

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
June 20, 2023

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 1 hour 23 minutes

NOTE: Did I just hear the Provincial Government has announced they will be spending around 990 million over the next 5 years to come up with a strategy to protect the Province's potable water resources? Small wonder at my astonishment when the Province is actually going to let Sio Silica rape our Sandilands Aquifer to extract silica sand from 200 ft. below the surface of the land endangering the source of water for the entire southeastern quadrant of the Province!

ALSO NOTE BELOW UNDER "DELEGATION" Ted Cole and his discussion of Sio Silica and Land Access Agreements.

Mayor Therrien - Well, good evening, uh folks. It is June uh the 20th. at exactly 6 p.m. I'm going to call the meeting to order. A little bit of housekeeping uh um hats off in the gallery and the phones to silent please. Mr. Schulz, we can't allow the placards inside the uh Chambers. No, the placard. It can't, it can't be in Chambers. Ok uh thank you uh for all coming out uh tonight uh. My name is Patrick Therrien, Mayor for the RM of Springfield and to my right in descending order is Deputy Mayor and Councillor, Ward No. 1, Glen Fuhl, uh Councillor Ward 2 is Andy Kuczynski, uh Councillor Ward 3 is uh Mark Miller and uh Councillor Number 4 is uh Melinda Warren.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Therrien - Can I get a mover and a seconder for Item No. 3 in regards to the Approval of the Agenda, please. That'll be Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). **Colleen Draper, CAO** - *Be it Resolved that the Agenda be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - All those uh Mark? Oh, in the Closed Meeting? Ok, um I guess we can just get the map there eh ok. All those uh in favour of adding that and maybe for the record I'll be taking one item out of the Closed Meeting, it's just we weren't ready for it uh today. Um so all that in support of that? That's a unanimous.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES Council Minutes - June 6, 2023 - Mayor Therrien - And Item number uh 4 is the Adoption of the Minutes, uh a mover and a seconder please. Uh that'll be Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). **Colleen Draper** - *Whereas the Minutes of the Council Meeting held June 6th. have been previously distributed to Council, be it resolved that same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Uh show of hands, all those in support of the Council Meeting uh Minutes for June 6th., 2023. That'll be unanimous and passed.

5. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien - Uh Question Period uh only for uh matters pertaining to the uh current agenda. Um are you going to be doing a Delegation as well uh Ted? Ok. Sure. Does it pertain to the agenda **there** Ted? We'll give you 5 minutes **there** Ted, please uh so time now, state your name and your address please. **Ted Cole, RM of Springfield** - Um the question is, the police were called on March the 11th. uh to the Anola Community Center. **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, this does have nothing to do with the agenda. **Ted Cole** - This does. My agenda. And this...hang on, hang on. Is there a rule that say I can't ask a question regarding this? **Mayor Therrien** - This...as long as it's on the agenda but it's not here, Ted, it's not on our agenda and you've asked that question before... **Ted Cole** - No, no. I haven't. **Mayor Therrien** - No, it's not on the agenda, Ted. So no you can't ask the question. You got another question that's pertaining to the agenda? Please feel free. **Ted Cole** - Sure, ok. First of all I would like to thank Melinda for uh getting the ball rolling on the uh preparation of the repairs to the Anola rink. Thank you. Um..I find it difficult to understand where you say that it's not on the agenda when it is on the agenda. Um how much talk is enough...how much talk is enough for us to be able to live with a decision. Can you explain that please? **Mayor Therrien** - Um it's not part of the agenda **there** Ted. **Ted Cole** - Well, explain to me. Please explain to me ... **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** What's the question that I'm supposed to be...? **Ted Cole** - I just asked you, the question is how much talk is enough for us to live with a decision? Please explain that statement. **Mayor Therrien** - And what are you, what are you referring to, Ted? The talk...talk about what? **Ted Cole** - I'm referring to quotations. If you want I can show you right in the paper, in quotations. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I haven't read the paper, Ted. **Ted Cole** - You haven't read the paper, well, does it make sense at all. My question is, when it comes to a decision that involves our life, how much conversation is enough for us to live with it? **Mayor Therrien** - Well, Ted, I'm assuming you're talking about the Sio Silica so I'm going to fill in the blanks um for you **there**. Am I right **there**? **Ted Cole** - Please. **Mayor Therrien** - Well I, I don't know how much is enough uh **there**, we discussed this uh last Council meeting uh **there**. Um is it ever enough, I don't think so. I think we've, we've had due diligence with regards to our public hearings and uh our order was based on that so that's your answer. **Ted Cole** - Now you said that I'd asked the question before, the first one (yes) regarding the Police. Where? **Mayor Therrien** - Here in Chambers. **Ted Cole** - No, no. I asked about the police out there. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. It's still the same thing, uh Ted. **Ted Cole** - No, it's not. It is not the same. Two different places, two different times. **Mayor Therrien** - Both but both about the police. **Ted Cole** - Pardon? **Mayor Therrien** - Both about the police. **Ted Cole** - Uh no what I'm asking you is, the question is, when the police were called to Anola March the 11th. two thousand... **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, it's not part of the questions, we've already said that. It's not, it's not ... **Ted Cole** - No, no, no. Hang on, hang on. I want to know, was I the reason for the phone call? **Mayor Therrien** - No. That's answering your question. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. (ok) The next question is.. **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** Does it pertain to the agenda? **Ted Cole** - Yes. The next question is... **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** You've got one minute left, Ted so quickly... **Ted Cole** - Ok, fine, keep on cutting me off and it'll be less than that. The question is when we were closed out of this building, was it because of me? **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, no. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, your time is up then, uh Ted. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you. Uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This doesn't relate necessarily to Ted's question but it relates in general to Question Period and I'm a strong advocate for the public to engage or and to provide and ask questions so again it's not specific to Ted's question today but there must be a process where we can eliminate these questions only pertaining to the current agenda items. I'd like to look at how we can, how we can scrub that because I think it's the consensus of the community that uh we don't restrict ourselves to questions to the agenda only and I think there's other councillors who share that point of view so uh I hope going forward we'll be more open and more transparent and encourage people to ask questions because it's pretty hard, it's pretty hard for them to keep a set emblem here and, and focus on these agenda items. In a, in a real world and I should say in an ideal world, yes we could do that but it's very difficult otherwise so I would give some uh latitude to people who ask questions uh going forward, Mr. Mayor, that's just my suggestion but that's how I would run the shop. **NOTE: And something not said, people who attend Council meetings and ask questions are people who**

take a real interest in what their elected officials are doing on their behalf and frankly, in my opinion, that is what everyone should be doing. It is not enough to go to the polls and check off your choice, you should be holding them accountable for their decision and even questioning their actions. And yes, wouldn't it be nice if he or Councillor Kuczynski were running the shop! MY OPINION.

Mayor Therrien - Thank you, Mark. Go ahead, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, when was that restriction imposed that people can only comment on what's on the agenda? I thought we agreed on 3 weeks or 4 weeks and now I think it's almost like 4 months. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, we had this last incident on the 13th. of March and uh it was like the 7th. of February and on the uh uh 6th. of March this last one on the 13th. of June was uh uh a travesty **NOTE: Again, the Mayor and some of his Council should stick with words they know the meaning of. Travesty - A false, absurd, or distorted representation of something. Attendees of the meeting orally demanding to be allowed to ask their questions while remaining in their seats and not making threatening advances or gestures does not fit the definition of travesty. Maybe he should have said "an indication that the people will not be stifled".** and I think that puts us right back to square number one. It's a safety issue and uh um we had to us close uh the uh um Chambers down because of that safety issue. **NOTE: Who is the "we" to which he is referring? Thus far, I know of only him and the CAO. There was no vote of Council to close the meeting.** I think that's, that's the answer right there. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But who, who approved that? We as a Council, we're running this Council, it's not ...who approved that? Who made the suggestion and who approved that, that people can only speak to what's on the agenda? I never, I never approved anything like that. **Mayor Therrien** - Well we've discussed this in the past as well, uh Andy. Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Ya, thank you, Mr. Mayor. Here we go again. You alluding to February 7th. You're alluding to meetings that don't go your way cause the public wants to be heard and it's a..was the quote "travesty"? Every time the meeting doesn't go your way, somehow, somehow it's a travesty or it's not what it ought to be but yet Andy and I, Councillor Kuczynski and I are fighting to have the people engaged in this Chamber? Not even locked out but at least engaged in this Chamber so it's perplexing to me that you continue to have this threshold of not allowing people to ask questions. **Unbelievable!** It just drives me nuts, to be honest and Andy, Councillor Kuczynski asked the question, it was a trial for 3 weeks. Here we are 3 months and we still have this on the agenda. **Mayor Therrien** - And we had the incident on the 13th. of June. Melinda, you've got your hand up? **Councillor Warren** - I do. Um. Do I have to use this? Maybe not. I've been doing my research because we all know about that this was..we had talked about this um over and over and over and um...what ..if you look at other municipalities in Manitoba, um if you look at their uh agendas and I would encourage people to look at other municipalities' agendas to see what's on it. There is no Question Period AT ALL! **NOTE: That is because at meetings in other municipalities, you can question Council at the time the issue is being discussed by holding up your hand. I know. I have attended meetings in other municipalities. Has she? There is no need for a Question Period.** There is delegations, yes. People have the right to come as a delegation and speak, speak your issues. And that's what we have here. And here we also have Question Period pertaining to the agenda. Other municipalities, let me repeat that, do not have Question Period AT ALL. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - And I would like to reiterate that. I've spoken to uh many Reeves and Mayors and um they had the same situation where it gets totally out of hand, uh we've been subjected to that on the 7th. of February **NOTE: The February 7th. meeting did not get "totally out of hand" unless you consider people speaking in Question Period about issues that made Mayor Therrien uncomfortable.** and on the 6th. of March **NOTE: It was the 7th. of March but again a constituent brought up some uncomfortable facts about withholding reports etc. but there was no disturbance of any sort.** and then again on the 13th. of June **NOTE: That was when the regular meeting was cancelled but replaced by a Special Meeting where there is no Question Period and this replacement was questioned by a member of Council. Again, nothing happened, there was no insurrection, no threats, nothing that could be construed as "getting out of hand".** uh and there's been lots of trying times in between that time there uh this doesn't allow for focused discussion. There's people that uh in my opinion are hesitant about making any comments uh in this Chambers when we have people that are excessively uh uh emotional with regards to uh the questions there and I think people will be uh quite uh um concerned about uh getting up and answering or trying to make any clarity with some of the uh um um the situations that have gone on. **NOTE: I'd sure like someone to make clarity of that sentence!** Go ahead, uh Glen. Uh Glen... **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, once again, is they can come in anytime there's a delegation, they can bring their uh whatever they would like to talk to the Council about, um again I agree that it should stay to the agenda, that way it stays structured and then with the delegation, anybody can come in as a delegation. We talked about this before and I'll reiterate it again **NOTE: If one is reiterating something, the "again" is implied.** and it's not that we're not allowing people to talk, you have to come in as a delegation. Thank you. **NOTE: Yes, I am certain of it, Mr. Fuhl is prepping for a run at Mayor.** **Mayor Therrien** - Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, I want to point out that our structure and our uh what do you call that document, that procedures ..in the Procedure By-law it says that we should have Question Period so until we remove it from the procedures, then we should allow people to have Question Period. And it doesn't say it has to be something on the agenda, I don't know where that came from. Who created that, that is has to be something on the agenda? It's not in our Procedures. **Mayor Therrien** - Those, those instances that I'm talking about, it wasn't just because people... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Who created that, Mr. Mayor, who created this, this ... **Mayor Therrien** - The term? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, that it would have to be on the agenda and, and that people cannot speak, just only what's on the agenda. Who created that? I never ... **Mayor Therrien** - I think it was probably uh Colleen or I or Colleen and I uh with regards uh to that. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Colleen and I is not the Council. **NOTE: And Colleen is the C.A.O. Her job is to run the Administration and manage staff. She is not someone elected by the constituency to make decisions about issues concerning the constituency.** **Mayor Therrien** - Well.... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Colleen, Colleen has nothing to do with it... **Colleen Draper** - interrupting Well, I can add... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Colleen is here to run the office, Colleen is not here to run the Council. **Mayor Therrien** - Colleen wants to say... **Colleen Draper** - I can add that when this Procedural By-law in 2019 was passed, the intent of the Question Period was to allow residents to question agenda items before Council voted so it was always intended so it's not written in the Procedural By-law. You received a copy of the Procedural By-law in November of '22 and there's been 8 months we've been trying to amend the Procedural By-law and finalize it so you know, it's been in front of Council and deferred multiple times. **NOTE: While a new Council should review such things as the Procedural By-law, that does not imply that any changes need to be made to it. Further while Ms. Draper may say that "it was always intended", new members of this Council were not privy to what the previous Council intended and if that was the intention, it should have been written into the Procedural By-law. IT IS NOT! And Councillor Kuczynski is correct, the Mayor and the CAO should not be making decisions for Council. The CAO appears to be overstepping her responsibilities.** **Mayor Therrien** - So we'll bring it back uh. Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So 2019 if I remember, Andy, you weren't here, I wasn't here, Melinda wasn't here, and even our Mayor wasn't here. **In fact, that Council got booted out for reasons like this.** I will uphold, never relent to have people publicly be involved in this Chamber, never, never, never, never, never and nor these doors be locked but beyond all of that, um it's not...Colleen, you indicated that that was something just intended. Well, this is a Council. We had no vote to embrace that, to endorse that so in legislative purposes, it doesn't stand. It doesn't hold water. And so opening the Question Period to uh any question is absolutely legally

proper in terms of our current Procedural By-law. **Mayor Therrien** - We, we had nothing but trouble with this Question Period. We've, it got to the point it was a uh a **health and safety risk to our employees**. Uh there was **absolute targeting of our employees**. Um it got to the point that we ..there was shouting matches. You were there the 7th of February and the 6th of March and now again on the 13th of June and much more in between that time uh so the **safety of our employees is paramount**. The focus of this, there's nothing that was being uh discussed uh, it was just a, a **tantrums towards employees** for the most part **there** and it got to the point where people were afraid to even answer or get up in here and make any uh uh assertions against some people **there**. Uh so dysfunctional is a term that I'm using for that. It didn't allow for anything to be, to be done with Council **there**. It, it was taken over by **people who uh were just looking to stir the pot uh there** and uh the 7th of March uh **there** was just the end of it. It was, it was just, I think I refer to it as a **gong show** and I'll stick to that. We, we, we're not getting nothing done **NOTE: Double negative**, with regards to this Question Period. It went **on and on and on** and there was **no focus**, there, there was nothing to this Question Period and as Melinda says, and I reiterated **there** is that I spoke to many Mayors and Reeves. They **don't do Question Period for that specific reason**. They have a lot of experience and a lot of time within this uh and apart from uh you know, telling the dates that we were all present for that, it was ..nothing was getting done. **NOTE: Never was the health or safety of employees of the RM at any risk. The "targeting" and "tantrums towards employees" of which he speaks is one constituent at the podium pointing out the truth that the CAO had been deficient in one of her duties. After the Council, contrary to their duty, left a Council meeting in progress, mainly due to the fact that the Mayor is not proficient at controlling a meeting properly, the people in the gallery continued on with the meeting in a organized fashion, without any leadership of any real kind, and everyone took their turn at voicing their grievances with this Council. THAT IS NOT BY DEFINITION A GONG SHOW. Other RM Councils do not need a Question Period as constituents are able to hold up their hand during the discussion of items on the agenda and speak their mind. That privilege does not exist for the constituents of the RM of Springfield. Further one very good employee did leave the RM's employ but due to pressure from a member or members of staff, not constituents, because she did not agree with all that was being said. Many of us are sorry about her resignation.** Go ahead, Mark.

Councillor Miller - Mr. Mayor, I thank you for your uh debate. Uh you know, you're using conjecture and in a court of law you know what that is. It's, it's basically assuming things. Do we have statements from these employees? I have never seen them. Do we have anything written? Sure, they may have made comments but I'm going to make a comment absolutely in closed meeting, in the Closed Meeting too today about my threats and I'll bring those to light. But going beyond that, did those other RM Councils jump off a bridge? Are you going to jump off a bridge? Absolutely not. Just because they're doing things that might not be great, we're trying to provide leadership here. **Councillor Kuczynski** and I want to have an open chamber, public engagement. That's doing it right. I don't care what Tache and St. Clements and Niverville and Parkland are doing. Let them be answerable to the public. We're here, we're elected by these people and other people. Those are the ones I'm accountable to, not to the people in Niverville. So that's my last comment on that. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - And I'm accountable to everybody in the RM of Springfield and I'll, yes, to everybody in the RM of Springfield and this, this doesn't work uh for the Question Period. **NOTE: Yes, Mayor Therrien, you are accountable and we, your constituents, have noticed that you are not living up to your campaign promises of openness, inclusion, and you have done a complete reversal of your stand on Sio Silica. You told everyone you were against it. Now you are making Agreements with that company. Our RM was invited by the other municipalities to join their move to prohibit that company's boring of holes in their territories but DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE.** Go ahead, uh Andy. Then we have to start proceeding here. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Mr. Mayor, it doesn't work because you are aggravating these people. If you let them speak, and see what's really going to happen. It happened once and you want to punish everybody for the rest of their lives. **NOTE: The "once" is when a constituent during a meeting, as I mentioned previously, stated the CAO had not done something she should have.** Why? Just like you said at the last meeting, when people said, stated to you so many times, we don't hear you, we don't hear you, we don't hear you. And for some reason the equipment didn't work so you didn't want to speak up. And you should do it so people got aggravated right at the start because they couldn't hear. And then that progressed a little bit farther but we were campaigning for open and honest government and we have to be open to the public. We represent these people and these people want to speak, we should allow them to speak. **Mayor Therrien** - Um I'm just going to service, I'm just saying the same thing uh what I've been saying all along to all your questions, Andy and Mark, is that uh it, it doesn't work, I don't see it get any better and the 13th. of June was an absolute, an example of that. **NOTE: At that meeting, a Point of Order was called during Adoption of the Agenda but prior to that, Councillor Miller asked who had called for the Special Meeting as he had advised he would be away on that date and the regular meeting had been cancelled. The answer was the CAO and Mayor Therrien and the items on the agenda included the Zoning By-law amendment with respect to the SIO Silica Municipal Board order and the SIO Silica Development Agreement. He pointed out there was no Question Period. The June 19th. Special Meeting was called for 1:00 p.m. and specified ZOOM ONLY. THAT IS NOT WHAT I CALL "OPEN AND HONEST GOVERNMENT"! Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Kuczynski, motioned that the public be allowed to speak. Ultimately the Mayor called an adjournment until the Police showed up that was not seconded or voted on. AT THAT POINT, EVERYONE TOOK TURNS VOICING THEIR CONCERNS AND THEN THE GROUP, INCLUDING MR. AL MACKLING, A LONG TIME, RESPECTED POLITICIAN, PEACEFULLY GOT UP AND LEFT THE BUILDING. SO ALL THAT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WAS MAYOR THERRIEN'S RELUCTANCE TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE THAT ELECTED HIM.** So maybe this is something we can uh we can discuss uh further at a working group and kind of go from there. **NOTE: Working group meetings are not open to the public.** Um any other questions ... **Councillor Kuczynski** - **interrupting** But Mr. Mayor, maybe we should ask for your resignation. If you don't want to deal with the people, maybe enough is enough because people are telling us, we cannot... **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** You know, Andy, to say stuff like that, you know, it's, it's a code ..alright, you're out of here. You're out of here. You're out of here, sir. I told you, I warned you about that sign, you've got to be removed. No, Vince, Vince..you're..put the placard, put the placard outside and Mr. Schulz. It's the rules..it's our rules here. Ok, enough Vince, it's the last warning. Mr. Schulz, put the, put the placard outside. Put it outside, Mr. Schulz. Ok Mr. Schulz, are you going to put that sign up again? Yes or no, Mr. Schulz? **Colleen Draper, CAO** - It states clearly in the Procedural By-law, persons in the Council chamber cannot ... **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** Just keep it there... **Colleen Draper** - ...be permitted to display signs or placards or applaud participants in debate or engage in conversation or other behaviours which may disrupt Council proceedings so you've been warned to put the placard down. Again, we will have to remove you from the Chambers. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, I am not even sure where we were. Where were we? **Colleen Draper** - I think Question Period is over and we can get on to Elected Officials Reports so that we can finish the agenda. **NOTE: It is not up to the CAO to declare the Question Period over.**

6. REPORTS

6.1 Elected Officials - Mayor Therrien - Oh, is there? Oh, that was me. Ok. I don't see any questions uh uh in front or on the uh the screen here. We'll go to uh Reports uh **there**. Can I have a mover and a seconder as well please. Uh Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). Oh, ok. Uh Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I have a couple to report. Uh um last night I was at the Community Futures AGM and uh we..also gave out uh awards um for the business of the year, uh Peppercorn won the business of the year award, uh Doug and Christine Penner. Um they've been in business for 12 years. They have 25 employees. They talked about how it was a struggle to get through COVID, being a restaurant especially **NOTE: Councillor Fuhl's pronunciation**, and they've been able to succeed through. They talked about stories of people that didn't succeed through COVID. Um and they just shared a bit of their story of how their success has been. And I just want to congratulate them on that, that award. **NOTE: This is not a community social report. This is to report on the Activity of the Council.** Um also I attended the AMM Eastern District meeting. Resolutions were done and voted on two district members of the Board um and again um also attended the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators' Conference today and it was very well informing and uh working on a uh um emergency plan. Thank you. **NOTE: Very uninformative.** **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, uh Glen. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - **NOTE: He forgot to unmute.** Sorry (laughing), if you test, if you test your well and the test is negative, then probably you don't have to shock your uh water well. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - They also said, eh Andy that just uh to shock it sometimes just for maintenance and so on like that so.. **Councillor Kuczynski** - That's correct. **Mayor Therrien** - It was quite good. It was done by a Friesens ... **Councillor Warren** - I do that. I do that on a yearly basis. **Mayor Therrien** - I never do. **Councillor Warren** - Oh, ya, living out in the country, you test your water... **Mayor Therrien** - **interrupting** Oh, no, the testing but I'm ... **Councillor Warren** - **interrupting** The testing but even shocking your well just due to Spring runoff and stuff like that. **NOTE: I don't know about other people but my well pipe is a foot above the ground and has a very sturdy cap on it. Spring runoff would not affect my well.** I always shock my well. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, you're on a farm too so maybe that's... **Councillor Warren** - Well, my well isn't in the farm anymore ... **Mayor Therrien** - Oh ya. **Councillor Warren** - My well's closer to my house. (laughing) **Mayor Therrien** - Um ok um go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Uh thank you, Mr. Mayor. I participated at the 50th. anniversary of the Springfield Polo Club uh this past Saturday and what an extraordinary event and I have to do a shout out to the Smith family and so many volunteers within the horse community that, that really exemplify the beauty, of the uniqueness of our, of our Municipality. There's so many involved, there's so much uh active participation, I encourage all people within the public to uh visit and to actually participate, as spectators in a polo match in the future and again just two thumbs up to that whole organization for doing a spectacular job. And my only other report, I'll have a written report for a future meeting but I didn't this time. I just wanted to say I've been highly engaged with the public through e-mails, texts and phone calls over the last week regarding the Sio Silica um proposed Development Agreement and I'm just so, so thankful for people to reach out to me, to express their concerns and that's why we took the, the foundational position yesterday to fight against a company that frankly, we want to make sure that the Development Agreement is in the best interests of all people of Springfield and will continue to do that. And I had multiple, multiple media interviews uh including today as well. So those continue. Uh the media wants to know why uh just a couple of councillors are so adamant about having inclusion of the public and why we feel that uh the Municipal Board will uh allow the public to be engaged and I think that's a victory, a huge victory for all of Springfield going forward. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - Melinda? Um I want to uh express uh my deepest condolences on behalf of the RM of Springfield to the uh the 15 uh people who had passed away and the ten that are in hospital at the Carberry crash uh last week uh uh I'm not sure of the exact date. I want to express our heartfelt sympathies to all the first responders uh R.C.M.P. uh the fire, paramedic service and all the people who actually stopped at uh the accident to render assistance before any of the emergency services get there or got there. I know that for a fact. Um I'm just putting that in there because I've been to many of these uh fatalities and uh usually it's the bystanders are there just before us and they help us so if we can all stand uh if you would like to do so, we'll do a minute of silence uh please uh for the families. If, if you can. Thank you very much, uh folks. As well, I want to uh congratulate Brett Howden uh NHL player for the Los Vegas Knights uh uh winning the uh Stanley Cup uh last week and, and an Oakbank boy. He attended hockey in Oakbank. Uh I know Brett and his brother Quinton, both uh uh NHL uh players with Quinton retired now uh I believe, obviously from the NHL. I want to congratulate the Chicken Day..Daze organizers uh **there** Lenay Gutoski, Lisa and Mike uh Bertram. Uh it was an excell .. an exciting Chicken Daze. The weather was fantastic uh 24 and a light breeze uh bright and sunny and very well attended. I know uh Councillors uh Fuhl, Kuczynski, and Warren were throwing out candies the whole time as well as the CAO. Um I'd say it's the biggest one that I've seen and I've been with the Chicken Daze for a uh few decades uh now seeing it uh as a spectator. Um and just a great job by everybody and the volunteers included uh **there**. Uh I want to congratulate the Peppercorn Restaurant for their uh uh their award as stated by Councillor uh Glen Fuhl and also the Emergency Management Conference that we went to uh today uh myself and Glen and uh Melinda. Uh there's exceptional un information uh that was obtained. Uh this is my second one I've gone to uh in the 7 or 8 months that we've been doing this. Uh you learn something uh every time so uh one thing is for certain, uh the weather is getting more extreme, uh the severity seems to be elongated and uh the one in a hundred year storms seem to be getting into one in the fifty years and one in the twenty-five years uh so this is something that uh we have to start uh getting into once we uh get more uh uh things out of the way **there** and as Mark had mentioned, the 50th anniversary of the Polo Club **there**. I did a speech along with MLA Schuler uh President of the Polo Club and I want to congratulate uh Sue Smith for an exceptional job, very well uh advertised, a huge amount of people uh there, I'm a regularly going, I try to be regular going to the uh the polo uh matches uh **there** called chuckries uh so I want to congratulate her, her, her boys and her daughter that are players plus all the other players who did this uh on our behalf and had a great show for us and a great uh game uh as well. Uh I also want to report that uh we had been asking for the uh the R.C.M.P. Musical Ride to be present for our 150th. Anniversary. I sent off letters uh **there** uh on behalf of the RM to try to get them to come here um and it's not uh it didn't work uh so we're going to try to get uh them on a rotation uh **there**. They were quite specific in how the rotations work and so we're not going to give up but it's not going to happen for our 150th. Anniversary here and that's all I have. **NOTE: In my humble opinion, this is Mayor Therrien trying to promote himself socially and in no way appropriate for Reports of Elected Officials. The purpose of that item is to report on the municipal related activities of members of Council. THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS EXPECTING TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ARE DOING ON THEIR BEHALF IN TERMS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES. If Mayor Therrien wants to promote social activities in the RM and compliment organizers, he should personally take out a page in the local newspaper, the Clipper, at his own personal expense.** So if there's no further reports, we'll get into uh 8 and that'll be delegations uh **there** um. **NOTE: There was no report from Councillor Warren.**

7. BY-LAWS

8. DELEGATION

Mayor Therrien - Uh the first one is uh Ted uh Cole talking about the Sio Silica Matter and the Roadside Garbage Issues, uh Ted. You don't have to say your name **there** Ted unless you'd like to and 15 minutes.

8.1 Ted Cole Re: Sio Silica Matter and Roadside Garbage Issues - Ted Cole - Ya, I'll say my name. **Mayor Therrien** - Just 15 minutes Ted. **Ted Cole** - Ya, that's fine. Uh my name is Ted Cole and I live in the RM of Springfield. Um I find it interesting you knew what I was going to say before I even said it regarding the police matter. And..no, hang on, hang on, no, no, this is to do with Sio. It's all to do with SIO. It is Springfield, the whole Springfield, nothing but Springfield and SIO. Now you mentioned that in my uh delegation that uh well, actually, in my Question Period, that what I was asking was not on the agenda. But same thing, one and the same. They're not different. Now the first question I have is, who's on the negotiating committee for Sio Silica? **Mayor Therrien (sighing)** Uh our lawyers, the Planning Branch um I think that's it unless Colleen can add to it. **Ted Cole** - Not yourself? **Mayor Therrien** - No. **Ted Cole** - Ok. **Colleen Draper, CAO** - Uh myself, uh our lawyer uh and his assistant and our Planning team. **NOTE: No one with mining expertise that would be knowledgeable about the impact of the mining and the processing plant on Vivian and the RM.** **Ted Cole** - Thank you. Uh did I hear anything about someone having signed a non-disclosure agreement? **Mayor Therrien** - No. **Ted Cole** - No? Good, good. Then that means everybody could talk and then they wouldn't be..now uh can you show me and the people uh what properties are covered by those uh mining claims. Have you seen a map? **Mayor Therrien** - Yes. **Ted Cole** - Present and future or just what they put in their brochure? **Mayor Therrien** - Uh no uh the uh Development Plan, it was in there. **Ted Cole** - Ok, ok. Now um the reason I asked that question is, there are a lot of people that are worried as to whether or not their properties are on the target. Um for future, like they're not stopping. They say when they're finished with where they are right now, they're going to be going into a 3 mile radius, correct. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't know, Ted. I don't recall. **Ted Cole** - And I have to say this right now too. I don't expect you to have the answers but I'm willing to wait until the next Council meeting for you to come up with the answers. And like I say, I don't want to pressure you, I just want to get the questions out. Now have you talked to the people that have been pointed out in this uh agreement? Has anybody talked to the people. **Mayor Therrien** - Yes, we've been talking to people, we all have. **Ted Cole** - You've all talked to the people involved under the Plan. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, why? You didn't say that part **there**. No I haven't. I haven't spoken to everybody under the claims, no. **Ted Cole** - Anybody. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I may have, but it may be property owners. I don't know. **Ted Cole** - Ok, no, no, ok that's fine. Uh why did Sio not put out a full page ad with every detail regarding the land access agreement? Any idea? **Mayor Therrien** - No. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. Um could you show us a copy. **Mayor Therrien** - Not right now, Ted. **Ted Cole** - No, but can you. **Mayor Therrien** - No, I'm not sure, Ted. What are you, what're you asking, what. **Ted Cole** - The land access agreements. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't know if there is ..is there a land access agreement uh Colleen? **Colleen Draper** - A land access agreement for what, sorry? **Ted Cole** - laughing. **Colleen Draper** - Are you talking personal residents, the land access or with the Municipality, I'm not... **Ted Cole - interrupting** No we're talking Sio Land Access. **Colleen Draper** - What would they need an access agreement to their land for? **Ted Cole** - Well, um the point is that with the mining claims...no...am I wrong... **Mayor Therrien** - No, no. **Ted Cole** - Oh, sorry. Ok. The point is Sio has a claim, a mining claim on properties. In order to access the properties, they require a Land Access Agreement as per their own ads in the paper. So like I say um and the other reason is like I asked you and you haven't seen and you don't know which is fine, I ... you're not the only one. Because when there was that group of people here in the room, I asked that very same question. Has anybody seen land access agreements? Everybody said no. Does anybody know what's in the land access agreement? Everybody said no. Why is that? Why is that? Do you remember what I said uh on March the 11th.? **Mayor Therrien** - Geez, Ted, I can barely remember what I had for breakfast. **Ted Cole** - No, that's fine, that's fine and I'm just asking if you remember what I said. **Mayor Therrien** - No. **Ted Cole** - Ok, that's fine. Um so if you haven't seen . if you don't know what's involved in it, then we don't know if there is a non disclosure agreement in it. **Mayor Therrien** - Um if I haven't seen the document so no I ..I couldn't tell you what's in it. **Ted Cole** - That's my point, that's my point and likewise with everybody else that I've come across. Um it would really be nice of the company could be forward and put out all the details of that land access agreement. Why is that so important? That's a good question because number 1, if they don't have a land access agreement, how do they get on the land? If they don't have a land access agreement, how do they drill the wells? If they don't have a land access agreement, how do they get the sand? If they don't have a land access agreement, how do they put their slurry lines down because in their own ads, they state that the slurry lines will be on all land access agreement land. So if you cannot get on the land, the company is toast. Would I be wrong? **Mayor Therrien** - Uh didn't you say that at the hearing though, Ted. Did you get an answer? **Ted Cole** - Very good. Very good. It helps to throw a few things in there. Ok. **Mayor Therrien** - But did you get an answer? **Ted Cole** - You know, that's the funny part about it. I asked it in Steinbach and you know what I was told when I asked that question? **Mayor Therrien** - You're right, I thought you were talking about Anola but it was in Steinbach. **Ted Cole** - Yes, I was. But I also asked in Anola. In fact, I shouldn't say I asked, I spill their guts, remember that. I was coming for their guts so I could spill their guts. In other words, the company has no intestines but they do have something that's very important to them and they have not disclosed it to the people. It is the backbone of the company and they did not like that. Now the reason I asked that thing about the Police in Anola and the community center and all that is they felt threatened, it's right in the paper but you know when that came out. No idea. The meeting happened on March the 11th. On March the 16th. there was an article in the paper and it described the meeting. There's positives, a couple of negatives, uh no biggie. But..and people should look into this. Look into the paper of March 16th. The Clipper. Look into the paper of March 30th., the Clipper. Do you recall having something said in the paper for March the 30th. **Mayor Therrien** - No. **Ted Cole** - Ok. I'll remind you. Uh there was an article about um like I say maybe the whole paper should help. Oh, here we go, here we go. *Poor conduct a concern in Springfield*. This is March the 30th. The meeting was March the 11th. And then, and people please look at that Clipper, March 30th. They said, "a man said" something. Oh, he was not a nice man. I am sure of that by ..why didn't they mention my name? It was on public record. I spoke in front of the people in the Community Center and according to the paper, I think it was about 130 or so people but they chose to say "a man". Now another interesting part of that article, like I say, it came up your thing about misconduct and all the other stuff. Well, when it came out in the paper, and I know you don't have the full paper, maybe somebody else does but you don't, um I pointed out ... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** - 3 minutes, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Good. I pointed out that they were hiding something and the article goes through and it goes up to the point where I confess to lying to my wife and my family and this is true, I did. This is not a lie that they put in here. It is true but what they failed to do was exactly what I was saying. They were hiding the land access agreement. In this article, it stops before I said anything about the land access agreement. **NOTE: Basically Sio can come on your property to access the mineral to which they have the mining rights, i.e. silica sand, one cannot stop them. However they SHOULD HAVE TO REIMBURSE YOU FOR THEIR USE OF YOUR PROPERTY. By not emphasizing that, they could potentially save themselves a lot of money because the landowners won't know about it and won't negotiate reimbursement for being on the property.** And why is that? Was I wrong? Let me tell you something. I've wanted to be told I was a hundred percent wrong right from Day 1. I wanted to be

told I was wrong, but they haven't told me. Why is that? Now I know I'm running out of time. **Mayor Therrien** - How much time have we got, Kristy? A minute and a half, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Ok, thank you. Um, I've just started on my questions so if at all possible, I would like to hand Colleen my request for the next possible delegation. Ok. **Mayor Therrien** - You'll have to submit that, Ted. Is this the questions that you want to ask? **Ted Cole** - No, that's it right there. It's a continuation of this if that's possible. **Colleen Draper** - I'll just advise you, the next meeting is July 4th. so. **Ted Cole** - Well, that's fine. ... I still... **Colleen Draper** - The next meeting is July 4th. **Ted Cole** - So my time is up. I thank you for letting me speak, It's unfortunate that I have to uh have a restriction. Um you may wonder why I wear this flag. Um the reason I wear this flag is I feel some people have forgotten what kind of country we are or what country we are in. Um this little piece of wood on my chest, the reason for that is this is Manitoba, this is my what I would call a replica of Manitoba. The blue and yellow are my ancestry which is Ukrainian. And I would like for the people who think that Putin is a nice guy, you may be wrong because I don't think he's a nice guy but that's why this is here. This is Manitoba. This is our Province. Sio Silica has come into our Province. We did not go into their Province. We did not go to their country. They came to us and you talk about being threatened. Let me tell you, when I came into Anola for the first meeting of that Municipal Board, I was dumb. I didn't have a clue as to what the heck was going on and I went there to find out and I listened and I listened intently because I wanted to know what the heck is going on. **Mayor Therrien** - 30 seconds, Ted. **Ted Cole** - That's fine. Now by the 3rd. day, I was scared. And I said I was scared. And I'm still scared. And you want to talk about people being threatened? **My water, people's water, people's properties, people's rights, if ever there was a threat, THAT IS FROM SIO**, a heck of a lot more than us. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Did you have a question, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I do, Mr. Mayor. I have a question. Thank you for your presentation and I.. absolutely that's a threat to all of us, no question about it. My question is very specific. Uh what do you see as concerns with the land access agreement, I mean, do we know for sure, like you say, is there one, isn't there one, and should there be one. What's your opinion and how should we proceed on this. **Ted Cole** - Well, let's put it to you this way. I have followed every newspaper article since I got involved in this stuff. There are only 3 lines in their ads that I have ever seen regarding **the land access agreement. Number 1 is the slurry line will be only one the land access agreement lands.** That's one. **Number 2 - there is a financial compensation with the land access agreement.** That's wonderful. To me, in my opinion, that's a sucker grab. Hey, people, you can get some money. That's a sucker grab. And the **3rd. one** is to do with, we will .. I am paraphrasing so to speak but they will have **discussions** with the land owners over the land access agreements. Now 3 lines above the backbone of the company. Why? **Why are they not putting it out in a big, bold screen on every corner of this country?** Why are there just 3 little lines? And when I asked the residents here of Springfield, why is it that nobody knows about this? Why haven't they been instructed as to what is in it? What is important? That is my question. This is scary. Very scary. And the worst thing is ..when they come on your land, do they really discuss it or do they just say, "oh ya, we're going to drill here and we're going to drill there, you're going to be ok. Is that what it is? We don't know. General terminology. They've done a lot of that, general, general, general. Now because of, because of ..thank you, computer.. excuse me... **Mayor Therrien** - You ok, Ed or Ted. **Ted Cole** - No, I'm not ok. **Mayor Therrien** - Do you want to sit down? **Ted Cole** - No, I'd rather fall on the ground. **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, you want some water. **Ted Cole** - I just want to die, you know that. **Mayor Therrien** - Well I.... **Ted Cole** - And I'll tell you why. Because this, this company gets away with this stuff that they're doing, I don't want to live to see what it looks like. (hmmm) Now here's something else. In the paper, you said you haven't read the paper, .. **Mayor Therrien** - Ted, no, we, we, we've already...does that answer your question, **there**, Mark? **Ted Cole** - No, no, no, no, no, this is in response to him. This is in response to him. There is an article ... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Does that answer your question, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Well, I would like to give him the opportunity to speak. **Ted Cole** - This, this, this is important. This is important. **Mayor Therrien** - We've got other uh presenters as well... **Ted Cole** - But this is...fine. Look, I'm answering a question. There is a statement made by a firm that was investigating Sio and that's the second last paragraph on that article. And in that article, or in that paragraph, rather, it said **people were not being informed and if they had been, there could be a loss of support for Sio.** Now the question is, and right from the first time I heard that..the first time I read that, I questioned what the heck is it that...what the heck were they referring to and my... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Ted, we answered that question so I'm going to have to cut it off there. **Ted Cole** - Well, that's fine... **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** Uh Edwin, Edwin wants to come up next. **Edwin Giesbrecht** - This gentleman is very passionate. I would be please to yield 5 minutes of my time to him. **Mayor Therrien** - You want 10 minutes then, Edwin. **Edwin Giesbrecht** - That'll be fine. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, go ahead then Ted, it's nice enough of Mr. Giesbrecht to do that. **Ted Cole** - Now I don't want to waste a lot of time but I want to get the facts out. I want the truth. I want the whole truth. I want nothing but the truth. What was it that made that engineer make a comment like that? Was it what I just brought up because if it is, that would follow in line with everything else. Now this whole thing is unbelievable. There has been, and I'm sure you people have seen these, these brochures from Sio Silica uh and Stantec and what's uh...can't even remember the name any more **NOTE: He is probably referring to the Papadopolous report, commissioned by the RM, wherein significant concerns about the project are outlined.** but anyhow..but anyhow, can you tell me or I shouldn't say that, no, no, no excuse me, what I was saying, this first one here, this is their presentation, Sio's presentation. Look closely at this picture and anybody else that has this brochure, look closely at that picture. There's something missing. Why did I, this bush bunny, why did I pick out the fact that it is a **10 storey high sand pile** but look at this picture. It probably would have fallen off the page. It's not an overhead, it's their presentation but I heard that on the second day after the presentation when Doucet was being asked questions and it came out, probably by accident. Now the other one is , this one here, *major public events, in person meeting, Anola club, November 29th., 2021 - approximately 25 people attended. Invitations dropped off at residences nearby the project area.* Well, the company's name is AECOM, this. Now AECOM specialists are always available for questions. And then there's a blank page, see, blank except for where my writing is. Those 3 days in Anola, when they presented this before the CEC, it is not here. The 3 days are omitted. Every stinking one of us people from Springfield that were in Anola for 3 days were omitted. But that's part of the presentation. Are you concerned about that maybe..ah, what the hell. We're only people. Now Stantec, this is one of them. This is their engineering thing, the whole bit. **Mayor Therrien - interrupting** One minute **there** Ted. **Ted Cole** - Good, good because I'm running out of saliva. In their presentation, they show all the different layers and then there's shale, and then there's no shale, and then there's no shale, and then there's no shale. In the areas where the limestone is collapsing into the void. But there's no shale in the diagram. It never existed according to that. So where is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. That's what I'm looking for. That's why I'm asking questions. And like I said before, I don't expect you to come up with answers right here, right now, I am willing to wait until Christmas or 5 years from now but I want to know why, I want to know why for these questions. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Ted. **Ted Cole** - Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, Edwin, are you ready to go?

8.2 Edwin Giesbrecht - Abuse and Harassment Policy - June 20, 2023 - Edwin Giesbrecht - My name is Edwin Giesbrecht, um and I'm from the wonderful Municipality of Springfield. I'm here to speak today ...good point...my glasses. (Mayor and others laughing) **Mayor Therrien** - Pat, the optometrist. (more laughing) **Edwin Giesbrecht** - First of all, in part and parcel when I come to it, um the Council will have a decision uh to make. It's already in type as to whether I proceed um redacted or unredacted. So... **Dear Mayor and council; Rural Municipality of Springfield, Manitoba** I filed this delegation for a fair and public hearing. Although it may seem to be a menial issue there are deeper reaching issues obviously in light of His Worship Mayor Therrien reaching out with a notice of caution. Given having received cautionary notice one might say I believe it is only appropriate to first establish some sort of a semblance of definition this word caution and bring facts of email threads forward in this regard and further semblance of definition which will include and be applicable to the resolution policy in reference of resolution 23-086, which policy in part is headed as bullying and harassment. So in the initiation of the word caution, let us investigate, and do please follow with me Council. **Caution!** A form of extrajudicial measure that involves a police officer or a prosecutor meeting with the youth, and often the parents, to warn the youth against further offending, and perhaps make a voluntary referral for counseling or support from some agency. A record is kept of the caution, as a future charge may be dealt with more formally, but record of a caution cannot be used in youth justice court proceedings. **There is no legal distinction between a "warning" and a "caution,"** but the term "warning" generally refers to an informal caution, given by an investigating officer at the time. **Warning!** In court, a warning from a judge is **a verbal reprimand advising a party of future consequences which will occur if the court's admonishment is not followed.** Such a warning is not a matter of public record, such as a conviction of acquittal. **What is a warning notice? Official notification of a danger or threat.** When a **traffic stop** is made, a **warning** issued by the **officer** is a statement that the motorist has committed some offense, but is being spared the actual citation. Officers use their own discretion whether to issue a citation or warning.^[1] The motorist may receive the warning either verbally or written, but will not be charged with the offense, will not have to pay a fine, and will not receive any points. Depending on the laws of the jurisdiction, the warning may or may not appear on records visible to officers, which, if it does, could result in another stop within a fixed period of time leading to an actual citation, or in some cases, the motorist may be charged with both offenses. **Criticism of warnings** One criticism of warnings is the possibility that officers may offer them to some motorists, not to others based on **favoritism**, singling them out over factors such as their race, attractive appearance, the vehicle they are driving, the way they are dressed, their social class, association or fellow public servant. Warnings can be difficult to challenge, which could be a violation of **due process of the law**. They adversely affect a driver's **CSA score**, and cannot be reversed like a successfully challenged citation. **In the determination of his/her civil rights** and obligations or of any criminal charge against him/her, **everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing** within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law. Judgment shall be pronounced publicly but the press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial in the interest of morals, public order or national security in a democratic society, where the interests of juveniles or the protection of the private life of the parties so require, or the extent strictly necessary in the opinion of the court in special circumstances where publicity would prejudice the interests of justice. Now that we have some serious appreciation and grasp of what a caution is to deny a civil right of public hearing, let us now review excerpts of email threads that are fact and pertinent to this issue delegation today. I would like to express for council to please bear in mind that the overriding issue is not to discuss the performance or actions of a municipal employee of more so to discuss an exclusionary discrimination of hundreds of our residents to a call for vote. This was for name submissions of a municipal mascot that distinctly indicated the names would be voted upon. The call to public had no disclaimers that there are some 'omissions, edited, discarded or put into the garbage as to their good faith submissions. Certainly we do not know as to the names submitted because some reference to "we" could infer or suggest even council or his worship himself may have taken it upon itself to exercise exclusionary discrimination which is in fact a belittling bullying exercise in harassing control of what could have been a disabled individual, a youth or even a paraplegic whom look forward to seeing their name submission publicly on our web site for vote and for the results of how many voted for their submission. As will be seen in the factual communiqué threads, a most serious and questionable unfolding of events to the disgrace of the municipality and a most disrespectful utilization of the public at large, is I believe only proper for council to direct that all the names submitted be published on the front page of our website with exception of repetitive names or names that may be offensive to the public, for a period of seven working days coordinated with that same list being published in the Beausejour Clipper. The heading untoward the list will encapsulate a full and complete apology by the municipality for the exclusionary discrimination. As much as I would have wished to draw a complaint in confidence say to our mayor if in fact on our bullying an abuse policy the complaint arises to result by the very nature of these actions upon the mayor, or the CAO or even the human resources; then to what department is there going to be adjudication referred to for self policing. Council may want even consider initiating the whole procedure over to the general public for fair and unbiased impartial unedited considerations for the mascot name. As to any specifics and or individuals I most certainly reserve a civil right of filing a complaint formally with the Human Rights Commission as to the exclusionary discrimination at the very least. I would also like counsel to appreciate and what appears the latter attempt to defuse or mitigate perceptions by publication that rather this being a name submission for a vote by the public at large of a representative of the municipality and its distinguished honor having not resulted out of a real and qualified vote but suggestively manipulating that somehow this was a contest which always includes terms and conditions to which could not be further from the truth. So let us review these communiqués of evidence and if so desired by council I will read into the minutes with names to be redacted, please affirm to read or redact and read. Uh Mr. Mayor? **Mayor Therrien** - Go ahead. **Edwin Giesbrecht** - I have excerpts of e-mail. 1) **Kristy, My father submitted Big Eddy for the mascot.** I have had residents contact me that is not on the list, advise? Not unlike election interference I will investigate If not on list whom deleted and will take issue to high level of insubordinations. Your earliest rspose. Talk soon, Edwin 2. Colleen Draper - Good Morning Mr. Giesbrecht, We had over 200 submissions to the Name the Moose Contest, and we narrowed it down to the names that were submitted multiple times. **I'm sorry your father's name suggestion did not make the list, but rest assured it was not deleted on purpose as you suggest.** **Edwin Giesbrecht** - That's words in my mouth. That's realignment. That malignment. (Colleen Draper - continued) We have had over 350 votes on the final names so I'm looking forward to seeing what the citizens of Springfield chose for our new mascot's name. He will be in the Chickendaze parade this weekend. Fingers crossed we have some cooler weather. 3. Evening Edwin : I have seen the summary notes of your delegation for Tuesday evening. **Edwin, I have to caution you that if your intent is to publicly discuss the performance or actions of a municipal employee here I cannot allow that.** These issues cannot be discussed in public it's not fair to our employee to raise that in public and I will have no choice but to shut it down. If you have concerns regarding an employee, they should be corresponded to the Municipality by letter, confidentially. I can accept it and forward it to the appropriate office. Also Edwin, these parts here in yellow cannot identify an employee. It simply is not fair to them. **I will be speaking to conduct that which is ethically and morally questionable (highlighted).** The issue to some menial surrounding the naming of a mascot to which has been discussed with Mayor Therrien. The

issue raises the bar for our new policy and beyond. Edwin, this is an administrative matter. If you want a form or want help for this matter or want direction then we can do that, but this should not be a component of a delegation that identifies with the position " head administrative ..." and employee. This (in yellow) **in regard to processes untoward a head administrative initiative and action.** My understanding there is no form. So you may just want to write a letter. Thank you call me if you have any questions. So to his Worship I take under advisement your cautionary threat. I express of certain muzzling of this presentation and request that our Mayor be more thoughtful of the public at large and not just the governing bureaucracy. As much as you have asked for public patience and appreciation of your learning curves, I would ask that you be more respectful and proactive of the public rather than enforcing reactive which of course is the job of an enforcement officer of the law. Stop. Take a breath. Look into the mirror of public service before reacting. I hope this helps. As to the issue of exclusionary discrimination and violation of our municipal policy, I wait to see if Council's discretionary actions. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. Edwin Giesbrecht. Mayor Therrien - Thank you very much, uh Edwin, for your delegation there and uh we will proceed. Edwin Giesbrecht - I'm excused? Mayor Therrien - laughing You're excused, Edwin. (thankyou) Put the glasses back, though. With that, we'll go to Unfinished Bus, no I'm sorry, Consent Agenda.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. CONSENT AGENDA - Mayor Therrien - Uh we do have 2 on that uh there uh, Item 10 is, can I get a mover and a seconder and maybe we can put all three together??? if everybody, Council consents to that. Can I get a show of hands that all those consent. That's uh unanimous. So we'll go to item 10..uh 10.2 and 10. uh 3, a mover and a seconder for all 3, please. That'll be Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). **Colleen Draper, CAO** - Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of 3 items, be it resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information. **10.1 Springfield Country Fair - Thank You Card 10.2 Ecole Dugald School Band Program - Thank you 10.3 AMM Bulletin - June 9, 2023 NOTE: 10.3 was added after the Agenda was posted on the Web Site.** Mayor Therrien - Any questions from Council in regards to 1, 2, and 3? I'm sorry, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3. No questions, then if everybody is good with that, can we have a vote, those in support uh of carrying of these 3 items on the uh Consent Agenda. That'll be unanimous and all 3 items are carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2023 Agriculture in the Classroom Request - Mayor Therrien - And we'll get to New Business, uh please. That'll be 10.1 Again can I get a mover and a seconder for that please. Uh Mark and Melinda (Miller/Warren). Oh sorry, what did I say? Oh, ok, 11. So that'll be Mark and Melinda. **Colleen Draper** - Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve \$250. in support of Agriculture in the Classroom. Mayor Therrien - Any questions uh from Council with regards to that package. Uh Mark or Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, I would like to ask, what benefit do we get from this donation to this organization? Do we have them coming to our schools here and presenting some information to our students? **Colleen Draper** - I don't think our schools are included every year but they are once in a while and we have had residents or students in Springfield receive um uh graduation awards from this organization that are going into the agricultural field in the universities. So we have received benefits from being a part of this organization, yep. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Can we see some of these um awards or like are they coming to the Council and showing us or we just... **Colleen Draper** - Uh we typically get a letter and they'll advise us when a resident of Springfield is the recipient of the award and we usually attach that to the agenda and announce it. **Councillor Kuczynski** - When is the last time this happened? **Colleen Draper** - I don't know the year offhand. I would have to look into it but ... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, thank you. Mayor Therrien - Any other questions from Council in regards to the Education in the Classroom? If not, if we're prepared to uh vote on it please, all those in favour of the \$250. donation to uh Agriculture in the Classroom uh request? That'll be unanimous and carried.

11.2 Ward Appropriations - Mayor Therrien - And we have Ward Appropriations, a mover and a seconder, sorry. Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **Colleen Draper** - I guess this is maybe just for information at this point unless Council wants me to proceed with the resolution but um the Canada Day committee had requested a \$7,000. grant through our budgeting community grants process. We were allowed to provide them \$6,000. uh so they just were wondering if there was an opportunity for Council to contribute \$200. each to make up the difference uh through your ward appropriations so I just have a resolution drafted to approve \$1,000. from the 2023 Ward Appropriations towards the Canada Day event being held on July 1st. split evenly between the Mayor and all four councillors. Mayor Therrien - Um, Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Where are we going to have those celebrations? Are we going to have something happening in our municipality? **Colleen Draper** - It's in Dugald every year. Mayor Therrien - Every year. It's a big thing. It's ..the whole community gets out there and it's uh... **Colleen Draper** - Free to attend. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And what do they use, what do they use this money for? **Colleen Draper** - Uh the fireworks mostly but they put on events all day and most events are free to the public to attend so there's no charge other than if you want to purchase food or silent auction tickets and that type of thing but it is a free event open to the whole municipality. **NOTE: It seems to me when I volunteered as a Councillor years ago, there was a small charge to get into the curling rink where the merchant booths etc. were located.** **Councillor Warren** - And my family goes for pie and my Mom makes lots of pies. They're very, very good at the event. Fireworks are fantastic and I donate to it as well. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And the pies are free or... **Councillor Warren** - Well, mainly you want to give a donation, Andy. **Colleen Draper** - It's a fund raiser for the community club but they did ask for a thousand dollars extra due to the 150th. of ...they're putting on a larger fireworks display. Mayor Therrien - Are we going to be able to have a uh a 150th. sign out there or something where we can advertise it for this first of July or are we there yet. **Colleen Draper** - Ya, well our mascot will be there and we'll probably have a table at um just promoting the Municipality and some of our fundraising projects. Mayor Therrien - Thank you. Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I was just going to say I have attended that event on an annually basis for the last few years and it's very well received and the fireworks is awesome. Thank you and I'd love to make a donation for \$200. Thank you. Mayor Therrien - I, I would be glad to give the \$250. uh as well and I've been taking my kids there and my grandson, I hope to take him uh there this year. My other ones are a little bit too, too small but it's a great event for the community and the fireworks are exceptional. We've got people from the city that come out, rather come out to this than the one in the city. Uh they just uh park on the roadways there. It's gotten kind of crunched into a small area where before there was nothing but fields, now it's all about houses there but uh it's very well attended by the, the community at large. Uh any other questions at all from Council? Uh then if uh ..we have to..uh ya so if I can get a show of hands, all those in favour of the \$250 ... **Colleen Draper** - \$200. each. Mayor Therrien - \$200. each

uh for a total of \$1,000. to uh the uh Committee for Canada Day events, a show of hands, those in support? That'll be unanimous. And it's carried.

11.3 List of Accounts - Mayor Therrien - And uh 11.3 uh is a list of uh accounts uh a mover and a seconder uh please. That'll be Glen and uh Patrick. **NOTE: I had e-mailed the CAO, Colleen Draper, for an explanation of the following: Can you please explain why ratepayer dollars are being used to make donations to charitable organizations when they should be used only for the direct benefit of residents of Springfield? All answers appear in Green. Cheque nos. 157668 Kidsport Canada Manitoba \$1,000. Kidsport provides grants to kids from Springfield families facing financial barriers so they can participate in registered sports programs. We contribute annually. 157669 Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame & Museum \$100 1/4 Page Sponsor Ad-REC - 2 Springfield residents are being inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame. 157675 Candace Memories \$500. Show Sponsor 2023 Rec - Great event that promotes Springfield and brings hundreds of people into the municipality. I have subsequently asked where it is held and what type of event it is as I have never heard of it. I would also request an explanation of the following cheques and what are they for: 157667 Jeffries Nurseries \$9,998.63 This is what the free tree giveaway on May 4th., 2023 cost all ratepayers.; 157697 Eptura Canada Inc. \$7,692.30 This is apparently a Hippo Pro Subscription 2023-24 Maintenance Software Program 157721 Springfield Polo Club \$5,000. This is another event supported by our Rec-Community Grant Program. 157780 Seer Logging Inc. \$10,640.00 For the rental of a Sander Plow Truck April 2023 157784 Wildlife Control Services \$1,155.00. This is for 2 Beaver traps. Why are we still buying aggregate when we have our own pits. 157703 Grant Aggregate \$1,862.70. This was apparently Crusher Parts for Public Works, not the purchase of aggregate?** Colleen Draper - *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of May 13th. to June 13th., Be It Resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from Cheque 157662 to 157814 totaling \$1,003,786.87 be approved for payment and the following EFT entries: Red River Coop \$3,873.66, Western Fanncial \$11,760.69, Amilia \$838.67, Superpass \$21.13, RBC Visa \$15,795.20, Red River Coop \$34,879.50. and be it further Resolved that May payroll in the amount of \$293,088.10 be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** - Any questions uh from Council? I see none. Uh if I can get a show of hands then, those in approval of passing the uh this resolution uh those in support? And that'll be unanimous and passed.

12. CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien - Uh and at this point here uh ladies and gentlemen, we're going to close the uh Chambers. We have a uh In Camera uh session for 4 items here, uh actually 5. **NOTE: There is only one item in Closed Meeting listed on the agenda as of July 7, 2023.** Uh we'll close it at 7:22 when I get a show of hands or uh a mover and a seconder for that, please. Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). Colleen Draper - *Be it resolved that this meeting recess to Closed Meeting to discuss matters in their preliminary stages and respecting which discussion in public could prejudice the Municipality's ability to carry out its activities or negotiations and Be it Further Resolved that all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.*

12.1 Springfield Community Recreation Centre Project - Donation Discussion

13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien - Oh. Thank you. It's 8 uh 20 p.m. We are out of In Camera. Can I get a mover and a seconder to uh um adjourn uh this meeting, please. Uh Melinda and Patrick (Warren/Therrien). Uh 8:20. Thank you very much, uh Council. **NOTE: They were In Camera for just over 1 hour.**

14. ADJOURNMENT