

RM of Springfield
Council Meeting June 18, 2024

NOTE: On Page 5 of the June 20, 2024 issue of the Winnipeg Free Press, there is a Notice of Public Hearing on Regional Planning by 01aw Plan 20-50 Thursday July 25, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the CanadInns Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/@winnipegmetroregion>. I telephoned and inquired and anybody can attend including members of the public and they are only required to register if they intend to speak on the subject. If they are just there to observe, they are not required to register.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 3 hours11 minutes (does not seem to include the In Camera portion as they adjourned at 10:01)

2. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION – Mayor Therrien –Ok ladies and gentlemen, we’re ready to start uh we’re actually on recording right now. Uh this is the RM of uh Springfield uh meeting uh agenda uh for June 18th of uh 2024 um starting at exactly uh 6 p.m. Uh just a little bit of housekeeping uh here, we’ve got a young child in here so I want to make sure that everybody’s decorum is uh is up to standards uh tonight uh.???**NOTE: Is the Mayor implying that normally the audience is guilty of behaviour not “up to standards”?**Uh anyone has a problem with hearing uh then let me know we’ve already tested it though so there should be uh no problems uh **there**. Um if there’s an elderly uh couple that come **inthere**, I expect uh somebody can give up uh their seats uh to our elderly uh people uh**there**. Um my name is uh Mayor Patrick Therrien, I’m the Mayor of the RM of uh Springfield. **NOTE: Obviously the Mayor has a low opinion of his constituents if he feels he has to direct them to do the right thing and states the obvious.**And I’ll present uh Council to you uh momentarily uh **there**.**NOTE: At which point he immediately does, using the turquoise blue pencil he is holding in his hand the entire meeting.**Um this is uh Deputy Mayor Glen uh Fuhlto my right, uh Andy Kuczynski to his right, Mark Miller um next and then Melinda Warren. And uh like I say um we’ve got a young uh child in the audience uh and uh people on line as well so everybody’s going to be heard uh **if you can take your hats off in Chambers** uh Sir, that’s all I’m asking uh **there** and uh we’ll keep the doors open, I guess for the time being uh **there**.**NOTE: The Mayor is obsessed with men wearing hats in the Council Chamber. Never in my history of following Council meetings have I ever seen men, especially those from rural settings, being required to remove their hats. Caps are a fixture out here.**Um if we find that it’s getting hot, then we’ll open up that door as well um so uh we’ll get uh started uh here. I’m going to call uh the meeting to order and I’ll ask uh uh Councillor Miller for the uh Invocation please.
Councillor Miller – Uh thank you, Mr. Mayor and uh let me share the ironic blessing from Number 6:22:27 uh *The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His Face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord lift up his Countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.* **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**Mayor Therrien** – Uh then we’ll do the Land Acknowledgement. Uh the RM of uh Springfield acknowledges that we are uh gathered on ancestral lands, uh Treaty One territory, traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, uh Dene Peoples, and on the National Homeland of the uh Red River uh Métis.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**Mayor Therrien** –Um we will get into the uh portion of the agenda uh Item Number 4, uh that’ll be Approval of the Agenda, uh can I get a mover and a seconder for that, please. Uh Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **NOTE: Both the CAO and Mayor start to talk at once.****Mayor Therrien** –Oh...go ahead. **CAO Colleen Draper** – Uh *Be it Resolved that the Agenda be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any additions? **NOTE: There is a long pause. The Mayor is probably trying to find where he is in the agenda.****Councillor Kuczynski** – I have a request to change the agenda and put the point 11.4 Public Utility Board before the uh point 8 uh 1 because this a new item, it should be here to the public, explain to the public what’s happening through the uh um Public Utility Board Order sixty-four...66.24 the Project Water Rates Surcharge. **Mayor Therrien** – I’m not sure why that would make any difference whatsoever, uh this, this isn’t a public hearing um **with regards to** that. We’re eventually going to get to it so it’s not going to make any uh difference at all to take it out of order. **Councillor Kuczynski** – It will make a difference because uh people are, are not aware about the surcharge and if we’re going to be voting on uh second and third reading before that, people should be aware about it that there will be a surcharge on everybody who is on piped water and ... and there ... understood. **CAO Draper** – Uh just to clarify uh on February 8th of 2024 at the Special Meeting Council passed a resolution to increase the utility rates. Uh this is the Public Utilities Board approving that uh request subject to Third Reading of the borrowing bylaw. So Council is not voting on the Public Utilities Board Order, that’s just for information. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I understand but to... we have to explain to the... our residents what’s happening so they are aware before we’re going to vote on the Second and Third Reading for our uh borrowing bylaw. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, they’re going to hear that but I don’t see any reason to have it out of order. Go ahead. **Councillor Miller** – Ya, I think Councillor Kuczynski’s uh suggestion is absolutely in order. I think the residents are here, they need to know what the surcharge will be on the additional water uh usage uh, and it’s a simple change, it’s uh it doesn’t take a lot of effort to make that adjustment. Um I think it’s very, very important actually. **Mayor Therrien** – Well to take it out of order, uh I’ll ask the rest of Council what uh they feel uh uh I’ll ask uh uh Melinda Warren what her thoughts are on it. **Councillor Warren** –I don’t really have an issue of where it’s placed um like I... like Ms. Draper said there uh our CAO, it’s...it’s already been ... (aside: what’s wrong...I’m good) ...ya, I don’t ... it doesn’t matter the order for me. **Mayor Therrien** – Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** – Ya, I’m ok with the order too. **Mayor Therrien** – Then uh I’m uh.... that’s a majority so I’ll go with uh the majority and we’ll just read that out uh **there** uh um we’ll move it uh to uh (eight) where do you want to move it to? **NOTE: There are only 5 members on Council so if two want to move it and two are ok leaving it where it is, there is no majority. So the Mayor is choosing a side, not simply going with the majority.** **Councillor Warren** – It doesn’t matter. **Mayor Therrien** – Why don’t we just uh do it un now then we’ll just read that uh 11 point uh 4 which is ... it’s not a voting uh **there** but we can ... we could read that. Would that be ok? **CAO Draper** – Uh, you’re wanting to read the Public Utilities Board order out?**Mayor Therrien** – Ya, I could do that ... **CAO Draper** – Or discuss it? I’m not...**Mayor Therrien** – Ya, I think it’s just to be read ... so that the public will know. And I’ll read that right now. If my screen comes up there... ummmm it’s 5 pages uh here um

starting at 1 **NOTE: That seems pretty obvious.** It's an executive summary by this order the Manitoba Public Utilities Board approves in principle funding uh through utility rates a portion of the debenture servicing costs uh for the RM of uh the Rural Municipality of Springfield uh Springfield Water uh Wastewater Utility construction of a new uh Dugald/Oakbank uh Water Treatment Plant and supply expansion project, herein noted as DOWS Project. The proposed project surcharge is calculated uh below um there's quite a few numbers here uh it comes down to a total funding of \$29.4 uh million dollars um with a sub uh total grant funding of \$10.6 uh and a reserve funding of uh \$6. uh 2 million dollars uh for a total subtotal of \$12. uh 6 million. Ummmmm, the water rate increase per cubic meter required to fund the net uh debt amortization at 6.1 % interest uh is uh \$1. or uh \$1.34. Uh the application on uh March the 7th of 2024 the RM applied to the Board for approval to implement a utility surcharge uh to partially uh fund the debenture payments uh for the DOWS project that uh um Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment uh um facility uh **there**. The DOWS project consists of the following major capital components, um they're bullet forms uh: Construction of a new uh Dugald/Oakbank uh Water Treatment Plant; uh Upgrades for Existing uh Water Treatment Plant, electrical, mechanical and architectural uh components; upgrades to existing pumps; install backup power at existing Dugald raw water wells; uh development of two new raw water wells at the Dugald raw water uh well field for additional long term water supply; uh increased raw water uh pipeline capacity from Dugald raw water well field uh to new water treatment plant; uh construct a new pipeline from the new water treatment uh plant uh the Dugald Oakbank to increase uh long term water; uh decommissioning of the existing raw water uh well field. Uh the DOWS project includes uh \$2.7 million in upgrades to existing water infrastructure that benefits existing customers, the additional capital works, uh expand water capacity to benefit the existing and future customers. Uh the RM anticipates the DOWS project uh will begin uh the latter quarter of uh 2024 and will take 2 years to complete. Uh grant funding has been approved and the reserve funding is available in the RM's Reserves. The RM has submitted uh debt authorization uh Bylaw Number 24-01 uh to the Municipal Board for approval. Uh the Board findings: The Board approves uh in principle the addition of the surcharge to the water rate uh partially to recover the debenture services cost to the DOW's WS project. Uh the Board directs the RM to apply for final approval prior to billing the surcharge to the utility customers once the final debenture amount and the annual payment has been determined. The Board also directs the RM to submit a copy of the Debt Authorization uh Bylaw 24-01 once it has uh received Third and Final Reading. And the Board also advised the RM that should there be changes in the proposed funding model, it should immediately notify the Utilities Board. Um uh therefore uh it is therefore ordered that the Rural... the RM of Springfield proposal to partially recover the debenture uh servicing costs of the DOWS project uh through a water rate uh surcharge is hereby approved uh in principle. The Rural Municipality of Springfield, Springfield Water & Wastewater Utility is required to return the Public Utilities Board uh with the final debenture servicing costs uh including the annual payment and surcharge proposal prior to billing uh customers. The Rural Municipality of Springfield provides the Utility Board uh with a copy of the borrowing bylaw once it has been received and the final reading uh fees payable in the order of \$150. Board Decision may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Utility Board's Act, excuse me, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedures. Signed Mary-Lynn uh Capitani um I'm sure I mispronounced that **NOTE: He did not and why would he, it is pronounced just the way it is spelled.** and Jennifer Dubois and signed uh on the 30th of May I believe. And that's it. Uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Uh thank you, Mr. Mayor, for reading that. I'm sure every one of us, including myself, understood every point of that. Uh it was legalize but what we really want to know, and I know you would have the answer, is how much is that going to impact the pocketbook of residents who are on piped water today or going forward I should say. That's what we really want to know is how much is it going to impact us in the pocketbook going forward? **CAO Draper** – So the Resolution passed on February 8th uh reads uh: *Be It Resolved that the RM of Springfield apply to the Public Utilities Board to increase the current water utility rates from \$2.30 cents per cubic meter to \$3.64 cents per cubic meter.* **NOTE: I am not good at math and I am also not good at comprehending the metric system but even so, that seems like a fair sized hike to me.** So the impact on water rates for a minimum quarterly utility bill currently is \$80.08. Uh with these new rates it increased \$18.76 to \$98.84 cents per quarter. **Councillor Miller** – Per quarter. **CAO Draper** – Correct. **Councillor Miller** – Ok. So approximately \$60. per or \$80 actually \$80 per year on a minimal use, you are indicating, right? **CAO Draper** – Yep, it depends on the water usage. **Councillor Miller** – So a larger family it would obviously impact more so I think that helps a little bit, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, um Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I would like to make a comment. So I represent 2/3 of Oakbank so there is a lot of population, over probably 3,000 people. I want to let everybody know, when you bought your house, you paid for your sewer and water, installation of your pipes and everything else, hookup to your...to the system. So you paid once. Secondly you're paying levies on your water on a quarterly basis. Thirdly the Municipality is asking you now to pay for, the Municipality at large, for the ... providing our new Water Treatment Plant and that's not... doesn't even include the...our lagoons here. So you're paying a third time and then fourth time, now you're going to pay surcharge. And surcharge depending on the size of your family, it could be from \$240. a year to \$500. a year, depending on how much water you are going to use. So you are paying four times for, for the service that you are not going to probably even use. It's going to be for new development. So I want to be...everybody ... that you are aware about that. So that why I want to put this forward before we are going to be voting on the Second and Third reading of our Water Treatment Plant. Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Unless there's any other uh adjustments uh to the Agenda, I'd like to get a show of hands, those in support? **Councillor Miller** – Actually, Point of Order, there is uh one other adjustment to the Agenda, Mr. Mayor, that uh we would ask that a non-scheduled uh delegation be allowed as per uh 11.4 of the Procedure Bylaw because until the agenda was uh posted on Friday afternoon, the delegation had no idea that Bylaw 24-01 was going to be on the Agenda so I would like to make a motion that uh Ms. Janet Nylen be added to the Agenda as a non-scheduled delegation as permitted by .11.4 of the Procedure Bylaw and I think I have somebody to second that. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, probably. **NOTE: Councillor Kuczynski holds up his hand at that point.** But uh what, what I am ... it's got to be uh by the consent of Council. There's no...there's nothing emergent about this. This has already gone through the Public Hearing. This is just for us to vote on the Second and Third reading. There's a **huge amount of misinformation out there** where people who are coming here thinking that this is uh a public hearing. **NOTE: I don't believe anyone attending did so because they thought it was a public hearing.** It's not a public hearing. The information out there is, is incorrect uh um by uh some people uh **there** uh to put uh uh another person as a delegation as an emergency provision. So I'd be against that cause it's not. This is aI know Mrs. uh Nylen has already spoken **with regards to** this uh so there's not any new information uh that's emergent, uh um I would be against that. **Councillor Miller** – And that's fine, Mr. Mayor but there's a motion on the floor, it was seconded.... **Mayor Therrien** – And we're going to vote. **Councillor Miller** – Exactly. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya. **Councillor Miller** – Well, we're going to discuss it first but you had your discussion, your comments, I know. But as we've been very upset about this Procedure Bylaw because when the agenda is posted for individuals on a Friday, they have no opportunity ...no... you actually have no voice here because this meeting is happening, it's 5 days in advance, we're trying to make this more accessible, more uh amenable to people, come to talk to Council, why would we want to close the doors to people and here's another example that uh whoever is going to vote

against this motion is going to lock the doors to people and then maybe you next time so I, I just am completely frustrated.... **Mayor Therrien** – You know, I, I resent that. That's totally out of uh scope uh **there**. And it's uh ... it's not called for. **Councillor Miller** – You know, we're entitled to our comments, Mr. Mayor and your opinion is your opinion, Melinda's opinion is hers, Andy and **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – We're not here electioneering uh Mark ok. Your comments are not required in ... in how we vote cause it has nothing to do....we vote as a Council and that's simply said.**Councillor Miller** – I'm speaking the truth, Mr. Mayor. Others.... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – How can you say it's the truth... that this is not electioneering uh **there**, we're here to discuss this matter. **Councillor Miller** – You know, every time this Mayor calls me a drama queen, a child.... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – I never said drama queen. **Councillor Miller** – You sure did, I've got it in **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – Oh before, before I have, yes. **Councillor Miller** – Not today but every meeting he calls me something new because it doesn't go his way. **Mayor Therrien** – Whatever. **Councillor Miller** - Watch him smug ...eron... **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, why don't we uh vote on the uh whether we're going to allow uh um Mrs. Nysten to speak uh under the uh circumstances of uh an emergency uh provisions to allow us to do so and I would be totally against that because it isn't. She's already... **NOTE: WELL! If the Mayor says it isn't, then he is sort of indicating to Council that he is right and they shouldn't consider giving Ms. Nysten an opportunity to speak.****Councillor Miller** – You've had your say **Mayor Therrien** – Ok everybody relax, Mr. Mackie especially. **NOTE: Not appropriate, singling out someone by name. Maybe he's a little paranoid because Mr. Mackie is quite intelligent.**Alright, Melinda. **NOTE: The audio has conversations going on between a councillor and the crowd that I will not transcribe.**Ok, Melinda. **Councillor Warren** – Excuse me. (laughing) Um uh this agenda is quite long ... um not funny ... uh ... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – We want to have some decorum in here, let somebody speak.... **Councillor Warren** – This agenda is quite long. Um I, I would like to hear Ms. Nysten but I would like to limit that it's not a full delegation, it's not 15 minutes because we have people lined up everywhere and I would just like to hear what you have to say, M'am. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** – I would just like to add that there's Question Period, we can ask Janet Nysten to speak during Question Period. We've already had the Public Hearing, everybody could have come out then which the ones that did, great and the ones that didn't, well now we're past that so uh Question Period is still here today for uh the beginning of the meeting. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – And she can ... Mrs. Nysten can talk during Question Period. Ok Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I'm ... I'm voting for Ms. Nysten speaking as a delegation because she has a very important issue that she wants to raise and she should be allowed to speak freely. Because she didn't have time to... that item wasn't on the agenda on Friday and she had to provide her delegation 5 days before the agenda, she didn't have time because she wasn't aware that was going to be on the agenda so we have to allow Ms. Nysten to speak. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, as far as I can tell um it's Glen and I uh and we're going to go with democracy there and uh we'll allow Mrs. Nysten to speak uh **there**. It's...it's not uh an emergency uh provisions **there**, I think it's a misuse of the provisions uh **there** but that said, I am going to go with what Council has agreed to uh so um I think we were uh at Approval of the Agenda, **there** um can I get a show of hands for Approval of the Agenda. It is carried.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES Council Meeting May 21, 2024-Mayor Therrien –Uh Adoption of the Minutes, uh can I get a mover and a seconder. Melinda and Mark (Warren/Miller). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas the Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 21st have been previously distributed to Council, Be It Resolved that the same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions from Council **with regards to** Adoption of the Minutes? I see none. Can I get a show of hands, those in support? That is unanimous and is carried.

6. QUESTION PERIOD-Mayor Therrien – Uh Question Period uh **there** and that's questions uh pertaining only pertaining to the uh current uh agenda items uh **there**. Uh we allow 15 minutes uh for that. Uh um we got to do on line here first. Uh I don't see anybody on line um and in the audience. Um Tangi. **Tangi Bell** – Hi. Tangi, hi, Tangi Bell, Anola, Manitoba regarding Bylaw 24-01, the uh for the ... **NOTE: I believe an audience member called out that she was going to have to get closer to the microphone.**... uh hello (yep) ... there we go. Borrowing Bylaw 24-01 it uh...it states that there is for two new raw water wells, the expansion to the Dugald well field. However the Environment Act License application that you filed indicates three raw wells. So what is it, 2 or 3? Mr. Mayor? **Mayor Therrien** – Um I'll refer to uh Phil or our CAO for that one. **NOTE: What? Our Mayor is not aware of such a project?** **Tangi Bell** – Don't you know?**Mayor Therrien** – I'm going to refer to Phil uh (laughter in the background). That's a genuine question ... I'm ... like ... **Mayor Therrien** – Is Phil on line? **Phil Pawluk** – Oh hi, Mayor Therrien. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead, Phil. **Phil Pawluk** – Uh so the overall project will involve 3 wells. At this time, we're applying for 3 conditional or 3 wells with 2 already drilled and would be activated at the initial onset. The third well would be drilled sometime in the future when it becomes a requirement. And then we would go through ... it would go through an amendment to the license at that time. **Tangi Bell** – So for optics, are you saying that the Environment Act License application is incorrect? **Phil Pawluk** – No, not at all. **Tangi Bell** –So it's for 3 wells is what you're asking. And so what we may see in the future is an additional cost to the taxpayer for the additional one well, is that correct. **Phil Pawluk** – Well, that could be a possibility in the future, yes. **Tangi Bell** – A possibility in the future (laughing). Ok ... **Mayor Therrien** – Ladies and gentlemen. **NOTE: I guess the audience was laughing at that answer.** **Tangi Bell** – And also regarding that proposal on the wells, it indicates that these wells will not have the impact of their draw assessed on this plan, on this license application. Is that correct? **Phil Pawluk** – That's correct. So this license that's being applied for, that's the Water Plant and the pipelines specifically. There is a second Environmental Application being prepared by Friesen Drillers Limited for the two uh wells that were drilled in March. And those will be filed under a separate license. **Tangi Bell** – Ok, so why are they now filed in this license application, for 3 wells? **Phil Pawluk** – I ... they should not be filed in this license, this is a Report that was filed specifically by Associated Engineering indicates that the Environmental Block License for the wells is being filed separately by Friesen Drillers so it only speaks to the wells but not the actual content of the wells. **Tangi Bell** – However the license application states for 3 new wells to the Dugald Well Field Expansion. Why are they then in that license application if they are not to be licensed? **Phil Pawluk** – Uh they're being licensed by the separate Environmental Act License that's being prepared by Friesen Drillers, however the project as a whole has to speak to the new wells so that's why they're referred to for the raw water source as part of the Water Plant Project and the well license is being filed separately under a separate Environment Act license as required. **Tangi Bell** – Um... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – A minute and a half, M'am. **Tangi Bell** – So will those impact the assessed at that time but you already have the 2 wells dug. And will those impact the assess for 3 wells or 2 wells. **Phil Pawluk** – Uh it would be assessed for 2 wells at the tim at this time with the license with the provision that the 3rd well would come on line sometime down the future, possibly a decade from now based on the withdrawal requirements. **Tangi Bell** – I would like to say that the Environment Act license that you applied is extremely nebulous, it's not clear whatsoever and I would hope that you would clear that up and that it would be updated with the Department and with the taxpayers in the RM of Springfield. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, M'am. Um somebody else on line. I don't see... I hear somebody but I don't see the hand up there. In the audience? Uh Jill. **Jill Overall** – Mr. Mayor, some people sitting near me would like you to turn your mike

up, please. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. **Jill Overall** – I’m here to talk about I’m here to talk about the borrowing bylaw. My name is Jill Overall, I’m a long-time resident of Oakbank. I am on a well because I was on a well, I am now on piped water and I am a little amazed that we’re having a surcharge and I have a feeling it’s to support this borrowing bylaw. But that’s not my question. I’m here before you today, Council and Mayor, because your willingness to borrow multi-millions of dollars for this fast-tracked development plan actually scares me. I’m a person who likes to pay my way as I can. I keep my debt load as low as I can so this staggering amount that you’re proposing to borrow and then have us pay interest on for years goes against all the financial training and advice that I’ve ever been given. The previous Council and Mayor began to prepare for development in Dugald by spending \$4 million dollars on a new Water Treatment Plant that’s at the corner of 206 and Highway 15. They only finished it last year. That seems like controlled spending towards expansion. Four million dollars is a far cry from the thirty million dollars that you’re talking about. In all the history of Springfield Municipality, we have never been more than \$7 million dollars in debt. Why doesn’t this borrowing bylaw scare you like it scares me? We could all go back to approving developments as we can afford it and as our now exhausted Reserve Fund builds up. That way we would not increase the tax load of current residents in order to bring in new people to our community. To my question is to each councillor and the Mayor so that I can understand where you’re coming from. So can I start with you, Melinda. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh no, no, no, you’ve got to address the uh the Chair... that’s ... everything comes through myself and that’s just Procedural Bylaw so don’t... **Jill Overall** – Ok. Not a problem. **Mayor Therrien** – That’s just the way it is **there**, you can’t be asking the Council ... **NOTE: People are protesting what he is saying.** ...that’s the Procedural Bylaw so... **Jill Overall** – But each of these people have a vote and that’s the... **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, what’s the question, M’am? What’s the question? **Jill Overall** – I would like to ask each councillor, what’s the one thing that is going to make them vote yes or maybe no to the borrowing bylaw that puts us in incredible debt as opposed to controlling the number of new builds and developing as we can afford it. **Mayor Therrien** – And I’ll, I’ll answer that. Um... **Jill Overall** – Can I, can I hear from the people that **Mayor Therrien** – Just one minute, M’am. I want to ... I want to explain. You asked the question, I’m going to say the Procedural Bylaw says everything comes through the Chair, otherwise we’re just going to have a, you know, just a melee of things. We’ve got to... **Jill Overall** – But you might use up my 5 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** – But that’s just what it is uh **there**. Uh so I’ll allow that and the Councillor can uh talk to it or not ok. **Jill Overall** – Ok, that’s fair, ya, that’s fair. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh um but your time is still going (ok) so go ahead, uh Melinda. She’s not ready, then Mark. **Jill Overall** – Councillor Miller. **Councillor Miller** – Yes, well, thank you for your question and uh, uh specifically I’m very concerned, there’s \$11 million dollars in potential debt uh repayment, that’s an extraordinary amount of money that uh all of us would have to bear and I, I just am not in support, support of that for that reason but beyond that, I’ve looked throughout Canada and I have a document here from the Government of Canada that shows that infrastructure projects are often supported, in fact we just all came back from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Calgary and, and Justin, the Prime Minister, the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau was there and he said that when the Provinces ante up to initiatives, that they’ll be there backstopping us as well so not only is it the debt but I believe that we need to receive uh Federal Government funds for this initiative plus I’m very concerned with what residents and my environmental background shows that reverse osmosis is uh is very harmful to the environment going forward so you know the Government of Canada just invested uh millions of dollars into the Canada Water Agency so this goes contrary to so many things environmentally that uh consciously those three points: the debt, no Federal support, and it’s contrary to environmental footprint going forward. So I have to be short cause your time is ... **Jill Overall** – And you’re going to vote NO. **Councillor Miller** – Definitely. **Mayor Therrien** – No, you can’t be asking the vote, ok. We’ll, we’ll decide on that. **Jill Overall** – Sorry. Sorry, I’m not a seasoned politician. I’m...I’m new to this. I just, I just need to know cause this staggers me. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Jill Overall** – Councillor Kuczynski? **Mayor Therrien** – How much time is left exactly? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Are we counting time ... **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **Councillor Kuczynski** – ... or we can speak. Ok, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to say that it...there was a lot of things happening in this Water Treatment Plant and saying that lots of disinformation was that the information and then no information, I would say that this Water Treatment Plant is going to cost us \$29.5 million dollars. We’re just going to borrow for this Water Treatment Plant, \$12.5 million dollars. The **interest charges** on this Water Treatment Plant, it’s **going to be double** so we’re going to pay almost \$22 million dollars for this borrowing \$12 million dollars and that’s going to be taken from everybody’s wallet for 20 years and this is only going to happen if we’re building 200 homes by year, guaranteed, for twenty years. If we just build 50 homes one year and next year 75, those interest charges probably going to double for every resident. So that shortfall was going to happen and have to come from taxpayers so we have to be very careful with the borrowing. And that just is only one step and second, secondly I want to say the money that we received from government, it’s still taxpayers’ money, maybe not from this community but you contribute to it. And it’s contributions from taxes through Provincial government, through the whole Manitoba. So taxpayers pay that money. The money that we’re taking from the Reserves, it’s your tax dollars so you’re still paying. It’s probably \$6 and a half million dollars that you’re going to, you’ve already paid and contributed to this uh Water Treatment Plant. So all this money, it’s...it’s from taxpayers. So we’re not getting any gifts from anybody. It says grants but that’s taxpayers’ money so I’m against this ... this development and only if we have Water Treatment Plant. What’s going to come second, it’s going to be lagoon. And the lagoon is going to be the same situation, probably going to cost us around \$35 million, \$40 million dollars and we’re going to be borrowing money for that and we don’t know if we are going to get grants for it. So I’m totally against this. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Glen? **Jill Overall** – Uh Melinda, would you like to tell us... **Mayor Therrien** – No, no, no, no, excuse me, M’am, ok. I’ll decide uh here. It’s Glen’s turn now and you’re time is up. **Jill Overall** – Oh, I’m sorry. Um the people right... **Mayor Therrien** – ... We’ve got to have some decorum here so Glen will have his chance now. And your time is up so we’ll, we’ll get uh Glen’s uh... **Councillor Fuhl** – So my comment is this is like buying a house. When you buy a house, what did you pay for your house, \$50, \$70, \$80 thousand, \$100,000 and this is not that long ago, it’s 10, 20 years ago **NOTE: A voice is heard in the background saying “no, it isn’t”**.ok. Well, I’m going to tell you right now, a house now is worth \$4 or \$500,000, a million dollars. We know that Springfield’s homes are not cheap and there’s cost of living, it’s going up through inflation. So now we come with a plan to build this Water Treatment Plant over 20 years, not piecemeal it because piecemeal costs more and more as you leave it down the road for infrastructure. So there’s a 20 year plan. We’re not trying to piecemeal things together. We have almost \$10, \$11, \$12 million dollars in grants. I can tell you right now if we don’t go forward, we’re not going to get those grants and yes, Andy is right, it’s taxpayers money, maybe not from this community but from the government, the Provincial Government. I can tell you right now, if we don’t go now, we’re not going to get another grant from the Province. Now, having said that, is, is look at it as in your home, look as in your business, you are building that equity over time, that’s what we’re doing here today. We’re putting the infrastructure in place to build the equity for the economic development, uh recreational centre, uh PCH Homes for Age in Place, now if everybody doesn’t want to live in this community and doesn’t want to have forward motion of growth, that’s your decision but we have to move forward and this Municipality needs to do that. Thank you. **Jill Overall** – Ok. My time is up but I also um represent 224 people who signed a petition against this borrowing bylaw and they would like you to rescind it. So I’d like to hand this in to you, please. **Mayor Therrien** –

Sure. Uh Kristy can look at that. Like I say, this isn't a.... this isn't a uh public hearing, we've already done the Public Hearing with the consultations, we've done the town halls and so on. I want the people just, let's just have a little bit of decorum here, ok. It's not bad but I'm just ... my fear is that it's going to get worse. We've got a young child in here, we've got young kids that are, I know, on the line, so let's start acting uh you know uh allowing people to talk, the moaning and the groaning, we're never going to get far here. Thank you very much. **NOTE: A bunch of voices can be heard talking in the background.**Jill Overall – Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** – We've got, we've got time for uh one more. Uh Darryl. **Councillor Warren** – Darryl. Whatever. That's ok. That's ok, let Darryl. **Darryl Speer** – Uh Darryl Speer, Springfield. Uh were we going to hear from Melinda? **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead, uh Darryl and well we can speak to Melinda next. **Councillor Warren** – Well, I'd like to hear what you have to say, Darryl. **Darryl Speer** – Ok. Uh my question is, uh this is going back to the \$29.4 million dollars that we're investing in this uh particular Water Treatment ... **NOTE: He pauses as more chatter is going on in the background and laughter.** ... hello, Melinda. Are you there? (laughter) **Councillor Warren** – Thank you, Darryl. **Darryl Speer** – My concern is the amount of borrowing that's being proposed here, \$29.4 million for a Water Treatment Plant. What other options were considered as an alternative? **Councillor Fuhl** – Darryl, I just want to speak to that. It's not \$29 million we're looking at borrowing, it's \$12 million and that's the worse-case scenario. That's not including the levies that we'll be collecting over the next two years while the Treatment Plant is being built. Thank you. **Darryl Speer** – Uh by the Report that's been tabled into Council, I see \$22 million is what the actual cost is including infra... am I wrong? **Councillor Fuhl** – You are correct on that. **Darryl Speer** – Alright, so long as we're on the same page. Uh the question is, what other options were considered uh and I would encourage you to comment on less costly. **Mayor Therrien** – What's the question, Darryl? **NOTE: My goodness, he has repeated his question twice and still the Mayor is asking what his question is. Was he sleeping?** **Darryl Speer** – What other options were considered ... **Mayor Therrien** – We looked at ... **Darryl Speer** – ... for the Water Treatment Plant? **Mayor Therrien** – We've looked at all the options, we, we were discussing that through the public hearings and all the open houses uh...that's all.... **NOTE: Someone in the audience is heard saying "that's not an answer".** Listen, ladies and gentlemen, let's, let's, myself talk and then Darryl can talk as well so we, we've gone through all this, the uh public hearing uh there so all those questions were answered. **Darryl Speer** – Well, I attended those hearings and to my uh recollection, they were not answered. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, they were, Darryl. Uh what is **NOTE: More conversation from the Gallery.** ... ok enough, ok people. **NOTE: Member of audience says "he asked a question".** This is the second time, Sir, you can drop it, ok. There won't be a third time. Alright, so go ahead, Darryl. **NOTE: More voices raised in protest from the audience.** I won't offer you a third time. **Darryl Speer** – Ok so uh were hydrologists engaged to determine the best place for water as a water source? Because I know that East St. Paul has been pulling water from our RM of Springfield for many, many years and they, on the basis of advice, good advice, they proposed to put in a new well in Springfield at the Oasis Road in 2023, didn't get it done, it's being done this year. RM of Springfield granted Sky Blue Water access to a hundred and four million liters per year (104 million liters/year) off of 302. Pristine, world-class water. We have water and we need to have the water we have. The Heatherdale well field is being compromised as is reported in Mr. Pollock's Reports by aggregate extraction, gravel washing ... it's not supposed to be happening there. I have pictures with me showing where they've got material that shouldn't be on the site and it's potentially contamination for the water so what I'm asking for is rather than decommission the Heatherdale wells, as is being proposed here, that we decommission the operators that are negatively impacting the Heatherdale well field. **Mayor Therrien** – Melinda? **Councillor Warren** – Thank you Mr. Speer. **Councillor Fuhl** – You've got to unmute yourself. **Councillor Warren** – Sorry. I muted myself. Ok um so Mr. Speer, I did talk to Friesen Drillers who did the study in East St. Paul. So East St. Paul has 2 wells. They are GOUDI (Groundwater Under Influence...), just the same as Heatherdale. So I understand, like we're all talking about the same level ... so these new wells that they're proposing are at 325 feet which is in a confined aquifer where there will be more protection with our drinking water that we don't have the GOUDI, we don't uh...I mean we're always going to treat it just for safe drinking but there's....and, and I understand the...Ms. Bell there and the reverse osmosis cause I'm not a fan of reverse osmosis as well so I am always asking the questions. We have two years until this building is up and we start. I'm always looking for different alternatives, Mr. Speer um but we do have to look at asking the right engineer about what is the best solution and I, like I said, I am not a huge fan of reverse osmosis and I know other municipalities are doing it. I am looking for different alternatives other than reverse osmosis. **NOTE: Reverse osmosis is a water purification process that uses a semi-permeable membrane containing m-phenylene diamine and trimesoyl chloride to separate water molecules from other substances by applying pressure to overcome osmotic pressure that favors even distributions. It removes dissolved or suspended chemical species as well as biological substances (principally bacteria) and is used in industrial processes and the production of potable water.****Darryl Speer** – Well let me.... **Councillor Warren** – But to have ... but to have our well over in the Moose Nose Aquifer and then have the well right here, now we're combining ... we're combining two different aquifers. And technically you're not supposed to do that, you're supposed to stay within the same aquifer, we're not supposed to be going from over here and over here ... **NOTE: It's not the admixing once the water is here that is the problem. It is when the process causes the mixing of the two sources within the aquifer that could lead to contamination.**... it's supposed to be in the same so I do my research, I am trying to find other options instead of reverse osmosis like I'm asking Friesen Drillers, I've put out a question to our engineers to see if we have an alternate um option. **Darryl Speer** – Mixing of aquifers only refers to drilling of domestic wells, it does not relate to water treatment downstream so as long as you're clear on that point. The fact is that uh Sky Blue Water is not in the sandstone aquifer, it's in an unconfined aquifer **Councillor Warren interrupting** – I know they're, they're in the limestone ... **Darryl Speer** – ... ok and I toured their plant. (yep) There's nothing needed to be done to that water except by standards since 2000 where GOUDI is a label that they have to account for by ultraviolet light. Ultraviolet light is what's used by East St. Paul. We should be looking at that rather than reverse osmosis. We should be accessing our own good water in Springfield, not having to go to expensive treatment programs. **NOTE: I have been drinking raw water from the Sandilands aquifer, totally untreated except with a Canadian Tire filter to remove some of the iron which stains everything, for 40 plus years and I am an octogenarian so I think we can safely assume it is safe to drink.**I have a petition here I'd like to table in (ok) 256 people. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh, 30 seconds left, uh Darryl. **NOTE: His comment took up 5 seconds.**What's that? **Darryl Speer** – Well, I think that there's a better way, a cheaper way, and that we should look at it. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, Darryl. Ok that is uh a lot of time for **NOTE: Again conversation can be heard going on in the audience.** ... um ok 15 minutes in our Procedural Bylaw. I'll allow ... I'll allow another... another question. Uh M'am. Oh, sorry, M'am, let's take the ones ... the lady that's on line or the gentleman that's on line and then we'll get to you right after that. Sorry about that, M'am. Who would that be? Somebody on line that would like to talk. **Val Ralke** – Hi, there, yes. Can you hear me? **Mayor Therrien** – Uh no. You have to speak up a little bit. **Val Ralke** – Ok, let me try to bring the volume up. How about now? Can you hear me now? **Mayor Therrien** – Can everybody hear? **Val Ralke** – Can you hear me? (yep) Ok. Fantastic. So yes my name's Valerie Ralke and I want to thank you all for hearing me or taking my uh ability to speak with you today. Melinda, Pat and Glen, I want you to know I support you, a lot of citizens support you, those people who have the ability to actually understand how borrowing bylaws work, **NOTE: That really doesn't take rocket science.**

Even I, as mathematically challenged as I am, can understand that you borrow money at a cost through interest on the loan. So that increases the cost of whatever you are spending the money on. Either Ms. Ralke doesn't understand the principle or more likely, she hasn't conducted a survey of other people and is just speaking for their regardless, maybe because she is planning to run in the next election. how many people support the majority of people **NOTE: Now there's a phrase that needs some explanation as it is difficult to understand how "many people" support "the majority of people". I would assume "many: people would be the "majority" as the alternative is "not many" or "few".** and that what you're doing is for the betterment of our individuals, our Municipality, and if you don't like it, leave. Go find a municipality and if you find a municipality that doesn't charge you taxes **Mayor Therrien – interjecting** Allow her to talk, allow **Val Ralke** - If you find a municipality ... **Mayor Therrien – interjecting** She's got the right to talk uh ladies and gentlemen. You have to back up ... Val, you have to back up. **Val Ralke** – If you can find a municipality that does not charge you taxes, please share it with all of us and I want you to know that we will all move there. But in the meantime, it's not a question, it's not a ...anything other than letting Glen and Melinda and Pat know that please don't let these nillys get you down, let them **deplore** their **deplorable** behaviour is appalling so please, the question is **NOTE: The question is, in which school did Ms. Ralke learn English?** can you pass the borrowing bylaw with a second and third reading ... **Mayor Therrien – interjecting** Sorry, I can't, I can't hear. Relax, just relax Mark. I can't even hear anything here. Val, was there a question **there?** **Val Ralke** – The question was, is...can you pass with a second and third reading the borrowing bylaw this evening? **NOTE: With a question like that, it is small wonder that Ms. Ralke, who was a councillor for 4 years, lost in the last election and was not re-elected. There were 3 running for election as Councillor, Ward 4, and the other candidate has left the Municipality, being someone who was under threat of losing her potable well water due to the Sio Silica Project.****Mayor Therrien** – That's what we're here to ... to look at uh the ... and that's next. **Val Ralke** – Uh thank you very much and I support you and many do. Thank you. **Goodbye.****NOTE: Is she leaving on a trip?****Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, M'am. **NOTE: If she is planning on running in the next election, then SO WILL!! And remember, Ms. Ralke just supported the following resolution: 6. THAT during the currency of the said borrowing; namely, in each of the years 2025 to 2044, both inclusive, there shall be raised annually by a special mill rate on all the ratable property within the Municipality, an amount sufficient to meet the requirement for principal and interest, ... She is in favour of each and every ratepayer in the RM of Springfield paying for a facility etc. that benefits ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE in Dugald and area.****Mayor Therrien** – Ok. I guess uh we can have another question uh M'am. Just state your name, M'am. I haven't seen you up here before. **Karen Watchorn** – My name is Karen Watchorn. I um live in the Municipality but I'm not on piped water but ok... I'm ... I am not on piped water. My husband and I spent \$30,000 to do well and septic field and now I'm being asked to pay with my taxes an incredible amount of borrowing and if I'm going to be paying for other people's water treatment and sewer, that I'm not benefitting from at all, can I safely assume that the Municipality will be paying for me when I have to replace my septic tank or my well? **Mayor Therrien** – Um well that's a good question, M'am. I was asked at the Public Hearing uh portion **there** and uh **no, we won't be paying for that.** **Karen Watchorn** – Then why am I going to be paying for people with piped water and sewer? **Mayor Therrien** – We, we discussed that uh many, many uh times at the Public Hearing uh **there** ... **Karen Watchorn** – But I would like... **Mayor Therrien** – Uh, um... **Karen Watchorn** – ... an answer to my question? Why am I paying for something I'm not benefitting from ... **Mayor Therrien** – We're...we're looking oh I'm sorry to interrupt you, go ahead. **Karen Watchorn** – ... and are not going to be paying when I need to do sewer and water. **Mayor Therrien** – This is something that's going to help the entire RM of Springfield, M'am. This is ... **Karen Watchorn** – Then maybe those people should be paying for it. **Mayor Therrien** – Those people that are on Utilities now are having increases uh as Councillor uh Kuczynski uh asked us to read in the beginning. They're going to be paying extra for that as well. Uh in all ... **Karen Watchorn** – But so am I. **Mayor Therrien** – The property developers are paying into that uh they're all paying every lot that's sold is paying towards the Water Treatment Plant uh ... **Karen Watchorn** – And so they should. **Mayor Therrien** – That's a levy and ya, they should, I agree with that. Uh and then once we bring in the... a new Water Treatment Plant, it is my assumption, based on all the evidence uh **there** is that uh more residential development will bring in more business development **NOTE: Well, there already has been residential development in recent years in Dugald. How can you explain that the one and only Mall, with three individual business spaces, is now sitting EMPTY and what was in there, a Subway, a Credit Union, and a few other businesses, have all left the premises. Frankly, Dugald is only 3 miles from Transcona, a suburb of Winnipeg, and most people do their major business, shopping, dining, insurance, medical and dental appointments, etc. in Winnipeg, including Councillor Fuhl and his family, perhaps. The mayor is the one who is delusional. The majority of businesses in Oakbank are eating and drinking establishments.**um and allow this uh the community to prosper and then that the tax rate will uh be going down. The tax rates are high now based, based on assessments uh you know, Mark, why don't you just hold that back, ok, try to show a role model to the people here, alright. Making comments like that are.... isn't helpful at all. Uh it's all been explained uh during the Public uh Hearings uh **there** so the chances that I'm going to be able to get through this without somebody uh you know interrupting me are pretty nil. Um that said, um what we're looking for is trying to increase our uh our infrastructure which is getting old and I'm going to summarize this once we get to our second and third uh reading uh **there**. Uh we've had many of uh Council uh meetings, discussions on this, we've had uh Public Hearings, we've also had town hall uh meetings to discuss all that and all the questions uh were answered **there**. Essentially it's good for the community. It's ...in my opinion that it's excellent for the community. We've been delaying and delaying the Water Treatment Plant uh it's old infrastructure. If you look at Calgary, uh Calgary's infrastructure uh the example is right there. Uh we were there during the FCM, a large conferencethat we attended uh **there**and I see the effects of that. We couldn't have showers uh uh**there** and it still, still uh problematic uh **there** so addressing this issue has been on the table for many, many years uh and this is the time now to get it as uh Councillor Fuhl uh Deputy Mayor Fuhl has uh uh stated that **there**, we've got \$10.6 million from the Province, our money, there's no doubt about that uh **there** and we have the chance now to, to improve that and, and get our infrastructure going. We've saved a lot of money from that and that was the property developers that put the money towards that. **NOTE: What is he talking about? They have not put a cent towards the Water Treatment Plant except insofar if they are also ratepayers of the Municipality like the rest of us.**Um so that, that's said, it's not going to be \$29 million, there's so much misinformation out there. **NOTE: This is a copy of what you stated earlier in this very meeting: um there's quite a few numbers here uhum it comes down to a total funding of \$29.4 uh million dollars. Are you saying this was "misinformation"?**It's not \$29 million, **it's going to be twelve uh point some odd million** at 6.5% interest and that interest rate is ... has gone down as well. **NOTE: The Mayor is only talking about the money that we are borrowing, not the total cost of the project. Every penny of the total cost is coming from tax dollars, whether it be the Provincial grant or our residential taxes.** **Karen Watchorn** – But nevertheless my tax dollars are going to something that I don't benefit from at all. **Mayor Therrien** – But they do and I guess.... **Karen Watchorn** – I think maybe the people who live with piped water and sewer should be the ones that are paying for it. **Mayor Therrien** – And they are paying towards that, M'am. **Karen Watchorn** – I shouldn't be. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. I...thank you very much for your time, M'am. We uh have time for uh one more question. Uh Caroline. Go ahead. **Caroline White** – Uh Caroline White from Springfield. Uh

contrary to Val Ralke who said there's a lot of uh support for this bylaw, I knocked on doors in the towns of Oakbank and Dugald and also many rural households in Sunnyside and Cooks Creek. Ninety (90%) of households that we contacted are strongly opposed to this borrowing bylaw. Also what gets people really mad is that Council is taking the RM from \$7 million dollars in debt to \$80 million dollars in debt in two years. So I was as the Budget Meeting, not ...just to learn more about it. Sitting at the budget meeting, and Ashram said that we're going to be going to \$80 million dollars of debt in 2 years. So I have two questions for Council. The first one, I would like to know what all 5 members think. Um I'll start with Mayor Therrien, please. Why are you prepared to put the residents of Springfield so far into debt when there are seven other viable options that would cost less and why have we not seen a cost comparison of these other options? **Mayor Therrien** – We have discussed this at the Public Hearing and uh we've uh exhaustively **NOTE: People can be heard making comments in the audience.** and we've discussed this at the Public Hearing. This isn't a Public Hearing. Uh in my opinion, this is... I took an oath for the RM of Springfield uh to do the betterment for the RM of Springfield. We have the money there ...the time now ... **NOTE: Again, a lady can be heard making a comment from the audience.** ... let me speak M'am. Just let me speak. Just let me speak. Just let me speak. Ok. Um this is the time now to get the infrastructure addressed. Uh we been delaying it, delaying it, we have the \$10.6 million dollars, uh we have the money from the developers ??? this is the time now to do it. It's not \$29 million, that's the misinformation that's been sent out **there.** **Caroline White** –It's twenty-two with the interest. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Caroline White** – So my question is, why are you prepared to put the residents of Springfield so far into debt when there are 7 other viable options which could cost less, why have we not seen a cost comparison of these options. I was at the Public Hearing, the information houses, we didn't see any cost comparison to show us that you're really utilizing our tax dollars most effectively. That's what people at the door are wondering. **Mayor Therrien** – (**big sigh**) Uh who else wants to answer that? Uh Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** – I'm...I'm going to speak to the \$80 million dollars cause I have the 5-year Capital right in front of me, what was approved and right now we're sitting in the 5-year Capital of the worse case scenario, \$53 million, uh just give me a second here, uh \$53 million three hundred and seventy-three thousand, nine hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$53,373,948.00) so that's misinformation from the \$80 thousand dollars and having said that, **Caroline White** – Sorry, what's the misinformation? **Councillor Fuhl** – Well, you just said that we were going to borrow up to \$80 million dollars ... **Caroline White** – I didn't say that. That's what Ashram said. **Councillor Fuhl** – I'm going by the facts which is right on the Financial ... **Caroline White** – I'm going by what Ashram said at the Budget Meeting ... **Mayor Therrien** – It's right there, M'am, it's right there in writing... **Councillor Fuhl** – I'm going by the facts, I'm going by the facts here. Now having said that, is we have down \$22 million dollars for the uh lagoon. I can tell you right now we haven't even applied for any grants on this because we don't even have the numbers on that one yet but it is estimated at \$22 million dollars. Ok. But there is no grants on that either and I can tell you that I wouldn't be putting that forward unless we had a grant **NOTE: May I just insert a bit of logic here. If you have a grant for residential growth which required an update to your Water Treatment Plant, what goes in, as they say, must come out AND THAT REQUIRES A LAGOON EXPANSION. You can't ask people to wait to evacuate until you have a grant.** Because we know there's Federal government money out there, we know there's Provincial money out there, we just have to go after it like we did with the Water Treatment Plant. The other one that's on here is the uh Springfield Recreation Centre of uh \$9 million dollars. I think we've all said that we've been waiting 30 years for this Rec Centre for the Age in Place **Caroline White** – Lots of people out, out knocking on doors, they sure want it, I heard that. **NOTE: They may not want it if they understood the impact it might have on their residential taxes.** **Councillor Fuhl** – And everybody that I spoke to uh once I gave them the facts of the information of what's out there, uh I know there's been people going door to door in my neighbourhood, I've spoken to them all, I've gotten back to them that have called me and gave them the facts and they were ok with this, with what we're doing. **NOTE: WELL, here's a fact. What sort of a Rec Centre are you going to get for \$9 million dollars when the cost of a 3 bedroom bungalow is now in the neighbourhood of half a million dollars? And vaguely I recall that Portage la Prairie built somewhat the same type of facility years ago for I believe it was less than half a million and they have regretted it ever since and had nothing but problems with the facility.** What they need to do is get the actual information and I'm willing to sit down with anybody and explain that to them with the facts which is right here. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok uh one minute left. Go ahead, uh Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I would like to correct Mr. Fuhl, uh Councillor Fuhl, I have here Capital uh Expenditure Program. In 2025 we're going to borrow \$42.375 million dollars. In 2026 we're going to borrow \$29.525 million dollars, in 2027 \$12,825.00 so in total, it's \$87,333,000.00 dollars, that's \$87 million. Now in the previous page, we have uh twenty twenty uh this year, 2024, we have \$13,060,000. So altogether, we're going to borrow ... it's \$100,000.00 ... a hundred million dollars, \$100,000,000.00 I'm sorry and we're going to pay double that in our interest charges. So we're going to withdraw ... so we're going to withdraw from this community \$200,000,000.00 (two hundred million dollars) just within 3 years. **Mayor Therrien** – That's ... that's absolutely wrong. **Councillor Kuczynski** – This is, this is the document that, that was presented to us as a Council. **Mayor Therrien** – You're...you're just stirring up a lot of disinformation here.... **NOTE: Everyone is talking at once. Very difficult to transcribe.** **Councillor Kuczynski** – I'm, Mr. Mayor, I'm telling the truth.... **CAO Draper** – So I think.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – ... of the people who are going to pay taxes here. **CAO Draper** – Councillor Kuczynski, if you ... if you read the Financial Plan properly ... **NOTE: Councillor Kuczynski is talking in the background but is muted so ...** I just want to make sure that.... **Mayor Therrien** – Hey, hey, don't be rude alright. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I am not rude. But we are the councillors speaking, not CAO. **CAO Draper** – I'm going to call a point of order because we don't even have a mover and a seconder for this issue on the table. You're already discussing how you're voting, and you're discussing how you're going to vote on this issue that doesn't even have a mover and a seconder. This is a Question Period. So I just want to clarify that you're not reading the Financial Plan correctly. So if you look at the source of funds, the borrowing line is the \$53 million uh amount, that's the total amount of all the Capital Plan is \$88 million. So I just want to clarify before you provide **Mayor Therrien** – Well, listen **CAO Draper** – ... any more mistakes in information, you have to look at the borrowing line which is \$53 million, three seventy three. **Councillor Kuczynski** – \$53 million into which year. **CAO Draper** – That's over 2025 to 2029. **Councillor Kuczynski** – How did you come up with that when you give us this document that it's showing \$87 million dollars. That document here right from the Municipality ... **NOTE: Everyone is talking at once again.** **Mayor Therrien** – Why don't we save that for our discussions. We'll save that for our discussions and Amram can uh can talk to that. **Councillor Kuczynski** – No, we have to explain to people right now because **Mayor Therrien** – They will...they will... but they will be explained because we can talk about it then. It's... it's not going to do us any good. This is Question Period. And uh Mrs. White's uh time is up. **Caroline White** – Well, I... that was a lot of discussion without my ... **Mayor Therrien** – We've given you a lot of extra time too. **Caroline White** – Well we... people want to know, have you done a comparative analysis of a local improvement district compared to a borrowing at large and why has this not been made available for the public. That's a big...that's a big question. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead, Colleen. **CAO Draper** – So at one of the Open Houses, we did present a LI option. Uh Council wanted us to put numbers towards an LI just for the existing utility customers. So the information that we presented was that there was approximately one thousand three hundred and thirty-five customers on the existing utility so based on the 2023 assessment and borrowing \$12 million ... \$12 million 563 at 6.5%, there's an annual

payment of \$1,140,173.00. These customers only have a total assessment value of \$614,000. So levying this through an LID on these 1,335 customers would cost about \$417. dollars per customer per year uh up to \$635.69 per customer. Uh we... Council agreed that that didn't seem feasible and so we went the borrowing bylaw option. So I'm not clear on what these 7 other options are. Uh I've never heard of the 7 options. **NOTE: Well, one option might be not to proceed with the Water Treatment Plant and the Lagoon Expansion necessitated by the "potential" expansion of residential development in Dugald. As I understand it, our current facilities are adequate to sustain existing customers.**

Mayor Therrien – Thank you, M'am. We've got one other person to come up and that will be it. **Caroline White** – Ok, I have ... **Mayor Therrien** – This is not a public hearing. Somebody said a public hearing, this is not a public hearing. **Caroline White** – I didn't say it was a public hearing but I have... **Mayor Therrien** – I didn't say you did. **Caroline White** – ...but I have 300, almost 300 other signatures of people who oppose the bylaw and want the bylaw to be withdrawn. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh we'll add it to information, M'am. Uh last question uh Karen. **Karen Lalonde** – Ok. Karen Lalonde, Karen Lalonde in Oakbank. Um to start off I have uh 208 uh signatures here to hand in, thank you, that I collected against the borrowing bylaw and comments are basically became a tossup between not wanting to be a suburb of, of Winnipeg and losing our rural ambiance and facing property taxes compared to Winnipeg. And the um Rossol development isn't putting a penny towards this infrastructure. And the Provincial Planning and Springfield's Development Plan states: *Development shall not be approved if it will create a demand for water distribution and wastewater collection where there is not efficient or economical ... economical services be extended ...* can't read my writing. Ok uh *residential development will not be approved if it necessitates a premature expansion of municipal services.* That's right from the uh Provincial ... Provincial Planning. Uh water rates increases are also on this agenda and water bills are supposed to cover the cost of maintenance, repairs but I don't think it should be in support of borrowing costs. Interestingly the Niverville Council engaged their residents in a survey on a \$6 million dollar watermain project. You may have seen it in the news. Council took heed of the survey. They listened to people, quashed the project, to be revisited in 2026, possibly because the economy made better sense maybe then. Their community is growing by leaps and bounds, possibly because the Council listens to the people and is fiscally responsible. Perhaps that's where some people may look at moving if it gets too expensive for Springfield residents. My question is will this Council pause to examine other options to provide a less expensive system with a better quality of water than what is being offered to us today. **Mayor Therrien** – We're going to discuss that uh openly in the next little while. **Karen Lalonde** – So you'll be looking at the options and ... **Mayor Therrien** – We're going to discuss everything with the second and third reading of Council. **Karen Lalonde** – Does that mean the options, other options available? **Mayor Therrien** – If that comes up and I suspect it might. **Karen Lalonde** – Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok then **at this point here** there's no other questions uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Um point of order, Mr. Chair, Mr. Mayor. I believe there are other people who do want to speak and this is an ample opportunity to do that. Uh you've taken your time to miss supper, miss TV, miss the hockey game, miss whatever and I always want to hear from people and it's only 7 o'clock. My goodness. And you know, the good news is under the Procedural Bylaw that our Council has adopted, that under Section .16 of the Procedural Bylaw, we have an ability to extend Question Period to hear from the residents, to hear Question Period. So if there are other residents, I would absolutely entertain the fact that I want to hear from every single person here who has taken that time, standing room only, to speak to us and share your concerns on this particular issue. How can we close our ears and just say 5 or 6 people is adequate when you've taken the time and effort to do it. It would be upon...incumbent upon particularly Councillor Fuhl who us this will effect in Oakbank and uh Dugald because of course those are the residents that uh have been uh I think canvassed to some degree as I understand from the presenters and who have concerns so all I'm saying is Mr. Mayor, I would move that we uh extend Question Period to uh to hear from others who want to come to the podium and share with us. **Mayor Therrien** – I uh disagree. We have a Procedural Bylaw (we do) and the Procedural Bylaw has been extended, we've been beyond the amount of time. We're...it's not 15 minutes, we're into the half hour stage. So I'm...I would say not, we've already done that and we have an opportunity to discuss this as Council uh coming up uh as our agenda and our agenda is full. So we can't be adding and, and subtracting everything here, we haven't got the time. **Councillor Miller** – But yet you want to overrule our Procedural Bylaw? **Mayor Therrien** – Oh I'm not overruling it... we've allowed it more... we're allowing more time than what is allowed, which is 15 minutes. **Councillor Miller** – There's people here who would like to come to the podium to speak to you, to us collectively and to others and what is wrong with that ... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – And then they're here and they can listen to us ... **Councillor Miller** – No, we want to hear from them. **NOTE: Again I cannot transcribe all the conversation as both are speaking at once.** Ya, you know, I made the motion, I made the motion **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – Have you got a petition **there**, Mr. Mackie. **Mr. Mackie** – I have a petition here. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, why don't we do two more questions. **Councillor Miller** – No, I...that's not what I agreed to. I made a motion to extend Question Period to hear from every ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – And I seconded it. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, why don't we have a vote whether we're going to extend it and then how long if we're going to extend it. **Councillor Miller** – ... is to hear from everyone and that's what's the motion **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – No, it's just going to be here ... we're going to be here to midnight if we allow everybody to talk. It's not a problem to me. There's been nothing that's new that's been ... that hasn't been ... already said ... **Councillor Miller** – But your mind is closed, that's.... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – No it's not closed, I'm not like you, I haven't gone on video to discuss this uh you know in the public **there**. **Councillor Miller** – No but maybe you should. **Mayor Therrien** – We have, we have the Procedural Bylaw, the Procedural Bylaw we're allowing an extension of that, 15 minutes, we're well beyond that. We have many people that have already applied here to do that. If there's another petition to be uh added, then we'll add that. We already added that fact that there's a delegation, you've already extended that and we allowed that as Council so that's fine. But uh enough ... let me talk alright. **NOTE: Councillor Miller all this time has been talking without benefit of his mike so I can't precisely hear what he is saying....** No I'm just saying we, we have our extension uh **there**, we've been more than happy with that ... **Councillor Miller (finally with his mike turned on)** – I made a motion. You can't change **Councillor Kuczynski** – Mr. Mayor, can I ask you, why are you saying "we", "we". You speak on your own behalf, not for us so don't use this term "we" because please, ya the "we", "we" constantly "we". I speak for myself, I don't need anybody to speak for me. **Councillor Warren** – Order. **NOTE: Where is the CAO in all of this? She should be attempting to assist the Mayor in controlling the proceedings. As a ratepayer, and myself being cognizant of the enormous salary she is making, I don't feel I am receiving value for money when it comes to her role at Council meetings. That should have been her saying "order", not Councillor Warren.** **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, what does Council think, extending it? **Councillor Fuhl** – I'm good with extending it 15 minutes. Once again, we've had a Public Hearing, everybody had their chance to speak at the Public Hearing so I'm willing to go another 15 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** – Fifteen, another 15 minutes. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – I suggest that whoever doesn't want to listen to the public, please leave. Go for coffee and I want to stay here, I want to hear everybody who wants to speak because, because people take the time to be here and, and they have all the right to speak to the Council. **Councillor Miller** – Hear, hear! **Councillor Kuczynski** – We, we have ... we represent these people and we have to hear these people. **CAO Draper** – Well, just to remind Council that a Public Hearing was held on this item. Question Period is not to be used as a Public Hearing to

further the comments. **NOTE: Finally!**Um so I think that's what's happening right now. **Mayor Therrien** – I don't see anything here that uh we haven't discussed at the Public Hearing. This is not a Public Hearing. **Councillor Miller** – Call for the vote. A question is on the floor.**Mayor Therrien** – This is not a Public Hearing. **NOTE: Councillor Miller says something but I didn't catch it.**We've extended the uh Question Period um we're well over half hour on, on all the questions ... here. **NOTE: Councillor Kuczynski is saying "Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor but the Mayor is not acknowledging him.**I don't know if we can do a resolution on something, we can't just ... **Councillor Miller** – Of course you can. **Councillor Kuczynski** – You used the word "we" again. Please stop using "we" ... **Mayor Therrien** – Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – ... because you, you represent yourself, not me. **CAO Draper** – I would suggest you've added ... **Councillor Miller** – You represent you, not me. **CAO Draper** – ... you've added a delegation that wants to speak **NOTE: It is very difficult transcribing proceedings when there are multiple voices speaking rapidly and at once so I apologize if my transcription left out some dialogue or is not quite accurate. These notes are mainly for my own catharsis,....** to this matter. Perhaps she's speaking for a lot of the people in the room and you should hear the delegation now. **Councillor Miller** – No, there's a question on the floor to extend Question Period, first we're going to do that. **Councillor Kuczynski** – We're going to have, we're going to have, let's have a recorded vote. **Councillor Miller** – Please. **Mayor Therrien** – So I don't...I, I don't quite ... uh, can we do that, uh? We've already extended this ... **Councillor Miller** – Yes, you can. Robert's Rules. It's very evident. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, well beyond that. **CAO Draper** – If you have a majority vote to extend, then you extend it. **Mayor Therrien** – Alright, what's the vote of Council? To extend it ... just you to vote for to extend it. Well, you're the only one that had their hand up. Those to extend. **Councillor Fuhl** – To extend whNoat time frame? I have 15 minutes on the table. **Councillor Miller** – I'll say to extend it for 15 but any... well whoever wants can stay and hear the rest of you and I'll stay till midnight if it takes that long. **CAO Draper** – No, that's not how this meeting can operate. **Mayor Therrien** – No, this isn't the ...we operate... **CAO Draper** – The agenda says **NOTE: A whole bunch of voices are talking at once,**but you're not following your own procedures. **NOTE: By now, all of Council should be aware that the issue of borrowing huge sums of money to enable development to proceed to the benefit of developers without any financial assistance from them IS A VERY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE and if they were truly listening, they would defer the entire subject pending further thought on the matter. But instead, and I question why, rather than deferring the hot button issue, three members of Council are bent on proceeding to get to Third and Final Reading on the matter. Thus I don't personally find those members of Council to be acting in the best interests of their constituents. Unfortunately the next election is not until October 2026 and ratepayers are at the mercy of the majority of Council and could end up with enormous debt and hefty tax hikes in the meantime.**You have an agenda set. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, so those who, who are willing to extend it, a show of hands. **Councillor Fuhl** – Extend it to what? **Mayor Therrien** – Well, that's just it, you can't uh you know, it's either extension or not. So I, I say it's ... nah... **NOTE: Numerous voices can be heard speaking in the background on the audio file.**Ya, we're voting, we're voting here to extend it, the vote is those who want to extend the uh the public hearing uh portion, get a show of hands... not the public hearing, the Question Period, Question Period, Question Period.**NOTE: Another one of his Freudian slips, perhaps,**Mark and Andy. **NOTE: Voices raised in the background,....**No, let's finish this vote first, ok. Those who are opposed to extending the Question Periodwell, how long are we going to extend the No, we've got to have a time frame here, there's got to be some structure here. **Councillor Fuhl** – I make a motion we extend it till 7:30 at the latest.**NOTE: According to my recording device, the time at this point would be approximately 7:12:02 p.m. as the meeting started at 6 p.m. and still in Question Period.****Councillor Miller** – The secondary motion, when the first one has not been dealt with and seconded.... **Councillor Fuhl** – Then take it to a vote. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, the next, the next uh vote uh there is what's the resolution then, to allow it to 7:30. Just let us talk alright. **Councillor Miller** – I've got a suggestion, then actually... **Mayor Therrien** – We're not, we're not ok so we're going to extend it to 7:30, that's the resolution. Who in Council is in agreement to extending it to 7:30. Uh Melinda, Glen and Patrick (Warren/Fuhl/Therrien). **Councillor Kuczynski** – No, point of order, we already voted once. Why are we voting a second time on the same issue. We voted and you only was opposed and 4 of us was for it so we have to continue Question Period for residents. **Councillor Fuhl** – I didn't vote for it. **Councillor Miller** – Then why wouldn't you? Why wouldn't you? You don't want to hear from the public? **Councillor Fuhl** – Cause, cause I'm not leaving it open, wide open, we had a Public Hearing already. **Councillor Miller** – That's what you want to hide behind. **Mayor Therrien** – No, we're not hiding, that's our procedure. **Councillor Miller** – Then there's a whole room full of people here that you don't want to hear from. That's what you're saying to them. **Mayor Therrien** – Well we're going to hear an extra delegation that you brought up there so we're going to hear that so what is it that you want. So 7:30, we can do it to 7:30, that's, that's the motion that's on the ... on the floor right now. You know, this is getting just totally uh out of hand. No it's just that you guys are int...putting all this stuff in there. This should be um and allow us to do that so we're going to until 7:30 Mr. Mackie, you haven't been asked yet. You haven't been asked to come up yet. **Gordon Mackie** – I beg your pardon? **Mayor Therrien** – You haven't been asked to come up yet. **Gordon Mackie** – Ohhh. Well... **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, so what's...what's the motion there? **Gordon Mackie** – Mr. Mayor, I have a ... you know that I'm up hard of hearing. I have ... I have here... **Mayor Therrien** – If you've got a petition, then you can do so in a few minutes but we're still talking here. **Gordon Mackie** – Well, I'm ready. I don't want you to use up my time while you're **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, so the motion is to extend it to 7:30. Who's in agreement to extending it until 7:30? **Councillor Miller** – Of course, we'll do it. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, so that passed.**Councillor Miller** – He doesn't get it. **Mayor Therrien** – You know, enough of you using uh this stuff against myself here, why don't you act ... why don't you act your age and start using decorum here. Just stop... stop acting like a bloody child. Don't be a child **Mayor Therrien** – I knew you would say that... **Mayor Therrien** – Pander to the crowd ... **Councillor Miller** – Point of order. **Mayor Therrien** – You just want... **Councillor Miller** – You're the one who's disrupting this Council and the people in this whole Municipality, shame on you, Mr. Mayor. You should be reprimanded. **NOTE: There is a cacophony of voices in the background.****Mayor Therrien** – Ok, so we're extending it until uh 7:30. **NOTE: By now, it must be very close to 7:30.**In 5 minutes. Go ahead, Mr. Mackie. **Gord Mackie** – Mr. Mayor, if I might offer you some procedural advice, as a person who voted in the negative... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** –Mr. Mackie... **Gord Mackie** –you were in a position to move to re-open the previous motion and then amend it. That would be the proper procedure which will allow for the minority and the majority views to be held. Now as to tonight's uh business. Yes I do have a petition to present but I would like to ask a question. And I would like to hear the views of each member of Council so I won't take a lot of time asking the question. **Mayor Therrien** – We uh...I'm getting tired of asking this....I want to ask our CAO a question here ... **Gord Mackie** – Hold it, hold it **Mayor Therrien** –Your time hasn't started yet. We're going to hold off on there. I am getting tired of you people coming up here and asking Council, each person there. You ask the Chairperson and then if find that it's warranted, we'll allow the Council to uh ask and reply to it. But you can't stop here and take control here, thinking that you're going to allow every other person and ask your question. **Gord Mackie** – Thank you, Sir. May I speak then? **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **Gord Mackie** – You...you don't know this about me. I've been to England. I've been to England more than once and I have been patronized by experts and you are not one of them. Here's my question. What are the reasons you have not caused the creation of a local improvement district to fund and operate the proposed Water Treatment

Plant? We have two local improvement districts within the Municipality. They operate without complaint. They tax themselves to pay for the services they receive and I would like to know why you have rejected that possibility for this development. I'll sit down but I hope to hear from each member of Council but before I do, I have a petition with more than 200 names in addition to those already received opposed to this uh motion. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much. **Gord Mackie** – Oh, you're welcome. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Thank you Mr. Mayor and thank you for the question and again I don't want to boast about this but as a graduate from the Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg. Local Improvement Districts are absolutely applied to in these kind of cases almost always. And so why we have overlooked that is ultimately because what our CAO indicated, there's only 1335 people who are on piped water and they're going to find it enormously expensive to undertake but that doesn't give us the purview to tax every other person, 2/3 of our Municipality is a rural precinct, so to speak so each one of us has paid for a well and as we expressed, a septic field but yet we should hold the burden to, you know, these uh ... words are cheap, right. **NOTE: A Local Improvement District (LID) is a way for a group of property owners to share in the cost of improving a street, building sidewalks, or installing a stormwater management system. Improvement districts are incorporated public local bodies governed by a board of elected trustees. They provide services such as water and fire protection services for the benefit of landowners within their boundary. Improvement district boards of trustees are responsible for ensuring that their improvement districts meet the financial obligations necessary to provide service to property owners. The board is authorized to levy taxes, tolls and other charges, to invest money, to borrow and to expend money.** You know, this is going to bring us the growth we've always dreamed of. You know, actually some people in the rural area don't really want that growth. But second to that um I can go on and on but I've got to watch the time so ultimately a local improvement district is an absolute practical applicable uh rationale for this initiative going forward. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. What's that? Pam up on line. Uh Pam L.... M'am. **NOTE: In the background I hear a lady saying "Ya, I'd like to hear from my ward councillor on that... LIDs."** **Councillor Warren** – So my opinion about an LID in regards to this project is that um all the brochures that have been going out saying that developers aren't going to be paying, that it's going to be all on taxpayers, in my opinion in order for the developers to put their levies into this, you can't do a LID or LID, sorry. That's in my opinion. Based on uh we want ... say we want in the next two years we want future developers to come, they wouldn't be included in the Local Improvement. **NOTE: The crowd is making comments.** Well, that's in my opinion of what I've done ... like ... **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Melinda is talking. (Councillor Warren) If you're.... **Councillor Warren** – But I mean, ya I, I don't want to burden the taxpayer. They're... I... as well... whatever, you know, laugh at me all you like.... **Mayor Therrien** – Listen, folks.... **Councillor Warren** – It's ... it's ... **Mayor Therrien** – Stop being rude. She's trying to talk and then doing stuff like that is quite immature. Let her talk. **NOTE: Emotions are running quite high. Borrowing large sums of money, particularly when it is to put in infrastructure to entice developers to our Municipality, is quite a disturbing prospect for ratepayers, some of whom have lived here all their lives and many who have invested heavily in their homes and properties. They can see the writing on the wall. They are going to see significant tax increases in the near future and the current economic picture is not the best. Many may have lost their positions during the COVID scare. To now be faced with a Council proposing massive borrowing for infrastructure not immediately necessary is frightening. In terms of myself, I never borrowed money. My father brought us up to save for whatever one wanted, even a house. If you did not have the funds to start building, his attitude was to wait until you did. And this is precisely what I did. Never had a mortgage. My financial institution pays me interest, not vice versa.** **Councillor Warren** – The information that people have out there is not correct. And we can sit down with Amram, we can sit down with Water/Waste, you know, we did all that. You know, we had two open houses or three. It was brought out and... to the public so to say that the RM is going to put this huge tax burden for this water treatment plant on all residents, in my opinion, is really unfair to say because that is not what we're doing. We are.... we're not going to be borrowing this money until 2, 3 years down the road so we can say that we're going to borrow \$12.5 million and you know, we have a few developers out that that really want to come and have a, you know, have their development, uh pre-approved uh from other Councils from years ago that want to come to Springfield. So those developers have to pay their levies up front. The developers pay for all the infrastructure. We don't pay that. **NOTE: At that point, the crowd is vocal again. Maybe that is because that is not true.** **Mayor Therrien** – Stop being....let her talk. **Councillor Warren** – The reality is, by the time we go to borrow this money, that cost will be hopefully less than half and if the Bank of Canada and whoever else is... Trudeau ... is in charge of the interest rates, let's hope that interest rate goes way down. **NOTE: Hope is not a sound business strategy.** There are ... we are trying to do the best and we don't ever want to burden ... we don't ever want to burden the taxpayer. We are always looking for the best possible solution so that we are not going to go and burden all of us. I don't want to pay extra. I just built a new house. I just paid for my own water, my own sewer, just like everybody else **NOTE: But unlike everybody else, she is receiving monetary compensation from us, the ratepayers, for serving as councillor so again, indirectly, more of our tax dollars going into the project.** that lives out in the country but it's for the betterment of this Municipality for one, you could have a Rec Center. Uh we can have a Seniors Age in Place. There's ... yes, we could have more fire suppression. This is not something that we take lightly. We don't want to tax everybody, we don't. I pay... I just ... ya, we do. Ya, we want better roads, we need to find a solution for that but that's not what we're here to talk about, for the roads. So ideally you know, those developers that want to come to Springfield and invest in Springfield, thank you **NOTE: I believe one that has been the topic of conversation in Council meetings was born and raised in Springfield if I recall correctly.** Because that takes the burden off of us in my opinion **NOTE: Lot levies and residential taxes do nothing to lessen existing ratepayers tax burden. Her father was a councillor for years. I am sure she knows better.** and I'm trying to look out for the best interests so that's all I've got to say. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, Melinda. We've got 7 minutes left uh there. Ya, Pam **NOTE: I can hear a lady say "I have a question on demographics.** Uh no M'am... just give me a second. Pam L. wants to talk here. Go ahead. We've got 7 minutes left. Go ahead, Pam. Pam, are you.... you're on line. Pam L? Ok, somebody in the audience. Sue? Go ahead, M'am. **Helen Garrett** – I'm Helen Garrett. I'm a resident of Springfield. Uh I have a question that I don't think has ever been addressed. One of the Council's goals related to the approval of this borrowing bylaw is to create more and smaller residential properties to attract new families to the Municipality. Typically infrastructure is expanded in the foreseeable future where expectations of new development are imminent, not many years or decades in advance of when the expanded infrastructure may be required. The direction of this Council is becoming widely known and especially in the prospect of skyrocketing property taxes in the immediate future. An element of this is the unfair distribution of the burden between those who may benefit versus those that never will rather than a user-pay approach. With the unpredictability of Canadian economy and with the pocketbooks of individuals being stretched to the max and rising costs associated with rural living, it is difficult to understand how demand for rural properties can be predicted or sustained with any accuracy so many years in advance. This is especially true with the knowledge that those elements of rural life that have attracted new residents in the past are quickly being eroded. Too many elements draw people from cities to rural settings. The quiet enjoyment of rural living that comes with larger lots and at a lower cost. This bylaw, borrowing bylaw, is a complete contradiction. As a selling point for this future development has been to provide more

affordable housing in Springfield, people do not move to a rural municipality to live in a city away from the city with similar ... with similar costs, especially with commuting costs increasing regularly. So my question to you, Mr. Mayor, and I hope other councillors ... some of the councillors will respond as well, has the Council requisitioned an absorption study from an independent external source in order to provide support for your annual growth projections increasing from the current average of 75 building permits per year to 200 building permits per year? If so, where can Springfield taxpayers view this document? **Mayor Therrien** – I, I don't know if there's a document uh like that. Uh I think the uh 200 houses was quoted by myself. I never said 200 houses. I would love to see 200 houses uh being uh built uh but I never said the 200 houses so that's misinformation uh **there**. Um this, this facility will allow us to expand. This facility will allow our infrastructure to be upgraded. We're... we're very much behind in our uh water treatment uh plant and the infrastructure leading up to that. Should there be some kind of a catastrophic event **NOTE: Like the meteorite currently on a collision course with Earth as an example?** or one of the pump houses is uh the water treatment plant are uh hit by lightning or something uh like that, we can't provide water to our, our citizens, uh a large majority of the citizens **there**. Um this new Water Treatment uh Plant with the money that we have uh it's not going to be anywhere near the \$29 million that's only been espoused by a certain group uh **there**. That \$29 million is not an accurate uh number uh but that's never been talked to or anything, they just keep on throwing out the \$29 million. We've uh touched upon that, we've touched upon that many times uh during our uh public uh hearing uh portions uh in our ... I uh town halls as well. At that time we didn't know what the number was uh going to be uh and now we know it is \$12.5 million dollars. It's not anywhere near that and as Councillor Warren had uh mentioned, the uh, the amount is going to be lower than that as it is not going to be going for another 2 or 3 years. **NOTE: Oh, goodie, we have time to save up so we can pay our taxes in the future.** The interest rates are at 6.5%, **NOTE: Someone in the background says "answer her question".** 6.5% interest and it's going to be lower than that. **Helen Garrett** – So you really have no idea if you're going to get the uptake from people moving into this Municipality to support the tax base that you're required to pay for these builds. **Mayor Therrien** – I wouldn't say no idea M'am. I think uh everything, everything is based on an analysis that we've had done over the years with consultants and so on. No RM would be able to tell you what their expansion's going to be. Uh this is a very highly sought after RM, this is an RM that's uh...we've got 6 subdivisions that are ready to go uh **there** and this new expansion, the Water Treatment Plant, will allow us to do that. It will allow us to get a Child Daycare in that uh you know, the 39 acres of land that we just bought uh and once the Water Treatment Plant is uh is approved uh **there** um then that uh that property value is, is going to be overnight with the...it's going to be increased uh in value uh exponentially uh once the uh people are aware that there's going to be water that's going to be able to go in there plus uh the fire hydrants through all our older communities. **NOTE: The main purpose of a Municipality is to provide services to existing residents, not engage in land speculation and real estate ventures. That is the domain of developers and investment organizations.** **Helen Garrett** – Alright, so the short answer is, there has never been an absorption study done to even estimate **Mayor Therrien** – I don't recall one but I'll ask our CAO. **Helen Garrett** – Any other comments from the Councillors? **Mayor Therrien** – Excuse me, M'am. I'll ask that. (laughter) **Helen Garrett** – Ok, thank you. **CAO Draper** – So I just want to clarify uh as our Finance Department uh put together the spreadsheets so it's not 200 homes that we're expecting uh builds per year, it's 200 REUs which is Residential Equivalent Units. So if we sold 200 REUs per year, that would cover the total annual debentures payments. So that's where the confusion comes in with that 200 but not **NOTE: I googled. REU means a standard basis of measuring the relative quantity of sewage, including the benefits derived from the disposal thereof, arising from the occupancy of a freestanding single-family residential dwelling (but such term shall not necessarily be related to actual use arising from any particular dwelling).** **Helen Garrett** – I understand 200 units, is that correct. **CAO Draper** – No. That's 200 REUs so a single home is one REU but a complex like an apartment or a business are a different calculation of REUs so 200 could be a combination of single family um apartment blocks, businesses, a combination of all that. So that's calculated through our Water Department. So if we do not receive the 200 REUs, that's what wouldn't be applied to the general tax each, each year. So that amount is actually going to vary based on how many REUs we collect annually. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, M'am. We're at 7:30 so I'm uh, I'm prepared to uh close the uh uh Question Period. **Councillor Miller** – Point of Order. **Sue Ziernski** – This, this is really short. **Mayor Therrien** – What? **Councillor Miller** – Are you recognizing me, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** – I would move to extend Question Period. **Mayor Therrien** – You know, that's uh... why don't we have a vote on it. We agreed just to 7:30 and now you're asking for another.... **Councillor Miller** – **interrupting** Cause there's people who haven't been addressed and you took up a good portion of their ... of their time. **Mayor Therrien** – That's a good portion, ok. **Sue Ziernski** – Mr. Mayor, this is not concerning your borrowing bylaw, it's something else that's on the agenda for the rest of the evening that I'd like to ask about. **Mayor Therrien** – Then one more, one more question if it's not even uh something that you want to address. Then we have to move on. Sit down Edwin. **Sue Ziernski** – The RM, the RMs present water supply is from the Moose Nose Aquifer. It requires little treatment and meets drinking water standards, making reverse osmosis unnecessary so why are we thinking of providing poor quality water and having to treat it to make it consumable **NOTE: I draw from the Sandilands Aquifer and have for over 40 years. I do not treat my water. I have a filter down on the water line in the basement to remove some of the iron to reduce the staining from the iron content. That is it! The water tends to have high iron and fluoride content, I understand, but as an octogenarian, I am really not worried after 40 years of consumption because I have not turned green or grown horns and my teeth were poor quality in spite of the fluoride.** when we already have great water from Heatherdale Wells. They're on this aquifer and can have provided all the water that is needed. Upcoming in today's meeting, I believe, there's an intention by Council to decommission the Heatherdale Wells. Heatherdale Raw Water Well Field be decommissioned. This is very serious and requires Council to take a breath and consider what that would do to all the people who rely on that particular aquifer. Public Utilities Board has approved the decommissioning but they obviously are not aware of the implications of such a decommissioning. This will, this decommissioning will favour the aggregate companies that will want unfettered use of that property where the wells are situated. This area is an aggregate goldmine and is highly desirable because the aggregate companies who own properties have almost depleted all the aggregate in their areas. This...that area is already...oh pardon me... that area of the Heatherdale Wells is already classified as GOUDI which means it's groundwater that's under the influence, the influence being the adjacent gravel operations that no one seems to be interested in applying any environmental rules on. If these companies get hold of that area, there will be contamination of our aquifer that supplies all the water to all the private wells in West Pine Ridge, Cooks Creek, Sunnyside and right into East St. Paul. This attempt to take over from the Heatherdale Wells area by aggregate companies NEEDS TO STOP. I want my drinking water from my well to outlast me forever. So what I'm asking is, are you as Council committed to ensure that the Heatherdale Wells area is protected for the use as a continuing water source by refusing the aggregate companies any access to and anywhere near that area? It's just something to think about. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you M'am. Edwin, no. You've already got a delegation coming up here next. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – I realize that. I have one short question. **Mayor Therrien** – No. No. We've already done our Questions, we're well over our time already. Uh so at this point here... **NOTE: Mr. Giesbrecht continues to talk.** **Mayor Therrien** – Edwin,

Edwin, do you want to go or not. No, it's... we're, we're finished Question Period. We said till 7:30, it's 7:34 ok so I'm prepared uh to close the Question Period. We've allowed the extensions um and if you want to talk after with Council, then please feel free. We ... we're agreed to that uh so why don't we stick to that. Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Since you're not uh how can I say, amenable or friendly to people in our Municipality, I would even suggest having a recess where you can go have coffee and whoever on Council wants to listen to the rest of the people who want to speak, I'm more than happy, I'm more than willing and I'm more than eager to hear every single person that wants to speak. And again, Mr. Mayor, and if you choose not to then.... **Mayor Therrien** – Then you can do it after, like you were saying. **Councillor Miller** – So then let's...I'm going to propose a recess. **Mayor Therrien** – No. No there's no recess. **Councillor Miller** – Why's that? **Mayor Therrien** – We got... cause we've got a large agenda here and that wasn't part of the agenda. **Councillor Miller** – Well, I'm making a motion to recess then. **Mayor Therrien** – No. Ya, we're not going to have a recess. **Councillor Miller** – It's not... Do you not understand Robert's Rules? **Mayor Therrien** – It doesn't... we agreed, we agreed to 7:30 so we're going to uh close the Question Period ... **Councillor Miller** – So I'm asking to extend it. **Mayor Therrien** – No, we're not having a recess. There's no reason to have a recess. **Councillor Miller** – You know, you're one member of Council, Mr. Mayor ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – And I second that. (laughter and voices) **Councillor Miller** – So let's see who really wants to hear from the public. This isn't... people are getting frustrated and you never do. You want to kill Question Period. You do. **Mayor Therrien** – That's another discussion. That's another discussion. We're not here.... We're here to uh get through the Agenda **there**. Question Period we've extended twice and we've been more than amenable. We said the resolution was to 7:30. It was 7:34 when we quit so **at this point here**, let's proceed with the **Councillor Miller** – Shame...shame... **Mayor Therrien** – Shame on me. Shame on me. So I uh ... **Councillor Miller** – There's a motion on the floor, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** – ... I propose ... **Councillor Miller** – No, you can't propose anything until this motion is dealt with. That's Roberts Rules of Order, internationally recognized. **Mayor Therrien** – Who's making the motion? (laughter) **Councillor Miller** – I moved. **Councillor Kuczynski** – And I second. **Mayor Therrien** – What is your motion? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Extended the Question Period and we want to hear, we want to hear every resident, whoever has questions for this Council. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok well why don't we have a vote uh uh my position is on that is that you can do that after the uh the proceedings uh anytime. You could do it before the proceedings. I've been answering emails for days **with regard to** this to have, to have a rul...or to have a recess ... we'll vote on the recess. **Councillor Miller** – That's his job. He doesn't quite get it so **Mayor Therrien** – **sighing** You know... **Councillor Miller** – Well, it's true. **Mayor Therrien** – Let's have a vote on the motion, let's have a vote on the motion to recess **there**. Those in support to a uh a motion to recess. Ok, those opposed to the recess. Melinda, Glen and Patrick (Warren/Fuhl/Therrien). Well, ok so then why don't we get back into the uh the agenda here.

7. REPORTS-Mayor Therrien -We're into the Reports uh portion now that's uh Item 7.

7.1 Elected Officials-Mayor Therrien – 7.1 That's Elected Officials Reports, can I get a mover and a seconder for that please? **Patrick** and Glen (Therrien/Fuhl). Any uh questions at all **with regards to** the Elected Official Reports? Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Uh thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I want the public to know, I want the public to know very clearly that I submitted a Municipal Report, my Report to this RM. **This RM took it upon themselves without asking me to redact, to cross out certain things on my Report.** I'm an elected official that should have the opportunity to speak, to present my public opinion on things and it was redacted but that's another issue. I want to report on my activities at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and I will have this submitted to the RM but I want to tell you that my expenses ... don't forget that each one of us on Council get the \$204 per day, per diem in addition to meal allowance and everything else, it cost a lot of dollars. It cost me specifically about \$3560. To send all of us to the FCM was approximately \$17,800 and that's probably on the low side. What did we get out of it? I have a full report here, I could take probably 10 to 15 minutes to read to you but I'm going to um how can I say, move that uh or just submit it on line so everyone will have access to it because I don't want to waste anyone's time on my Report. You may not have an interest in it but I want to tell you it's very detailed in terms of every expense that I did, every session that I attended, plus the results to provide because we're supposed to be going to these conferences, reporting back to you as the public, what did we get out of it to benefit our Municipality. And that's what my Report will show, that some things were absolutely useless, absolutely a waste of time and other things were beneficial. But I hope every councillor including the Mayor takes it upon themselves to take the responsibility that you invested in them to go to this meeting, to participate in it, not be in the saloon uh when sessions are on and things like that and I, and I highlight here exactly my time log and everything else so again this is the kind of reporting that we would expect. That's the kind of transparency we, we have uh really looked to. When I was running for Council, I stated specifically that. I wasn't just going to go off and attend an event and say I attended an event. That's kind of useless. You invested in us to report and be accountable to you and that's exactly what I'm going to do. And if that raises the bar for the others, that's what it ought to do. So. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. I uh if you look at the Record, I did my uh I did a detailed uh Report uh there for last year with FCM and my report is in the final phases uh now so but that said, any other questions **with regards to** the Reports? **Councillor Miller** – Yes, there is, Mr. Mayor. On your Report very specifically, I would like to ask ... **Mayor Therrien** – Whose? Mine? **Councillor Miller** – Yes (yep) so you indicated on there that you were going to meet with uh Chief uh Bluesky, Redsky from uh ... **Mayor Therrien** – Bluesky... **Councillor Miller** – Bluesky from Brokenhead First Nation and then in the next column it said it was kind of pending or tentative so did you either meet with him and what were the results, what was yielded, what was beneficial to you representing us uh with Brokenhead First Nation. **Mayor Therrien** – It's not till uh tomorrow. **Councillor Miller** – I look forward to your report. **NOTE: What he should have asked is what issues that we have in common with them does he intend to discuss, if any. I guess we, as well as other municipalities, do share a watershed with them and a common policing body. As far as policing is concerned, the RCMP spend more time on issues in their area, or at least in the Town of Beausejour, than they do in Springfield. As far as the common watershed, the big issue is SIO Silica and at present, the potential threat of contamination of the watershed via their mining proposal. In that regard, the Mayor, and as a result, Council, seem to think it is alright for them to mine as long as they are closely scrutinized. Scrutiny is one thing but the contamination would occur and then be reported after the fact, too late to prevent it. The SIO Silica issue seems to have been relegated to the back rooms as nothing is being said about it by Council.** **Mayor Therrien** – Good. It's all down here. **NOTE: No detail, just activities attended in point form. Actually the Mayor should be doing a detailed verbal report to Council and the public during a public meeting of Council due to the seriousness of the issue.** Ok, is there anything else? I don't see anything uh then we... **CAO Draper** – Sorry. *Be it Resolved that Council Activity Reports for the month of May be received as information.* **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much. Ok then let's go to uh uh oh sorry, the vote. Uh those in support of the uh the Reports uh being uh followed up uh **there**. It's carried.

7.2 Department Reports-Mayor Therrien – Then why don't we get to 7.2 and that's the Departmental Reports uh um any questions **with regards to** that from uh Council. Well, actually can a get a mover and a second for that as well. Glen and uh Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that May Department Operating Reports be accepted as information.* **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. I just wanted to uh add uh Facilities uh there. They did a good job of identifying and repairing the sidewalk to the north side of the main uh entrance uh **there**. I uh was going to bring that up uh **there** but uh I see they've done an excellent job in that uh it was not quite to the point that it was a hazard but it could have been. Uh the Fire Inspection uh Report uh **there** from our uh MAC uh was well done uh and should add it was Brett's first report so that's a good start. Um the Wastewater um Department uh **there**, this is a question for Phil. Um it notes uh that the portable generator lift station paragraph uh um last year the number there was a number here but the 21st of March it was approved by Council. Uh it says there that the uh the cord was the wrong size. Is that uh something that's part of the Specs. It was done incorrectly by uh the manufacturer. Sorry Phil, did you hear that? **Phil Pawluk** – Ya, is that in relation to the portable generator, Mayor Therrien? **Mayor Therrien** – Yes, yes, it is. **Phil Pawluk** – Uh ya, it was the extra pieces that we had to order at the beginning of the project, they brought, it forth it wasn't to the satisfaction of what the utility system needs so we've asked them to provide us with a longer cord. It's on order right now, and we're hoping to see it next week. **Mayor Therrien** – Alright. Thank you very much. I just wanted to get some clarification on that. And then the Animal Control uh the May Report show a report on the 9th of March detailing an intoxicated male uh who was picking up the dog with signs of impairment and they contacted the police, uh um I just want to commend uh the Animal Control Officer uh there for uh good, good work uh on his or her part and I didn't get the idea whether it was a male or a female, uh the person was spitting uh **there** but I think what I understood was spitting was just part of uh an inebriated person who tends to do that kind of stuff uh **there** so I just want to commend a job well done to the Animal Control Officer uh **there**. The report is very well done and uh good, good follow up. Uh as usual I want to commend ARMS for their Report, it's ... they're exceptional. Any other uh questions or comments uh from Council at all? **Councillor Fuhl** – Ya I just want to make a comment that all departments did a good report uh especially **NOTE: He says "expecially"**. I just looked up the comments from uh Brett our Fire Inspector MEC, I'm glad to see that we're going out there to see working with businesses on uh fire and safety and it's very important that we're work with them. Um we do not want to shut anybody down. We just wanted them to comply with the rules and understand what fire safety all means. Thank you. **NOTE: A totally unnecessary comment. Councillor Fuhl is definitely pre-campaigning for the next election.** **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much. Any other questions or comments from Council? I see none. Then at this portion here we've going to uh um proceed, what's the next one here? **NOTE: Did the Mayor forget his specs or is it, as he says, he can't read his own writing? Maybe he should follow the printed agenda, not his own notes.** **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that May Department Operating Reports be accepted as information.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, uh those in support? That is unanimous and is carried.

8. BY-LAWS

8.1 By-law 24-01 Dugald Oakbank Water Treatment Plant (2nd Reading)-Mayor Therrien -Uh now we'll get to uh the 8.1 and this is the By-law 24-01 **NOTE: Someone calls from the audience, "first the delegation"**. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh, I'm sorry. First delegation is uh Edwin.

9. DELEGATION

9.1 Edwin Giesbrecht – Re Zoning of 32 and 33-11-5E – Response Letter to Delegation of November 29, 2022 attached to RM Agenda. – Edwin Giesbrecht – May I approach? **Mayor Therrien** – Yep. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Kristy, if I may ... wait for each ... Honorable uh Council, Mayor, I'm uh Edwin Giesbrecht, resident of uh uh the rural municipality. And uh registered for delegation uh here and what I wanted to ... to speak to here is an issue... uh this one ... what I wanted to speak to is an ongoing issue that uh was brought forward by petition to the previous uh administration and council and to this Council post uh election October 22 and so I'll just read into some things here and uh today I present to you the critical importance of supporting small lot agricultural rural zoning within our Municipality including the reversion of the subject cluster of 10 titles currently rural residentially zoned to agriculture rural. This was presented numerously in petition to Councils previous and current, never being forwarded any follow up courtesy much less an actual vote on the matter as was assured and then avoided for now almost 3 years. Today the objective to...is to highlight the multi-faceted benefits of such zoning and address the channels as currently facing our agricultural sector by focusing on small-lot agriculture, we can ensure sustainability, development, preserve our agricultural heritage and enhance the overall well-being of our community that imprint the serious effects of zoning. Benefits of small-lot agriculture, rural agriculture include 1 through 5, 1 Food Security – encourages local food production, reducing reliance on imports and enhancing food security. 2 Economic Development – stimulates new business opportunities, creates jobs, and boosts local economic activity, (3) environmental benefits, reduced carbon footprint by decreasing food transportation distances and promoting sustainable farming practices, (4) health and wellness, provides access to fresh locally grown produce, improving community health, particularly in low income areas (5) community building fosters community interaction and collective action, enhancing social cohesion and engagement. Additional benefits 1) preservation of green space, protects undeveloped land, wildlife habitats and open spaces, enhancing resident quality of life and providing recreational opportunities. 2) increased property values – enhances the esthetic appeal and unique identity of the community, boosting property values. 3) Education Opportunities – provides learning experiences in agriculture, environmental stewardship and sustainable living, especially for youth. 4) Improved soil health and biodiversity, promotes organic farming practices, reducing chemical use and enhancing soil health and biodiversity. 5) Local culture heritage preservation – preserves traditional farming practices and encourages cultural exchange between communities. Arguments for preserving small-lot agriculture versus rural residential development 1) preservation of agricultural land, maintains valuable agricultural land for food production, preventing fragmentation and urban sprawl 2) Protection of natural resources – supports sustainable farming conserving water and soil quality unlike residential development which can lead to resource depletion and pollution 3) economic benefits – supports local economies through agricultural related jobs, tax revenues, and local business, support contrasting with the economic displacement caused by residential development. 4) Environmental benefits – contributes to carbon sequestering, bio-diversity preservation, and climate change mitigation whereas residential development can lead to habitat destruction and increase emissions 5) Quality of life – enhances community well-being with access to fresh food, green spaces and community interaction, contrasting with the potential loss of open spaces and community ties due to residential development. Challenges and Advantages of Small-Lot Farming – challenges limited economies scale, lower yield, and higher costs per rate unit output, limited market access and financing difficulties. The advantages – emphasis on sustainability, equality, direct availability to local markets fostering relationships and reducing transportation emissions, flexibility and resilience compared to

larger farms. Preservation of historical “subsistence” farming – maintains local profit by varieties and livestock breeds adapted to local regional conditions, enhances food security and reduces dependence on cost rising supply chains. Purpose of Agricultural Zoning – Implements local agriculture policies and development plans, land use to support agriculture activities. Supporting small-lot agriculture rural zoning is critical for promoting sustainable development, protecting natural resources and ensuring economic and environmental benefits for our Municipality. By preserving small-lot agriculture land and fostering small-lot farming, we can enhance food security, community well-being and maintain our cultural heritage. As Council is aware in this matter, but then Minister Squires was critically acute to potential problems and foresight denied any further fragmentation or development to these entitles petitioned again today by majority as per requisite 50% as per enactment to revert to Agriculture Rural in keeping with Ministry, in keeping with Provincial Development Plans, in keeping with the Department of Agriculture’s objection and in keeping with majority resident wishes, securities, protectionism afforded by the Agriculture Rural zoning, same as almost 140 years. In keeping with the majorities, the reason for purchasing within an Agro Heritage area and the future benefits to their children and generations. As Council is aware, the greatest disdain of all was by previous Council having allowed rural residential as a zoning in this small farmstead cluster to tempt fate. The lust for development reared its ugly head and even though denied development by clear minds at a Provincial level, the damage was done. The ripple effect was an illegal infill of a Class 4 wetland for land recaptured, intended to maximize profit. In this precedent, the Rural Residential Zoning resulted in insatiable development attempt as to advance without Municipal permit required by law, advanced without Province...Provincial permit or license required by law to dump asphalt bitumen into the wetland as fill, dam off the natural ebb and flow of around 3 million square feet of watershed, resulting in damages that are still being actuated as a result of flooding, waterlogging, livestock losses, including equipment, the sub-hydrological changes directly and indirectly affecting the force on organisms, the displacement of substrates and species. Oxygen tension, soil temperature and of course complete dessication of that wetland system that was, this all still being dealt with since the original disaster as result that rural residential zoning. Council’s decision with respect to zoning not only impacts lives, they can destroy a resident’s life. **NOTE: At this point, taxed with all this verbiage, I would like to suggest that concise and precise is more beneficial than rhetoric in keeping the attention of your audience. By now, the “snoring” sounds are evident.** Work, in the blink of an eye, by allowing a unnatural zoning in this subject pocket, the end result was destruction, damages, undermining of retirements, neighbourhood distancing and dissolve setbacks of still unfolding, the heartbreak of experience than any comment or spiteful remark could ever inflict. A real and bona fide social, ecological, environmental disaster, all due to that one word, residential replacing agriculture. I ask as you consider this petition, this appeal to a common-sense reversion to agriculture rural zoning as is only logical and was known to the adjacent neighbours when having acquired its lands. Further this reversion of the pocket to agriculture rural is only one step toward reconciliation of the lands. Today, we the petitioners appeal to the Council for a vote, after enduring years of delays and witnessing the resulting destruction caused by the rural residential zoning, we implore you to take the right action. Granting our petition will provide us with security, peace of mind, the right to be safeguarded, protection for our families units futures, and ensure the security of our investments both now and in the future. I urge Council to vote in favour of the petitioners as so is the ultimate authority this matter and direct Administration to make it happen. It is that simple. I urge the vote to be identified inclusive of the past, present and future so as to not be undermined again. By agreeing with the majority of title holders historical claim to agriculture rural zoning and amending the draft stage zoning 21-25 to revert to AR and reflect same on the 21-25 zoning map which is not major, is minor as it is in draft stage period. That issue previously misled the previous Council is resolved to the truth now in hand. All of this Council, each and every one, has seen first-hand from the gravel road the agricultural character, building, barns, livestock and agricultural ambiance that which it has been same for well beyond half a century including the completely enveloped 360 degrees of agriculture rural and agriculture preserve lands. I trust this Council will consider these points thoughtfully and make a decision that respects our petition, our communities, agriculture heritage and values. I reassert for a vote today and urge a vote of yes to revert from rural residential zoning to agriculture rural. I ask the inclusive of past, present and future for reason of irrevocability, especially in light that should the overall zoning bylaw 21-25 graph fail to its final approval that we not revisit this matter again even if the distinct possibility of a new bylaw be drawn to necessarily replace 21-25. It will be my pleasure to answer any questions, Council uh prior to a hopeful vote here with the Mayor. **NOTE: It was at the request of residents of this pocket that the zoning was changed to rural residential to enable the formation of 5 acres lots for rural residential development. Now that these residents have their 5 acre parcels, they are now being led to petition a change of zoning back to Agriculture to prevent further subdivision. Further, the majority of residents do not seem to engage in any sort of agricultural employment. Our Zoning Bylaw is only two years old. Where were these people when all those open houses were being held? This area is between Oakbank and Winnipeg and all things being equal, eventually will be incorporated into Metro Winnipeg just like all those little urban centres surrounding the city of Toronto were. That is the reality. Bee-keeping does not require a particularly large area as compared to other types of “livestock” farming so maybe that is what they all do, not just Mr. Giesbrecht.**

Mayor Therrien – Well, this isn’t the forum for a vote, Edwin. I would suggest you go to the 25th of June is when we have our Zoning uh Bylaw and uh you can uh talk to the Planning Branch before that or even at that stage but that’s the portion there that you should be directing this to. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Well, but there will be no voting on the 25th.... **Mayor Therrien** – We, we as a Council ... but we be voting tonight either on this either. This is the first we had heard about this and this has to go through a zoning uh uh planning uh uh Council meeting. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – We have a zoning... we have a Planning Meeting on the 20th.... June the 20th. I’ve already checked the agenda. Could we move to have a vote there, would I be supported by a least my Ward councillor. **Mayor Therrien** – No. No. Just ... Colleen’s got something to say, our CAO. **CAO Draper** – I just want to clarify um June 25th is the Zoning Bylaw Public Hearing. So it’s, it’s separate from the Planning Meeting. It’s a meeting on its own. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – But that’s, that’s really immaterial Madam CAO uh in that um we have been asking through this petition all the way back to 2021 and we’ve asked for a vote. We were supposed to get a vote from the previous Council October the 29th, in fact you, Mr. Mayor said that we would get a vote October 29th, 2022 at the end but you would not commit to a date, you said... I ask a day, no, two, no, maybe a, a week, a month, two months, you said keep in touch, that was your final word. And so I have kept in touch. So it’s been well almost a year now and still no vote. And we as the petitioners, it’s alright and as far as you have taken other matters into amendment, had votes on them, that are placed on your story board for 21-25 and so we were not granted any opportunity, we were not given any due process, we were not given any ingrained respect to the petition and so we want a vote and we want a vote before the hearing of the 25th. The opportunity is June the 20th. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, our CAO just said it’s not June the 20th uh there. You’ll have to discuss this ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – You have a Planning... **Mayor Therrien** – You’ll have to discuss this ... discuss this, Edwin, with the uh the Planning uh Department there and then we can go from there but this isn’t a zoning uh meeting here. This is something, you were a delegation ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – No but this is a delegation **Mayor Therrien** – This is a delegation and we’ll take the information uh there but this isn’t a Zoning uh uh meeting here. This is simply a uh you know a Council meeting and your, your advice here and we’ll take it..... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – You were

saying you were going...**Mayor Therrien** – ... we're not, we're not taking a vote ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – ... you were completely aware, you've been made aware, you've had delegations on the 29th, there's been letters in December um there, it's, it's ... at what point in time do we get a vote? **Mayor Therrien** – So discuss this with the Planning Department, this isn't the time right now. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – It isn't the Planners who vote, it's the Council. **Mayor Therrien** – It's a Planning .. the Planning, the Planning Department ... Edwin... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Council votes, the Planning does not vote... **Mayor Therrien** – Sure, we'll ... we'll vote on it but it has to go through the Planning Department. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – It has been through the Planning Department **Mayor Therrien** – This isn't... the Planning... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – ... multiple times ... **Mayor Therrien** – This, this isn't a Planning Meeting Edwin. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – No, neither is this. This is a delegation and our petition, our residents are asking, we're demanding due process. We're asking for respect. **Mayor Therrien** – Go through the Planning Department, that's all I can say. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – We did. At which point in time do we run out of chairs on the musical round-about to sit down. **Mayor Therrien** – We'll, we'll discuss it with the Planning Department then we'll get back to you. We'll find a date that **Edwin Giesbrecht** – That's what you said November the 29th, 2022. **Mayor Therrien** – I'm not the planner. The Planning Department will bring it when it's ready ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – No, but you are the Mayor, you are the ultimate authority ... **Mayor Therrien** – I, I am not the ultimate authority, ... it's ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – You are. The Planners are nothing but your employees. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, Edwin, you've already got your answer so once we get the answer from the Planning Department, uh and if they feel that all that the... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – You'd better hope, Sir, that 21-25 is not defeated ... **Mayor Therrien** – Uh thank you very much. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – ... I will drag in your Water Treatment Plant into the overall Zoning Bylaw 21-25 and I can tell you as of April 2013, the Manitoba Municipal Board did give you a direction that 21-25 WAS NOT VALID. Wonderful. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, Edwin. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – We don't get respect, Sir. **Mayor Therrien** – You had a lot of respect, Edwin. You get a lot of patience uh too but you really try my patience sometimes. So Janet uh you're next. You're going to get your answer, Edwin but what more can I say. **NOTE: A whole whack of conversation is going on but not on the microphone so...**Go ahead. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Um Mr. Giesbrecht uh came here to the Council numerous times and, and nothing was done. We're supposed to do as a Council in a timely manner, do our due diligence and, and make decisions one way or the other. And Mr. Giesbrecht is requesting that so we need at the time frame that we're going to deal with this issue. We cannot just keep postponing and, and you know, keep this whole area, either present then, you know... in a shamble because, because you know they never get straight-forward answers so ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Dear Mayor and Council, what I can respond to Ward Councillor Kuczynski, we've been frustrated through an entire previous Administration and entrapped into the necessity of objection just to keep our rights alive. It has now been over a year and exactly the same pattern is happening here again. So at what point is frustration going to stop. You've all seen what's going on, you've always all been there, what is the delay. Why frustrate it? Bring it to vote and let's move forward. You keep saying No. You're refusing to vote, Sir? **Mayor Therrien** – Yes.**Edwin Giesbrecht** – You're refusing to have a vote on this? **Mayor Therrien** – We'll have a vote in the proper uh uh meeting **there**. The Planning ...once the Planning Department ... have you gone through the Planning Department **with regards to this?** **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Of course. In fact, why do you think I got these documents. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, then they'll bring it to us **there**. You did your delegation and then the Planning Department will, will bring us the information **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Are you intending to frustrate us out to the ending of your 4-year term, Sir? **Mayor Therrien** – No, it's uh it's up to the Planning Department to get the information to us and then we'll vote on it. It's not here...we're not in a position now to be voting on it. **NOTE: And I wonder what will happen if the Council votes not to change the designation of the property in question and it remains rural residential? Then how will Mr. Giesbrecht react?** **Edwin Giesbrecht** – The Deputy Mayor is familiar with this item. Well familiar, Sir. (ok) And his hand is up Sir.... **Mayor Therrien** – Oh...(laughing) go ahead, Glen. **CouncillorFuhl** – I'd like to speak to this for a minute. Um Edwin I'd to suggest that the CAO bring this back to the Planning Department and get this on a docket um coming forward or whatever needs to be done. Uh then we can at least apply this uh situation in front of Council in a planning matter. That's where the process needs to happen. So again, go ahead, Col.... **CAO Draper** – So I just can clarify, I know that Mr. Giesbrecht has brought this forward to previous Councils uh and Council had an opportunity to change the zoning for those parcels and they decided not to. So it was not changed in the Zoning Bylaw. Uh then when the new Council was elected, you defeated Second Reading of the Bylaw which put it back to First Reading. Uh it attempted to go to another reading but got sent to the Municipal Board so when Mr. Giesbrecht came in December 12th, 2022, we advised him to make sure he attended the Municipal Board and bring this matter forward and that was the opportunity again for it to be changed in the Bylaw. Um so that has since been delayed. Uh we had our Public Open Houses, uh now it's been scheduled to come back for the June 25th Public Hearing and again I've spoken to the Province on this. A resolution of Council is not um a way to proceed with this. It has to be amended in the Zoning Bylaw. So if Council decides to amend these parcels to Agricultural or AG from RR on the 25th, that would trigger uh going back to First Reading again and having to have another Public Hearing because that would be considered a major change. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – That's a fabricated falsehood because on the story board 4:21:25 we already have some developments that are on there that are pending Council approval. It hasn't gone through Zoning. It's waiting for approval and that's going forward in the amending process as we speak. I am asking for nothing but the same. So I think we can have a vote. **Mayor Therrien** – We're not having a vote, Edwin. I've already told you that how many times. This isn't the time for the vote. We...you had your delegation here, we heard you out, you heard our CAO, this is something you have to work out with the Planning Department. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – No. **Mayor Therrien** – Well yes. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – No. **Mayor Therrien** – Well ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – It's your authority as Council.... **Mayor Therrien** – No, it's not. **NOTE: This is an issue for a Planning Meeting, not a regular Council meeting.****Edwin Giesbrecht** –It absolutely is. **Mayor Therrien** – This is not the right time and place for that, Edwin. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – 100%. **Mayor Therrien** – You've already ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – You could do it by a Special Meeting right now. **Mayor Therrien** – No. No. We've already **Edwin Giesbrecht** – I've seen Councils do it. **Mayor Therrien** – Edwin... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – In East St. Paul, West St. Paul ... **Mayor Therrien** – You, you already got your answer so let's uh let uh Ms. Nylen uh uh speak next. (ok) Thank you very much. **NOTE: Ms. Nylen was added as a delegation on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.** **Edwin Giesbrecht** – I've got a hand up here. I've got 2 hands up.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Uh go ahead, Mark. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **Councillor Miller** – Uh thank you, Mr. Mayor and thank you, Mr. Giesbrecht, for being patient. This is an example of a resident trying to spite City Hall, it's like a maze that you can't even figure out where to enter so I would suggest just like CouncillorFuhl has suggested, let's...let's do something about this, let's make an opportunity for him to go forward with this project. I'm ... as you can well imagine, as the environmental side that I have, support small lot agriculture and protect ... protect the rural setting. I mean, that's exactly... preserving agriculture and natural resources and the environmental benefits, **NOTE: Just a point that the pursuit of agriculture and the mining of natural resources were responsible for the degradation of the natural terrain when Europeans first settled this continent.**quality of life and so forthso let's do uh what we're suggesting and move this forward. Otherwise I think we're going to be trapped in this maze two years from now. **Mayor Therrien** – And that is what we're telling ... we've been telling Mr. Edwin that uh Mr. Giesbrecht that uh **there**, he's got to go through

the Planning Department and allow it to go through. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – I've been to the Planning Department numerous times. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, Edwin. Uh Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I want to ask because there are going to be costs associated with this. Uh who's going to be paying for that uh opening this uh watershed there. It was built illegally and the water is stopping there and going to Mr. Giesbrecht's property. Mr. Giesbrecht ... **NOTE: Mr. Giesbrecht is trying to talk at the same time.** Mr. Giesbrecht has advised me that it's going to be costing maybe \$150,000. to \$200,000 to open up that uh watershed there. And, and Mr. Giesbrecht advised the rural um watershed district ... **Edwin Giesbrecht** – The new uh Red uh East uh Conservation District, I've sat down, I've spoken with them, I've presented some reasonable alternatives. Um as far as the illegal wetlands that involve both the Municipality and the Province, for lack of um...for negligence of bylaw enforcement and further it was our very own aggregate that was extracted from a half a mile of road and used to dump into the wetland rather than going 2 miles away and recycle it to our own pocketbook by the Hillside Transfer Station. And so to answer your question, it may cost the vendor a hell of a lot of money... am I being muted? It may cost the vendor of that land one hell of a lot of money but he created the mess. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, but we're off topic here. **Edwin Giesbrecht** – All I'm answering is a question so as far as **NOTE: The Mayor tries to interject here but stops.** the \$100,000 goes to uh necessary for uh remediation and it could be \$300,000, then could still be subject to fine by the Province and the Municipality. He could put in a donation of 1.428 acres to the Municipality, put in a drainage ditch which would cost somewhere between 12 and 35 thousand dollars and that would at least rectify the immediate concern to the 3 million square feet of watershed. Now as to what the Province then would do, then it's not the Municipality's problem anymore because then he **??? sounds like acquiesces** to the Municipality for resolution and then if the Province wants to fine, that's his problem, you know, but at that point in time, I don't think that I would have on our property any issue to pursue further with the Province. It would be completely to their own unfettered discretion. So I hope that answers that question that you did have of me and I realize it's only part and parcel of the delegation uh but uh you know it's, it's, it still is part of the delegation but it is cause in part for the request of the agricultural rural zoning to be put in place. We have to stop this nonsense. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, Edwin. **NOTE: Mr. Giesbrecht has taken up much more time than what was allotted to him and there is a great deal of the agenda still not covered. According to my recorder, the meeting has now been going on for 2 hours and 13 minutes and the Consent Agenda has not yet even been reached, never mind New Business. Neither the Mayor or the CAO were in control of the meeting.** **Edwin Giesbrecht** – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

9.2 Janet Nysten Delegation - Mayor Therrien – Uh Janet. **Janet Nysten** – I thank Council for allowing me to make this last attempt to shed another perspective on the project that seems almost too far gone to stop, yet it's not. I have spoken to Council before and will not ... ok...oh gosh ok... I have spoken to Council before and will not repeat earlier comments made that obviously didn't sway your deliberations or decision to proceed with the project. I have two points to make... ok... two points to make, Heatherdale Wells decommissioning and uh development levies. Um .6 of the first whereas in the Bylaw cites that decommissioning of existing Heatherdale rural water well fields ... has there been ... or pardon me, there has been very little detail or rationale provided about this. There have been no costs associated with it. Um Ms. Sue Zimsky has touched on some of what I was going to say about decommissioning and I thank her for her remarks but the carbonate aquifer or Moose Nose Aquifer has high quality water. There has been several engineering paid by the Municipality to thwart this. In 2022 the Municipality sent out newsletters that included a series of articles on water protection. As of 2016 they stated in those articles that there were 4,700 wells that were sunk into the carbonate aquifer, representing 77.4% of all documented wells in Springfield. They were at depths ranging from 80 ft. to 200 ft. and that they were vital aquifers for residents that rely on private wells for domestic use. It is also used for Municipal purposes for Oakbank and to subsidize Dugald, not to forget the water source to East St. Paul. **NOTE: Bylaw 73-22 has been in place since May 28, 1973. Bylaw 73-22 -Regulate and control the operation of gravel pits. 9. (1) Any excavations for any pit operations which may be below the natural water table shall require a special permit. I seriously doubt any operator that excavated below the natural water table ever obtained a special permit to do so.** There has been...again I mention... no cost for decommissioning provided and the only um rationale or responses I've heard from, from Mr. Pollock, um who stated that there is a risk from general...or from the gravel operations to the water supply. GOUDI, groundwater under direct influence. This water requires treatment that may be chlorine and ultra-violet light and it's ongoing. It's the same process used by East St. Paul but it's precautionary measures only. Mr. um Pollock also said that the well pumps are near capacity and the lines are 20 years old. No costs for this work, for replacing the wells or pipe lines were ever provided. The project, the **DOWS project, is intended for new development** as stated a number of times by the CAO but it seems that the Municipality is abandoning the protection of the aquifer by allowing gravel operations to dredge to unlimited depths into the aquifer. You are not considering the 4,700 on private wells, not to mention new development in West Pine Ridge area that will be happening. GOUDI and I have researched is water being disturbed. The disturbance is from gravel operations. This is well known. To stop the direct influence would be to protect the water. Treatment for GOUDI is as mentioned very minimal and it means a much better quality of water than what is projected to come from the water ... the Dugald Water Well Field and the RO treatment process. Other options to make better use of the Moose Nose Aquifer would be to move the well source further away from the aggregate operations, either south or east or put in a settling reservoir for the suspended particles to settle prior to the treatment at the water plant and I'll get back to the other options for more viable water or more affordable water. My second point about Capital Levies, it has been stated the developers will pay through capital levies. In my experience, capital levies are intended for future expansion of systems already in place or possibly repairs or upgrades to systems. If Council is suggesting that the levies from new development will be used to pay down the debt for systems, there are going to be problems with that. One, there will be no reserve money for the next needed expansion for repairs or upgrades. Two, if development stalls, there'll be no revenues from levies. Three, new development is getting a free ride to use all of the existing infrastructure and equipment that ratepayers current and past have paid. Four the word "may" is used in the Bylaw and there is no assurance that the developers levies will be used to offset the debt. And I question even if this is allowable under the current Bylaw terms. I will end with this, have you put into your planning how you will handle the 4,700 plus private wells that are also at risk from contamination by aggregate operations? Will Council be prepared to put in piped water to them if their wells get contaminated by aggregate operations and will the Municipality pay for that too. **NOTE: And bear in mind, when she says "Municipality", that is you and I. Governments depend almost completely on property taxes for their revenues.** I respectfully ask Council to consider the existing residents, their issues, their taxes, and their water protection and not only focus on new development. No other options have been mentioned by Council were considered other than the DOWS project that I'm aware of. Seven options have been mentioned by the public about more affordable water sources. The CAO has stated she's not aware of them but citizens have been looking into more affordable and viable options and are willing to work with Council on exploring this. The eighth option that I would like to raise forward is to enforce the gravel operators to practice

environmentally approved practices and save the aquifer. **NOTE: From the audience can be heard "Hear!, hear!"** Any questions? **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, M'am. **Janet Nysten** – Any questions? **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions? Andy?
Councillor Kuczynski – Yes. So I'd like to question Ms. Nysten. How is this going to affect my water well because I'm in that area where the... on Lornehill Road when all this extraction of gravel is happening? **Janet Nysten** – It might take long... it might take longer to effect you but eventually it will affect you. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Eventually we're going to be affected if we don't stop what is affecting our water. **Janet Nysten** – Yes. **Councillor Kuczynski** – So we have to deal with it, you know, very shortly, maybe now to prevent that from happening because 4600 homes, that's a lot of people with property are going to be involved with that and what are we going to do if we don't have good water for ... for our places where we live? **NOTE: Darryl Speer has been preaching this message to Councils for many years now and being either ignored or ridiculed.** It's just going to be, you know, a disaster. **Janet Nysten** – Well you know maybe this is not an either, maybe this is both, you have to do both things, protect the wells and get new water. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I don't know if people even are aware who are living in this area and we want to develop the West Pine Ridge and put 400 more houses there. There is 400 more uh people that can build the houses in that area and that's already a vulnerable area for the high water table. So we're playing with fire I guess. Eventually something is going to happen. **Janet Nysten** – Thank you. I, I appreciate... like I would like people to focus on existing residents as well as new development. We have to... we have to be considered too. Thank you. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, M'am. **NOTE: The Mayor is always talking about respect. Personally, when he knows the name of the person speaking, I feel to refer to them as Sir or M'am is disrespectful. After all, they are required to state their name and address prior to commencing to speak.**

8.1. By-law 24-01 Dugald Oakbank Water Treatment Plant (2nd Reading)-Mayor Therrien -Then with uh Question Period uh or uh Delegations uh being complete, uh we can get to uh 8.1 and that's the uh By-law 24-01 (sigh) ... just let me find that here. Can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** Item 8.1 uh By-law 24-01? Uh Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **Councillor Kuczynski** – Mr. Mayor, there is one resident that would like to speak, I guess. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, no this ... this...the Public Hearing has already been done **with regard to** this so, sorry, Sir, I can talk to you after if you like. Um no, we're ...we're ... we have to go to a structured agenda, here. So we're at 8.1 uh Bylaw 24-01 discussion. Can I get a mover and a seconder for that please? **NOTE: Extremely short memory. He did that one sentence ago. Draper reminds him.** Oh, we already got that. **CAO Draper** – *Be It Resolved that Second Reading be given to Bylaw 24-01, being a bylaw of the RM of Springfield to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the construction of a new Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant and supply expansion project.* **Mayor Therrien** – And who would like to start us off here, please? Nobody? Uh then do we ... I have uh some, some notes here and then uh ... um local government has a tremendous impact uh ...what... did you want to speak. Oh. Did anybody want to speak **with regards to** this uh ... I'll save it for myself to be the last. If there's no other questions, then we'll go to the vote after this. Um oh ok. Uh I Mark?
Councillor Miller – Well, I mean, I don't necessarily want to start off but I can. So let's go. Um the United Nations Sustainable Development International Goal number 6 is *to ensure uh fresh water*. Um about 2 billion people world-wide don't have access to safe drinking water and roughly half the world's population is experiencing severe water scarcity for at least part of the year. These numbers are expected to increase and of course, with climate change and population growth, it will only put more pressure on our water resources. Only .5% (point 5%) of the water on Earth is usable and available for fresh water and uh climate change is dangerously affecting that supply. So going forward I want to present some facts. The facts are a majority of the people that I've been uh sharing information with ... I shouldn't say sharing, people who have contacted me by far uh who live in the rural areas do not support this initiative. **NOTE: And why would they when they are being asked to pay for something from which they will NEVER receive benefit.** And uh at this time I'd like to present in addition to uh those petitions we have another uh or those I guess in total 1200 and some people so um if that's not uh ... if that's not saying something ... if Council isn't listening, the Mayor isn't listening to 1200 people who were approached ... there's many that may haven't ... if uh words are cheap by the... by a former uh uhcouncillor, uh we're the ones who support it. I don't see one petition here that supports this initiative. Not one. Not one. But yet we can have twenty...uh Ralke ... Ms. Ralke said there were but uh words are cheap as I would say. The majority of people have paid for their water wells so I won't reiterate that. We all know that. The majority of people have paid for their septic fields. Remembering that a majority of people live in the rural areas so the new borrowing bylaw will cost ratepayers, not just developers and the funds collected from the ratepayers will not be refunded. If that was the case, I might be receptive to that but you as a ratepayer will be asked to pay for if not the actual borrowing then the interest which amounts to somewhere around \$eleven million dollars uh with the numbers that was uh issued to us so somehow I've heard certain councillors and even the Mayor say that it's not costing us, it's the developers that pay all of it. They can't prove that. That's not a true factual statement so if, if he's saying that there's misrepresentation of information, then I would agree and he's nodding...I'm going to agree that your information perhaps isn't accurate as well. Today we learned and it was shared in the House of Commons that 25% of Canadians are living in poverty. So taxing seniors, young families in the middle class is not the way to build our community. That's what this bylaw is asking to do, to put that burden on people who are struggling in what some would call extraordinary times and inflation. A new water rate for existing residents will increase estimated as we heard tonight between a certain amount depending on the number of individuals per household. The current Mayor ... this is a true fact, the current Mayor resides in Oakbank and may not represent the majority of rural residents' concerns. If he would, he would vote to defer or reject the proposal as presented this eve. He would also change back the term Mayor to Reeve but as you know, it was a pre-election uh enticement I guess.(ok) The majority of people feel that... have been taxed to the max. Just because you have borrowing room doesn't make that what you need to, you know, exercise that capacity. Each of us can borrow to the max but why would we, right. Up to \$11 million dollars in interest will be submitted...has been submitted on the documentation to the Water Services Board. No federal dollars as I have said earlier have been secured for this project. The Reverse Osmosis uh water treatment is not considered the most environmentally sensitive and in fact, rejects, expels enormous amounts of water which will make it's way to the Red River in Winnipeg uh Lake Winnipeg watershed. The Federal Government, as I also indicated, set up a National body to protect water. I'm not sure who uh this would pass as it is presented uh the threshold of protection of water resources. It doesn't seem to do that. The Canadian Water Agency delivers on key elements of the strength and freshwater action plan to improve freshwater outcomes, restore, protect, and manage water bodies of national significance and certainly Lake Winnipeg is and improve fresh water quality. Um and I can go on and on and on. But what I would also like to say is that we have an infrastructure deficit. Certain people on Council here say that bringing new residents to a Municipality will all of a sudden burden... will all of a sudden guarantee us this extra tax revenue. In fact, that's not true. Residential development in any part of this country is an infrastructure deficit that continues and if you can prove any different, then please do tonight. You know, the story boards that we all saw at the Public Hearings...if you go back because I researched this because I'm in the environmental field, it was introduced by the oil and gas industry in the United States, years ago. The purpose, the main purpose of it was

is because there would be no actual presentation and no interaction with the people who attend it. It succumbs it, it oppresses it, it makes it...here's the information, if you like it, good, if you don't, too bad. So story boards are the way that municipalities and governments tend to do it now because it suppresses and represses public input. That's an absolute truth. Look it up yourself if you wish. So as much as we can say, we had a public open house and all the rest of it, um that's just what we would call uh going through the motion. So I'm somewhat disappointed that we couldn't have a formal proposal, formal questions and answers from the public and so on so to say that we fulfilled those requirements is absolutely true fact but it is a minimal um kick at the can. And it's really disappointing and again, I hope that my seat on Council here improves this going forward. As you can see, we have major resistance here. So I know what's going to happen in the next election. Certain people are going to be challenged and the voting record will be showing that very publicly and even if we're defeated here tonight, I want to share with you my public record on how I voted tonight and anyone else, that should be shared because we're trying to protect taxpayers, trying to grow this community in a reasonable approach that's feasible and uh so forth so that's all I have to say on this at this point. **Mayor Therrien – Andy? Councillor Kuczynski – Mr. Mayor, I want to address the public who are here today. I really appreciate you coming and supporting um whatever cause you have you know and whatever you have to agree or disagree with whatever we're going to vote on tonight. We've been on today on this morning on the meeting, AMM, which is the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and there was Minister uh Bushie from uh Provincial Government stating to us representatives of the municipalities of the eastern region. He stated to us *Do Less with Less* because they have no money. We have to have the same approach to running our Municipality. We have to do less with less. Just because some people want to develop and you know, and have more houses, there was, there was comment in uh made in the Free Press last week that **for every house it costs us a hundred thousand dollars for infrastructure** and that wasn't done by me or anybody, that was the experts in Canada, that's what they are predicting. So even if we have these developments, we're going to...every dollar we're going to spend on maintaining, it's going to cost us 26 cents. Residential area doesn't pay that ... doesn't support the infrastructure and doesn't support the services that we have to provide. That's why we have um Industrial areas. Industrial areas, they provide 65% of taxes. Residential pays 45 and Agriculture pays 26. So actually the Industrial area is supporting us in this Municipality to provide us for our services. And I don't think that it's right for the Industrial people who are having this businesses here to tax them too on top of that. We talked with other municipalities. They don't have business taxes yet we do. They're paying property taxes and on top of that, we're charging them business taxes and I represent the Industrial area in Transcona. I talk with these people. They're tired of paying taxes. Because I want to go to them and say are you going to support our recreational center in Oakbank. They said we might consider it but drop our business taxes. And then secondly they said, if you drop our business taxes, we're going to take security of our area in our own hands. **NOTE: Well, I hate to be disparaging but basically it is already in their own hands based on the evidence provided by the R.C.M.P. which is the Provincial police service and in particular, the Oakbank Detachment. Their patrolling is minimal at best and they also serve Beausejour and the RM of Brokenhead, an enormous area.** Because he said whatever we have in police service, everything it doesn't work. They have break-ins constantly. Secondly on this they say if the statement from the Municipality that the development, new development, going to pay for this Water Treatment Plant, then why are we asking residents to bridge this uh loan that we're going to be borrowing. If they can pay, residents should be free. Secondly I asked, so if we pay for this thing, residents are going to be paying for it, are we going to end after 20 years, we're going to give this money back to the residents. The answer is no. Because we're going to collect this money and we're going to have upgrades and then there's going to be another Water Treatment Plant because it's going to be a vicious circle, the cycle of this Water Treatment Plant is going to end. So we're going to have to rebuild and probably expand even because we're going to say we need more development so we're never going to get out from anything. Whatever is going to happen to this Municipality. We call rural resid...rural municipality. We don't want to ... and a lot of people don't want, you know, this uh Plan 20-50 that we're going to build this 15 minutes community. City of Winnipeg can do it. Don't do it in our Municipality. That's what residents are telling us. We came here for a reason. We came here for a good life uh a large acreage um to have security for our children, security for our families and what is going to happen to our community when we're going to start building low income housing. We know what's happening when you have low income housing. We have those examples in the City of Winnipeg. So that's going to reflect how I'm going to vote for this uh Water Treatment borrowing bylaw. Thank you very much. **NOTE: Near where my friend lives in St. Vital is what they term low income housing and basically it is row housing. There is no yard to speak of and nowhere for the residents to park except on the street so all you see is row upon row of vehicles up and down the street, sandwiched in, and no greenery.** Mayor Therrien – Thank you. Uh Glen. Deputy Mayor Fuhl. **Councillor Fuhl – Ya, I was at this morning's meeting and uh the Province actually said they're giving us 2% more this year and they'll be looking a more in the future. So less is less but we're actually getting more. Having said that, is we're looking at the Water Treatment Plant once again in a 20 year cycle, not 2, 3 years and then have to go back to the table. We know inflation's costing more, it's not going to stop, you look at the history, our homes are worth more, everything's worth more, assessments are going up, it's not going to get cheaper so having said that this is a plan that works for 20 years or more, 20 for sure. Um once again there's employment lands within the Secondary Plan so it's not just all residential, there is employment lands within the area **NOTE: And those would be businesses that would directly service the residents like donut shops and five and dime stores and doctor and dentist offices, etc. Right now in Dugald is a 3 office space mall which is sitting empty. Businesses in there were not able to survive with the amount of business that they got. Further often it is war that ends the cycle of inflation. Hopefully we are not going to have another war but things are not looking good at present.** which will pay 65% which will help pay down and also take care of the debt helping the residents with that. Um to me it's a good plan. We've been at this for a long time. It's about Aging in Place, it's about a Rec Centre, it's about a PCH (personal care home), it's about um um sorry daycares, it's more than just living here, it's being a community and it's about time that we all worked together versus the rural against the urban. It's about time that we become one community and work together and I will share that with you because I'm tired of it always being an urban and rural issue. We are all one community. Thank you. **NOTE: You know, Mr. Fuhl had the Video King business in Transcona for many years and no one around there has ever heard of him so for him to be going on about being one community, there isa community that is oblivious to him and his business which he has now closed to walk in traffic.** Mayor Therrien – Ok I uh I'm....Mr. Kuffner... Mr. Kuffner... um since I'm the Mayor I've got...I'm going to wind this up with my last comments uh before ... before we vote. **Councillor Warren – I spoke before. I told you what I ... what I thought and you ... Mayor Therrien – Tangi, let her speak...Tangi. Councillor Warren – Like I said, I know ... Ms. Bell, I know Mayor Therrien – You're not here right now, you had the podium, it's now Melinda's turn. Councillor Warren – For heaven's sake. I just said I spoke before. I may... the reality is I'm still looking for other options, other than reverse osmosis, you know, but this project is two years in its making here. This is just the beginning of the.... Mayor Therrien – Enough. Let her speak. Councillor Warren – In my opinion, development pays whether its commercial, commercial or you know, like you know, we have, we need.... Mayor Therrien – That's enough. Ok. Let her speak here. Councillor Warren – All of our kids go to school. Those schools in Oakbank here are all on well water. So if those wells should die******

tomorrow, what are our kids going to do? Well, you know what. Reality, yes, Miss Bell. You know what, Calgary, I, I was there in Calgary. I didn't get to have a shower cause I went to go touch the tap and there was no water coming out of it. And then I got this note slipped underneath my door that said, please refrain from everything. You know, don't necessarily flush the toilet this time, wait, right, if it's mellow let er let it mellow...yellow, let it mellow. Like people in Calgary, Alberta are suffering from a watermain break and a drought. You know, lucky we don't have a drought. **NOTE: Is she for real? What kind of a daughter of a farmer is she? The entire prairie provinces are experiencing drought. Just because our aquifers are still producing for us, on water that has been there for centuries, does not mean we are not experiencing drought conditions. Did she not notice the absence of large amounts of snow this winter and previous winters? That is drought.** You know, we've got plenty of water right now. **Mayor Therrien** – Too much. **Councillor Warren** – But I've said my piece before, some of you disagree with me and that's fine. I will take ... take what you have to say, I will still look at options. This is still going. We ... this borrowing bylaw is based on worse-case scenario and I want to pay less. **NOTE: I thought I heard a faint "Jesus" on the audio.** That's my goal is that when this goes through, we pay less so you can be mad at me, that's fine. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. What did you say, Mark? Well, I thought I, I thought I heard what you said and that would be... **Councillor Warren** – What did you say? **Mayor Therrien** – We'll talk In Camera about that one there. Um if you're finished with Melinda, I'll uh um I'll finish this off as the Mayor. Uh we have a chance now to make our community, our citizens, stronger uh and bring our families together, ageing in place is a ...not just a quote, it's been uh exercised and uh strengthened by uh uh Premier Kinew when I asked that at our AMM um meeting. He is all in force or in place as well as the Health Minister for ageing in place. Our Water Treatment Plant will allow us to do that, it will allow us to continue uh with our Recreational Center, without the Water Treatment Plant we haven't got a Recreational Center. The cost is not \$29 million in the heightened misinformation out there, um it's rampant **there** so the cost is a \$12.6 million is, is what it is now so when it's starting to be built in 2 or 3 years, the interest, I hope it's going to be lower um and I'm not uh uhuh in any way able to predict that, otherwise you know I'd be spending my money and putting it in savings uh and so on like that. We made an educated uh guess here with our accountants uh and all our engineers. Uh this is allowing us to proceed. The, the utility levies have been increase and as such, will further add to the monies to the Water Treatment Plant. Uh property uh developers uh **there**, they're not an enemy here. Um the property developers are, are a business. They're there to uh uhuh to uh give us residences uh **there** high, uh high high density housing which is what we need. We need that exceptionally uh hard at this moment right here. But we can't proceed any further until we get our Water Treatment Plant up and running. I use the example of Calgary um that's been mentioned by uh Councillor Warren uh **there** um do we want a scale uh uh a problem as big a scale as that, obviously proportionally it won't be that big um but uh we have no redundancy in our system if uh one of our uh water treatment plants were to get struck by uh lightning, we would have uh no redundancy. This new Water Treatment Plant will also give us the redundancy. It'll allow the new areas uh **there** to ... or the older areas to get the water and they can hook up when their wells uh uh dry up or when they need new wells. I'm one of those uh uh those persons uh **there**. Uh so if a watermain is in front and our wells are still going um we'll be able to hook up when our wells uh so the added cost, obviously that's going to be covered by grants as well in hopes.... we don't know ... we're ... we're taking a um a guess on that and I'm hoping that that will be the...that'll be the uh cost of **there** so the infrastructure being old, it needs uh improvement uh **there**, uh we've been discussing this for uh decades uh now this is the time now, we've got the \$10.6 million dollars uh plus the other added money that we had from uh our uh savings uh **there**, um and that's uh **in regards to** us looking forward uh to a new Water Treatment Plant. Um that said, I think everybody else has uh basically said what I'm saying here so uh there's not much use in getting into uh uhuh you know the same stuff uh **there**. Um then I guess **at this point here** um we're prepared to uh to vote uh on this uh if I can get the uh the reading uh there. **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Second Reading be given to Bylaw Number 24-01 being a bylaw of the RM of Springfield to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the construction of a new Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant and supply expansion project.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, those in support of the resolution as read. That'll be Melinda, Glen, and Patrick (Warren/Fuhl/Therrien). Ok, that's enough. Those opposed. Uh Mark and uh Andy (Miller/Kuczynski). We were elected to make these ... these hard decisions. Ok. Ok, Mr. Kuffner. Thank you. Ok.

8.1.1 By-law 24-01 Dugald Oakbank Water Treatment Plant (3rd Reading)-Mayor Therrien - Alright uh uh um could I ... we'll look at 8.1.1. uh um that's the bylaw 24-01, the Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant Third Reading. Uh can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** that please. That's (sigh), I'll talk to you after, M'am, about that. I will, I'll talk to you after. Uh no, ok. Excuse me, you're interrupting the proceedings **there**. Thank you, M'am. Uh so can I get a mover and a seconder for 8.1.1 that's Bylaw 24-01 **Patrick** and Melinda (**Therrien**/Warren). Can I get the uh resolution read. **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Third and Final Reading be given to Bylaw Number 24-01 being a bylaw of the RM of Springfield to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the construction of a new Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant and supply expansion project.* Can I have a show of hands.... **Councillor Miller** – No, point of order. We didn't have any discussion, the resolution was on the floor ... **Mayor Therrien** – For the Third Reading?**Councillor Miller** – Absolutely. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Anything more you wanted to add? **Councillor Miller** – Yes. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **Councillor Miller** – Ya, absolutely. So a question I would be to those councillors who, for the second reading uh didn't support the residents in our community and there was a vast majority of those, um I wonder how you're going to sleep tonight because... **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, this is inappropriate. We had a vote as Council ... we had a vote as Council and uh you have to go by Council. You have to go by Council here so this is inappropriate, the way you're doing this uh **there**. Uh this is, this is totally out uh uh poor governance. So we're here for the Third Reading. Unless there's added more, you can add apart from campaigning here, this isn't the time or place for it. **Councillor Miller** – So Mr. Mayor, you um.... **Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** We're here for the Third Reading, is there anymore information you can add, Mark? **Councillor Miller** – Absolutely. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, go ahead. Information. **Councillor Miller** – When you were campaigning, you expressed to residents throughout our community that you would be fiscally responsible, that you would have the dollars in place and then you would expend them. There's nothing in your record that would show your... that you're going to borrow up ...you going to have us pay \$11 million dollars in interest, up to \$11 million dollars in interest. Sure it might be a little bit less. You've heard the issue about infrastructure deficit, you know, I just don't understand how people can live with themselves when they commit to people, when they're on the election road and then do something different. Like it just boggles my mind. It makes me sick. It makes me feel like I should resign from this seat because we talk about ... we talk about comm.... we talk about collective working together but on how many issues have we worked together. Many as Councillor Kuczynski would say but on these critical issues whether it's SIO Silica or these fundamentally uh powerful borrowing bylaws, we see things much differently and so again um I'd like to say that uh you know, why can't we defer it for the simple reason Councillor Warren has said, she would be amenable to looking at other options. She had said it. Am I... am I daydreaming. And beyond that, the Local Improvement ... **Councillor Warren** – I've done that. **Councillor Miller** - ... District is another option. **Councillor Warren** – I do. **Mayor Therrien**– No. **Councillor Miller** – So here the legacy is going to be ... the legacy is going to be, we borrowed

to the hilt, we destroyed the environment, and we didn't listen to the public. What a shameful record. What a shameful record this is. **Councillor Warren** – Ok, so... **Councillor Miller** – This is disgusting. I'm embarrassed to be on this Council. I absolutely am. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. You... now if we can read the Third uh Reading uh of 24-01 and then we can vote. Yes, again, please. Ok, enough. Let's do the vote. **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Third and Final Reading be given to Bylaw Number 24-01 being a bylaw of the RM of Springfield to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the construction of a new Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant and supply expansion project.* **Mayor Therrien** – Those in support of the uh the Dugald/Oakbank Water Treatment Plant Third Reading, can I get a show of hands. That's Melinda, Glen and uh **Patrick** (Warren/Fuhl/Therrien). Those opposed. Those opposed. Mark and Andy (Miller/Kuczynski). There, it is so passed.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. CONSENT AGENDA-11.1 Age Friendly Newsletters – May and June 202411.2 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District – Minutes April 16, 2024, April 19, 2024, and May 7, 202411.3 AMM News Bulletin – May 24, 2024 and June 7, 202411.4 Public Utilities Board – PUB Order 66-24 DOWS Project (Water Rate Surcharge)11.5 Ecole Dugald School11.6 Oakbank Elementary School – Thank you Card for Donation - **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, um I, I think at this...at this point here, at this point here, uh I can go to the uh Consent Agenda uh **there** please, that'll be 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, um 11.4, uh 11.5 and 11.6 uh **there**, is everybody uh in agreement to the Consent Agenda? Yes? **CAO Draper** – I need a mover and a seconder, please. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh can I get a mover and a seconder please. Uh Glen and **Patrick** (Fuhl/Therrien). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of 6 items, Be it Resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, those in support of the Consent Agenda. That is unanimous and is carried. **NOTE: The time is now 8:51 p.m.**

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Council Schedule-**Mayor Therrien** –Thank you.Uh if we can go to 12.1, that's the Council Schedule uh **there**, a mover and a seconder with regards to that please.Mel...uh **Patrick** and uh Melinda (**Therrien**/Warren). Any questions at all? **CAO Draper** – Uh *Be it Resolved that the following changes be approved to the Council Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, September 10th Committee of the Whole cancelled.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any uh questions from Council? Uh Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** – Uh just a question I guess is do we have something else on at that time or **CAO Draper** – Uh this date actually conflicts with the Conference that I'm at so ... **Councillor Fuhl** – Ok, I was just curious why, that's all. (ok) Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh if we can get a show of hands uh those uh in support of 12.1, Council Schedule. That is unanimous and is carried. **NOTE: If I am not mistaken, there is an assistant CAO appointed. Why couldn't that person run the meeting and record the session and take notes? If this individual is getting compensated extra for being Assistant CAO, I am sure ratepayers would want this individual to do the job when necessary. And in fact, it makes good sense that every position in an organization have a backup. No meeting should have to be cancelled due to the absence of the CAO.**

12.2 Community Futures Winnipeg River AGM and Awards Banquet-**Mayor Therrien** –Uh then if we can go to the Community Futures Winnipeg Rier AGM uh Awards Banquet, a mover and a seconder uh please. **Patrick** and Mark (**Therrien**/Miller). **NOTE: I don't believe it is good form for the facilitator of a meeting to be making motions even if it is not prohibited in Roberts Rules. Further, I have been to this event and it is not a business meeting, it is strictly a social evening. If Councillors wish to attend, I believe they should be responsible for any costs associated with the event, i.e. meal, time and travel expenses.** **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend the Community Futures Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet on June 17th, 2024 in Lac Du Bonnet at their discretion.* **Mayor Therrien** – And I believe Glen went to that one **there**. And uh any questions from Council? And there's none...I don't see any. Can I get a show of hands, uh those in support? Unanimous and is carried.

12.3 2024 Eastern District Golf Tournament-**Mayor Therrien** –Then we got the uh Eastern District Golf Tournament, that's 12.3, can I get a mover and a seconder for that uh as well, please. Uh Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend the Eastern District Golf Tournament held on August 19th, 2024 in St. Pierre-Joly.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, uh those in support. **Councillor Miller** – I have a question, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **Councillor Miller** – Ya um I think when we uh first came to office we said that everybody should be delegated but uh talking to a number of councillors across the country at FCM, this is uh an instance that doesn't carry well with uh many, in other words, there's usually councillors or the Mayor or whoever, Reeve, who is designated to go, in other words, 2 or 3 people. I'm not sure why we continue to do this method where everybody is designated to go. It's costing the taxpayers a lot of money for us uh to continue to do this and even your words had said that let's gauge it for the first year. We're past that first year point and uh in this case it's not ... I'm not so sensitive about it because I'm not going to go to the Golf Tournament so save the taxpayers, whatever it is but um I think we should get into the habit of maybe uh no whoever is either would be interested or can bring back the most information be delegated to go. That's just a comment. **NOTE: There is no business meeting associated with this Tournament. It is strictly a golfing event. I don't think it is necessary for anyone to go. One can network at Municipal meetings and conventions and the like where actual municipal government business is conducted. In the few jobs I had, such social events occurred outside of work hours but no one was being remunerated for attending or having their fees/meals/travel etc. paid for by the employer. I am going to carefully scrutinize the activity reports turned in for this month when they appear on a council meeting agenda and see who is attending these events and thus receiving recompense for them.** **Mayor Therrien** – No I agree but this is uh rapport building and getting out there with the other Mayors and Reeves. There's Ministers out there as well that uh attend these uh golf tournaments uh there so rapport building uh in this job here um is exceptional and it's a requirement that we have to be able to go out there and see what's going on uh **there**. **NOTE: That is not true. Rapport building is not a requirement of an elected official and no business is conducted at these gatherings. In fact, one usually spends all their time with their golf partners and never gets to meet many others. That is the truth of the matter.**Um at the FCM uh we made lots of contacts, I spoke with um Eliza... uh Mrs. May uh **there** uh very informative so I've had lots of discussions there and this is no different, this is actually within our scope so I, I got no issues with it. **NOTE: How is Mayor Therrien equating the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention with a golf tournament that has nothing to do with Municipal affairs? Further while Elizabeth May is very interesting to talk with, she is a Federal Member of Parliament and really has nothing to do with Municipal business per se. Ms. May talks to a lot of people, in fact I could show you a picture of her and I together, and probably it is like water off a duck's back... in other**

words, she does not remember these casual conversations or the people with whom she talked.. I'm not... I'm not a big golfer, I golf with my hockey team uh but that's about it. I hack and slash, that's all I do so that said, I think uh that's, that's taken under consideration. Um if we can get a vote on that uh.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Mr. Mayor, um is there a supper with that golf tournament? **Mayor Therrien** – There usually is. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, then, maybe they... whoever wants to participate should pay for all the supper, for their own. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, no, it's ... this is a full uh part of the tournament is uh supper's probably the best time to make that... to make those uh rapport building um uh contacts uh **there** so I, I think it's probably only going to be Glen. I'm not a golfer uh **there** so but if I decide that I think it might be a good idea, I may change my mind. But I'm not terribly good at that. **NOTE: And that's not the only thing he's not terribly good at, in my opinion.** **Glen. Councillor Fuhl** – I'll speak to that that I won't be attending because I already have a prior commitment so it looks like nobody is going and that's a shame because there is rapport-building on these events and it's not all about a good time, uh I'd just like to share again adding to that the FCM example, um I know none of us that had just a great time in the sense of partying at the saloons because I saw us all at meetings so I just wanted that on the record. Thank you. **NOTE: I would like Councillor Fuhl to name me 5 people with whom he established a meaningful rapport during the FCM Convention. In fact, I will send him an email inquiring as to that.** **Mayor Therrien** – Um and for the record then, if there's uh I think somebody has to be there so I'm going to take out my sticks and then I'm going to attend this uh tournament on whatever date that is there. So can I get a show of hands, uh those in support of that uh 12.3 Eastern District Golf Tournament. Uh Melinda, Glen and Patrick. Those opposed. Mark and Andy. Uh there is carried. **NOTE: And we will be expecting a report from him on what municipal issues were discussed at the tournament, with whom he met and conversed that might impact business in our Municipality, and what sort of rapport did he foster with other municipal officials and what new information did he learn that might be beneficial to the ratepayers.**

12.4 Disaster Financial Assistance for Gravel Road Maintenance-Mayor Therrien –Uh then we can get to the 12.4 Disaster Financial Assistance for Gravel Road uh Maintenance uh **there**. A mover and a seconder please for that. Uh Melinda and uh **Patrick**(Warren/**Therrien**). **CAO Draper** – *Therefore be it Resolved that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities urgently request the Province of Manitoba to provide Disaster Financial Assistance to rural municipalities in Southern Manitoba specifically for the purpose of gravel road rehabilitation and maintenance related to the damaging effects of the 2023/2024 winter weather and spring rainfall events.* **NOTE: Does the CAO not have the energy to read the entire resolution, merely the resolve portion? What happened to the Whereas section?** **Mayor Therrien** – And this is a prime example of how FCM works. Uh I was sitting with uh uh a large amount of Manitoba uh delegates uh Mayors and uh Reeves and uh councillors uh **there**. We came up uh there was a CAO, I'm not going to mention their names uh **there**, he was right on this uh plus other uh Reeves. I came in at the last end there uh, they asked me uh to drop by **there** and for the record, I was probably having a beer there as well after my uh my courses I attended uh **there**. Uh we came up with this uh this letter and I think it's exceptional, this is something that has to be addressed with the Province uh **there** so um I'm in full agreement uh with it **there** so we have a resolution in front of us uh **there**, can I get a show of hands of those in support. Uh that is unanimous and it is carried.

12.5 2024 Ward Appropriations Request-Mayor Therrien –Uh let's get to 12.5 uh that's a Ward Appropriations uh request uh **there**, a mover and a seconder. Melinda and **Patrick** (Warren/**Therrien**). Has everybody read all the uh the teams uh here that are looking for ward appropriations uh **there**, um all exceptional uh ideas for our local youth and the teams that uh encompass our area as well. **NOTE: What? Teams? This is a result of the Mayor, if I remember correctly, soliciting ward appropriations for I believe it might have been his hockey team or some team from Springfield. Taxpayer dollars should be being spent on services such as roads and dust control, a group that takes it upon themselves to patrol the RM and act as a deterrent for crime, things of that nature that benefit all ratepayers, not sporting teams. Now it seems that has sent a message and they hope, set a precedent to solicit funds from the Municipal coffers for their sports teams. THAT HAS TO STOP!** I don't see any questions. Then if we're prepared to vote uh on that, I'll hear the resolution. **CAO Draper** – Uh so I just need some discussion with Council to see what kind of sponsor amounts if you are interested and who would be putting it from their ward appropriations so. **NOTE: I think the CAO should be reminding Council what is appropriate items insofar as ward appropriations. I remember when I was on Council we were given parameters.** Uh why don't we handle one at a time. Uh let's go to the Springfield Open uh Golf Sponsorship uh **there**, I think it was \$650., was it not? Uh less than that. **Councillor Fuhl** – I believe it was \$200... we came in at ... **Mayor Therrien** – \$325 eh. \$325. **CAO Draper** – So ya in the past that I could find, we haven't uh given to this group since 2008 and we gave \$200. and I don't think they been active very often so um this is a new request that we're receiving and I think \$325 is the assumption. **Mayor Therrien** – The lowest ya. Ya and that gives us the tee and green sponsorship and 2 by 2 uh signs so I think that's uh fair uh, if everybody's uh in agreement to that, then we can kind of figure out the portions from there. I think if we divide it uh 5 ways, that might be a way to expedite that...um ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – So every one of us uh maybe put uh \$50., so \$250. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, well whatever ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – For every of these organizations ya. **Mayor Therrien** – So we put them all together, is that ... it makes more sense. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ya. **Mayor Therrien** – So the Manitoba Lacrosse Sponsorship request, I forget what that amount was all together. Um they had it broken down there. Where is it? **CAO Draper** – There's the \$200 banner sponsorship, that's the lowest and then it goes \$400, \$500, ... **Mayor Therrien** – Um I, I would go for the \$500 for that just because it's, it's a national thing uh **there** and it's going to have our logo on it, am I correct in assuming that uh we could ask for our logo to be on the jerseys of uh some of the players? **CAO Draper** – Ya, I think the one option is a jersey sponsorship for \$500. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, I think showing our RM 150th Anniversary uh **there** I think that's a great way to uh to advertise uh our RM on the back of one of our guys that's uh playing in that tournament. I uh I know lacrosse uh **there**, my dad played it uh my boys uh played it uh it's attended by a lot of people so I think it's good publicity for the ... for the RM. Would everybody be in agreement with \$500 bucks uh for a jersey sponsor? Yes. Ok what are we up to now. \$800. **CAO Draper** – \$825. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. And uh.... and that's it. So \$825 divided by 5 is uh.... I don't know my math ... (laughing) math. **CAO Draper** – We'll figure that out. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, we'll figure it out. If ... if everybody's in agreement uh with that, can I get a show of hands and then we'll figure out the cost between 5. That is unanimous and it is carried. **NOTE: In the past, the public has been advised how much is going to which organization but here that is not the case. We have no idea who is receiving the funds, only a discussion.**

12.6 Financial Statements – January, February and March 2024 -Mayor Therrien –Uh Financial Statements uh 12. uh 6 uh **there**. Can I get a mover and a seconder please. Uh Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that the Financial Statements for the month of January, February and March 2024 be approved as presented.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions uh from Council? Comments? Oh Mark.

Oh, ok. No other questions? I don't see any hands up uh there so if everybody's in agreement with that, can I get a show of hands, those in support of uh Financial Statements for January, February, March. And that's unanimous and it is carried.

12.7 List of Accounts-Mayor Therrien –12.7 the List of Accounts uh **there**, a mover and a seconder, uh please. Uh **Patrick** and Melinda (**Therrien/Warren**). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of May 17th to June 6th, Be It Resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from cheque # 160100 to 160366 totaling \$497,043.78 be approved for payment, as well as the following EFT entries: Western Financial \$13,984.28 Amilia \$1,049.30 Super Pass \$30.73 John Deere 8 payments totaling \$52,293.72 Manitoba Hydro \$33,478.34 RBC Visa \$32,480.64 Bell Mobility \$2,033.99 Bell Canada \$5,175.47 Volvo \$8,831.84 Volvo \$12,067.14 Red River Fuel \$37,765.50 and Be it Further Resolved that May payroll in the amount of \$317,089.62 be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – You had a question, Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Uh yes, thank you Mr. Mayor. I haven't had a chance to go through the invoices or the receipts and stuff like that so I'm just going to ask some questions. If um I'm not sure if Amram or uh anyone from Finance can answer it but maybe it can be answered at a later time but cheque...the first one, Cheque 160367 Pembina Consumers Co-operative, \$602.86 just what that is for. Uh should I just ... I've got a number of them. Should I just read them off for you uh ... right, but that would be for things like what, as an example. **Councillor Kuczynski** – And I'm just ... candies for the Chicken Days. **Councillor Miller** – So, again, if I could look at those in detail, ya. Three lines down or so, 160370, Allstar Toilet Rentals for \$945 or...usually those are used for construction or whatever but I'm just perplexed, what ... ah, ok, that's helpful, thank you. **NOTE: Unfortunately, the information is not captured on the audio.** Um 10 ... or sorry 160379 Commissionaires – Manitoba for \$598. Ok. Thank you. **NOTE: Again, answer not on audio.** Uh 160393 Jeffries Nurseries, I'm going to assume but you should never assume, right, so \$9.... almost **Ten Thousand Dollars**, I guess that's for the trees for the ya.... 160397 Ker-Wal Industries for twelve seven... (\$12,729.76) ok so it's Public Works related and just a couple of more. Um 160426 Sirius Technologies (\$2,168.56) for twenty one sixty eight fifty six. Ok and there's another one for Sirius so I suspect that that's probably it as well and the final one is uh 160439 Springfield Pride Committee, the \$2,000. Ok, great, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – And what are they going to use that money for? **Amram Bangura** – Donation.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Shouldn't they pay for their own for barbecue? Ok, thanks. **Mayor Therrien** – We've got a lot of...lot of people in that ... it was very well uh um a lot of people had the positive...nothing but positive uh comments for that. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Did anybody from the Municipality attend the activities. **Mayor Therrien** – No, we were at the FCM in Calgary. **Councillor Kuczynski** – No, I said the Municipality like from Administration or uh oh. Ok. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Um unless there's any other questions. I see none. Then we're prepared to uh vote on that. Can I get a show of hands, uh those in support of uh what number was that uh um 12.7, can I get a show of hands. That's unanimous and it is carried.

13. CLOSED MEETING-Mayor Therrien –**At this point here** uh we're prepared to close the meeting uh **there**. Can I get a mover and a seconder for closing the meeting for In Camera. Uh Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **CAO Draper** – *Be It Resolved that this meeting recess to In Camera to discuss personnel and legal issues and Be It Further Resolved that all matters shall remain confidential until a Report is made public.* **Mayor Therrien** – Sorry, I haven't seen you here before. Have you uh this is your first uh Council meeting? Well, what did you think of it? Laughing.... I can hear Councillor Fuhl laughing too. **CAO Draper** – I just need the vote. Sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh ya. Can I get a show of hands, those in support of closing the meeting. It's unanimous, carried. So what we're doing now, Sir, is that we have In Camera stuff that's legal can't....

13.1 SHHI Project Updates

13.2 By-law Enforcement Matter

13.3 Code of Conduct Discussion

14. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING-Mayor Therrien –Alright, it's uh 10... 10 p.m. exactly uh **there**. We're coming out of uh Closed Meeting uh there. If I can get a mover and a seconder like to coming out of the Closed uh Meeting. Uh Andy and um Glen (Kuczynski/Fuhl). **CAO Draper** – *Be It Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** – Show of hands. It's unanimous and is carried and **at this point here** uh 10:01 uh we'll adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

15. ADJOURNMENT