise why bother even approving things...why not just live by the Wild,**

Wild West rule? CARRIED 6-0 THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO A FLAWED BY-LAW. HOW CAN YOU UNANIMOUSLY CARRY A BY-LAW THAT IS NOT CORRECT WHEN YOU VOTE ON IT? WHAT IS THE HURRY? They are all making very nice compensation packages for very little work product. At least they could put a little more time and thought into their decisions.

6.3 By-Law 20-22 Aggregate By-law - *Be it resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law No. 20-22 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield for the purpose of regulating aggregate operations in the Municipality.* **Councillor Wilson** - I support this by-law over what is proposed to replace it. **Mayor Fell** - All those in favour? Opposed? What...say that...sorry....we're giving second reading but we don't ...we want it...ok thank you. Can we read that out again? **Colleen Draper** - So this resolution is written in the positive to give second reading to bylaw no. 20-22 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield for the purpose of regulating aggregate operations in the municipality. **DEFEATED 5-1**

6.4 By-law 21-19 Quarry By-law (First Reading) - *Be it resolved that First Reading be given to By-law No. 21-19 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield for the purpose of regulating quarry operations in the Municipality.* **Councillor Wilson** - I have concerns regarding this proposed by-law such as the possibility of unspecified ancillary uses, the limited number of control measures on existing pits, the omission of stipulations on water quality leaving pit areas or control of extraction activity in ground water, the lack of a plan of end of life goals for progressive rehabilitation for all pits, the lack of opportunity for notification and community consultation and the lack of direction restricting post extraction uses for these vulnerable areas. Now I would ask that these measures be addressed before presentation of this bylaw for First Reading. **NOTE: Too little, too late, Councillor Wilson.** **Mayor Fell** - Thank you. Is there any other comments from Council? All those in favour? Opposed? Abstain? **CARRIED NOTE: Fell, Ralke, Bredin, and Williams voted for it, Councillor Fuhl abstained, Councillor Wilson voted against it. Abstaining is implying you have no position on the matter. After all these years, and participating in the Aggregate Task Force, Councillor Fuhl should have a position on the matter. Abstaining is the coward's way of getting out of an uncomfortable situation. During my term as Councillor I attended all the Aggregate Task Force meetings that began in 2015. The Task Force passed a motion that a Strategic Environmental Assessment be conducted which was approved by Council but never done. CAO Russ Phillips tabled a report that was approved by Council critical of the aggregate industry. Council then introduced and approved a resolution to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention that stated "Therefore be it resolved that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to end the exemption for the aggregate industry from the Sustainable Development Act by 2023". On November 20, 2018 the new Council passed a resolution as follows: "Be it resolved that the Council of the RM of Springfield seek to have the Association of Manitoba Municipalities remove Resolution 23-218 (which is the one previously referred to) and be it further resolved that Council meet with the appropriate government departments to discuss a solution going forward." Shortly thereafter CAO Phillips unexpectedly 'resigned' and the Aggregate Task Force was dissolved without notice, never to be heard of again. In 2020 Council gave First Reading to By-law 20-22 that contained key controls over aggregate activities in the municipality. Now Council under the direction of Mayor Fell has rescinded that by-law. By-law 21-19 above removes all the key controls over the aggregate industry. WHY? Bear in mind that this Council is a member in good standing of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, an initiative of Nicole Chabot of Chabot Ents. Ltd., a major player in the aggregate extraction business. I feel it is not hard to see that the aggregate industry exerts a great deal of influence over the decisions of Council.**

8.1 Fuel Card Policy - *Be it resolved that the Fuel Card policy be accepted as presented.* **Councillor Fuhl** - The...on non fuel purchases shall be restricted, I'm just going to the examples of typical non fuel purchases included, windshield washer fluid. I'm not so sure like again if there's um short a quart of oil in the machinery that's being used at the time, I wouldn't have a problem if it needs a quart of oil and maintenance at that time when they're fuelling up so I would like to see that be added in. Again you just never know where that vehicle is sitting at the time when they do a serv...or go fill up with fuel. **Councillor Williams** - Alternately can we not consider having those purchases on a separate uh separate receipt? I agree that it should be taken care of at the time. **NOTE: This policy is titled "Fuel Card Policy" and was presented at the July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, supposedly written by Joy Janz, the Human Resource Manager. The only discussion was as follows: Councillor Williams - My concern is that it's easy to add something as simple as a coffee on their .. or other personal items and I'm wondering if there's a way to uh police that..maybe request a um a receipt and submit that receipt with the monthly form. Councillor Fuhl - Ya, I can add some information to that. My business has fleet cards and they are restricted to nothing else other than fuel or maintenance for the vehicle so that can be done through a fleet card so that would be my, you know, again recommendation. NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE POLICY BETWEEN THE C.O.W. MEETING AND THIS MEETING.** **Mayor Fell** - Jody, can you comment on that? Can you do that with the card? Can you just limit it to 2 things or are we going to limit it to, like oil, transmission fluid, gas, like are we going to give them a whole list of approved purchases? **Jody Thiessen, Finance Manager** - Um well intentionally this is only supposed to be for a secondary use uh right now everybody is still filling up at the Public Works shop with the exception of the uh Fire Department um but otherwise all other vehicles are being fuelled at the Public Works shop and when there's some, something of concern they will talk to the mechanic at the shop because all the fuel and lubes are at that, at that location here in Oakbank. Um we can have discussions with the departments if they are concerned about um if they're low on oil or, or um we put windshield washer fluid because we can see if in the event that um it wasn't topped up at the last oil change that's when there might be and especially in the spring when it's very sloppy outside, we can see that there be a required need for additional um, um windshield washer fluid but um at this point in time, we haven't even with our Fire Department that needed a Charge Card, they've never needed to use or utilize another um you know um fuelling up or grabbing uh, um let's say some uh oil or if it's something like uh antifreeze or anything like that, we haven't, there's been no charges um but there could be, I guess, consideration in any event...most of the individuals that do or are supplied with a company vehicle, they also um either have their manager or they're an assistant manager with uh a company credit card as well so there is an alternative option if they want to charge on the credit card for those um additional supplies but.

NOTE: I am only aware of one manager, Blaine Moffat, that uses an RM vehicle to commute back and forth to work, ostensibly so he can look for problems in the RM between his residence and the office. **Mayor Fell - (interrupting)** So is your recommendation just to keep it for gas right now cause there's so many alternatives? **Jody Thiessen** -Ya I kinda wanted this to be only a separate, like a secondary back up for fuelling um I definitely recognize in the event of something concerning um the department may want to look into it but um ya right now it's intentionally only secondary. **Councillor Fuhr** - Ya I'm good with that. I just when I...it kind of triggered me when I saw the windshield washer fluid. When I re-read it again it kind of went along the way that you know when you're at a service station they ask if you want your oil checked so it's like, ok that's the reason I brought it up. **Mayor Fell** - Well and we can, so we can go forward the way it's written and then if there is staff that some and say, you know we would, we would like to see this, we can just amend the policy if necessary. Is everybody alright with that? **NOTE: Councillor Ralke commented for several minutes ending with the statement "We gotta trust them". I disagree. I think the major role of Council is to set policy and ensure that the policies set in place by resolution and by-law are adhered to by all. Staff are in place to implement the policies agreed to by councils elected by the people to represent their interests. Staff do not set policy. They merely participate in the writing of it and comply with it.** The vote was then taken. **CARRIED 6-0**

8.3 Speed Limit Policy - Councillor Wilson wanted an addition to this policy but he was vetoed in one of **Councillor Ralke's** lengthy and unnecessary protestation. **CARRIED 5-1**

8.4 Committee Appointments - *Be it resolved that the following amendments to Council Committee appointments be approved until on or about the third Tuesday of November 2021: (???) Springfield Tache Weed Board - Remove Councillor Wilson, add Councillor Bredin,; Agricultural Advisory Committee - Remove Mayor Fell, add Councillor Wilson.* **Mayor Fell** - So we just had a couple of requests for committee changes. They're small requests so I just asked Colleen to add them to the agenda. You've heard what they are. **With any committee the head of Council is able to attend meetings.** **CARRIED 6-0**

8.7 List of Accounts - Payroll \$287,007.65 **NOTE: I have several questions on this 6 1/2 pages of cheques which I will direct to the CAO and Council in writing and include in subsequent notes with the answers provided.**

8.8 Second Quarter Financial Statements - Mayor Fell - First we're going to let um Colleen answer the question from earlier from Janet. **Colleen Draper** - So um Ms. Nysten was talking about the \$332,000. payment that shows under the Education Levy. Um so I spoke with the Finance Department. It's the levy we were charged from assessments and so I believe they didn't realize it would pull it into this report. They will be um rewording the Financial Statements as a different way of that. I don't know, Jody, if you want to expand on that or... **Jody Thiessen** - Ya, I definitely can. Ya what we wanted to do is recognize the assessment to levy charge from the Assessment Branch and uh recognized it as a payable. Uh what we wanted to do is account for it as like a provincial payable and um so it's reflecting of a provincial levy uh on our books but in the report on the page that is called FR001 um it defaulted to the Education category. Um I can go in and modify that to reflect um instead of education and it should be worded as provincial levy so um it was something that we recognized the \$ amount was there but we didn't recognize the name on that category. **Councillor Williams** - Yes on the page, the seventh page or page 7, um Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues, the Planning Department permits has an item on there called Pit Restoration Fees which we didn't budget for so are these new fees that are um being levied or that we're getting as revenue? **Jody Thiessen** - What these are, they're for, it, I think Pit Restoration Fees is an old category that we've just consistently kept it going named that. It's actually related to last year's Pit um Pit Fees and Permits that we've charged. Um this submission by a couple of the gravel pits we received after our cut off so these are related to last year so it's not a new item um it was just not budgeted for that period. **Councillor Williams** - I'm just wondering why it's called Pit Restoration. Ya I think it's just old terminology. We haven't updated the Financial Statements in a while. Um it probably should be reflected more of like our Pit fees. **CARRIED 6-0**

COUNCIL WENT IN CAMERA, RETURNED AND ADJOURNED WITHOUT ANYTHING FURTHER BEING DISCUSSED.