

**RM of Springfield Council Meeting
March 19, 2024**

Mayor Therrien – Well, thank you very much, uh ladies and gentlemen for uh joining us uh here, I... it's a great crowd and it's nice to see some, some new faces uh here uh so um I'm going to make this uh official, it's uh March the uh the 19th of 2024 and the exact time is uh 6 p.m. Uh I am uh uhPatrick uh Therrien, the Mayor for the RM of uh Springfield uh and to my right and in descending order is Deputy Mayor Councillor Ward 1 Glen Fuhl. Uhhh next will be Councillor Ward 2 is Andy Kuczynski, the next is Ward 3 and uh Mark uh Miller and uh Ward 4 is uh Melinda Warren.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION - Mayor Therrien – Could I uh get Melinda for Invocation, please. **Councillor Warren** – May we all enter into this meeting with open ears and open minds, sharing our knowledge and experience while working together for the betterment of our Municipality. **Mayor Therrien** – Amen. Uh then we'll go to Item Number 3 on the Agenda. Um if nobody has the Agenda, they want one, there's...they're all out in the uh front **there**.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT- Mayor Therrien –Uh we'll go to Land Acknowledgement uh Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Right. Welcome everybody. Uh the Rural Municipality of Springfield acknowledges that we are gathered on ancestral lands, Treaty One Territory, traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene People, uh Dene Peoples, and on the National Homeland of the Red River uh Métis.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Therrien – Uh thank you Andy, we'll go to Item 4 and that's the approval of the agenda. Uh can I get a mover and a seconder for that, please? Melinda and Mark (Warren/Miller). Is there any additions uh variations uh to the approval of uh the agenda. I see none and uh **at this point**, can I get a show of hands uh in support and it's unanimous and is carried.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES Council Meeting March 5, 2024 - Mayor Therrien –Then we'll go to Adoption of the Minutes, a mover and a seconder for that as well, please. Uh Glen and uh Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). Any uh questions or concerns **with regards to** the Council Minutes for March the 5th of uh 2024? I see uh none. Then **at this point here** uh a show of hands, uh those in support. Unanimous uh and is carried.

6. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien –And now we'll go to Item Number uh 6 and that's the uh Question uh Period and it's only questions uh pertaining...uh pertaining sorry uh to the current agenda items. I'll go to uh people on line first. I see none. Uh people in the audience, those who have a uh a question pertaining to the uh agenda. Pardon me. Okay, uh Janet. And it's 5 minutes, M'am, if you could uh whenever you start. **Janet Nylen** – I'll try and keep it to that. Thank you very much. Uh is it just me or is this a very busy agenda. There's a lot of items that could be questioned, but I'll limit them as best as I can. Um this is a **prime example of asking questions about an agenda item before hearing the presentation being made on the topic** later on. And I was very pleased to see about item 8.2, the SHHI Presentation to Donors attachment uh that would be made by Mr. Daman later on in this meeting because the Municipality's role and involvement in this project, or the project's financing, in my opinion, has been un like a secret from the general public and.... **NOTE: In the background, a female voice yells out "I'm sorry".** **Mayor Therrien** – No, no uh **NOTE: Still unidentified, the lady says "I can't hear. There is a microphone there. Could somebody please explain to me how that ...cause I'm pretty sure there's a lot more people than me that are here been told."** **Janet Nylen** – I agree. I agree. I have no problem with that. Thank you. I thought it was being heard so um I guess...uh hum... is that better. **NOTE: An RM staff member adjusts the microphone.** Ok. Is that better? Ok, thank you. So I was very pleased to read the.... can I start again, get my 5 minutes. (yes) Ok. Um I'm please about Item 8.2 ...the SHHI Presentation to Donors and read the attachment that was going to be presented by Mr. Daman later on in this meeting um because the Municipality's role and involvement in this project's financing, in my opinion, is like a secret from the general public and I'd like Council's permission to **defer my questions about the project until after the presentation.** Would that be possible? **NOTE: A very legitimate request!** **Mayor Therrien** – **NO!** We, we've been through this many times, Janet so... **Janet Nylen** – Ok, well I apologize to the delegation if their presentation answers my questions. Um Item 11.1 Project... SHHI Project Funding. The Municipality's Website has not been updated since January of 2021. Questions have been raised over the years regarding any financial consequences being incurred by the Municipality. The general public has been told the Municipality is donating some land and somehow will be responsible for the swimming pool/building. All pretty vague stuff and **not shown in any budget to date.** All other costs, expense monthly and shown for SHHI have either been as transfers of donations or paid by the Municipality and recovered as an account receivable. Is that correct? **Mayor Therrien** – Um I'll defer that to uh our CAO please. **Colleen Draper, CAO** – Sorry, your question was... are the accounts... **Janet Nylen** – All of the bills that have been paid out to SHHI (correct) have either been a transfer as a donation or something that has been paid on their behalf and recovered as a receivable. **CAO Draper** – Correct. The RM um accepts donations for the Project (yes) and any payments we make, we collect the funds from SHHI. **NOTE: But the only shareholder is the Municipality.** **Janet Nylen** – Good. So um what is the connection between SHHI and the Municipality, are you partners? Can co-owners with Springfield Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-op and Dugald Place Housing Co-Op, can you ... can you clarify this? **CAO Draper** – So the RM of Springfield is the sole member of um SHHI. **Janet Nylen** – The sole member? **CAO Draper** – Correct. **Janet Nylen** – Has that ever been disclosed before...like... **CAO Draper** – **interrupting** Yes it has. **Janet Nylen** – On your Website, you are referred to as partners ...well, I guess um ok.... **Mayor Therrien** – Well, a lot of these questions are going to be answered with uh Gordon Daman uh and I know you had said that initially but we are not going to change procedures for this. Uh ...if, if you would like to come back for uh Question Period uh at another uh time uh after... if you have any more questions uh from Gordon, it's going to be a pretty concise and thorough uh um uh... **Janet Nylen** – I'll have to go on if I can ...and I'll be as succinct as I can. **Mayor Therrien** – And... and there's no secret here at all M'am. This is absolutely no secret, there's a lot of uh items here ... **Janet Nylen** – I know interrupting...the number of times uh how...what's ... let me proceed with my questions. **Mayor Therrien** – There's no, there's no ... **Janet Nylen** – What financial commitment does it have and will the Municipality be undertaking with SHHI? **CAO Draper** – Uh so you've already mentioned uh the land donation and uh some consulting work but at this point, uh until the building is operational, there is no expenses to the RM. **NOTE: WELL. That is a Non-Answer!** **Janet Nylen** – But we will be maintaining, operating the...the Pool, is that the only part of it. I ...I...I'm just wanting clear information, that's all I'm wanting. I'm going to probably use this building, you know, I'm not against it, I just want some financial information on it. **Mayor Therrien** – And Mr. Daman's going to give you all of that information. The Pool is part of the uh leading initiative uh **there** for the

RM. This is something that we wanted for many, many years and then **NOTE: And in the Recreation Master Plan, which was formulated after much discussion with residents far and wide in the RM, it was agreed that a pool was too expensive to maintain and would NOT be a consideration. The former Mayor Tiffany Fell and her group started the ball rolling on this current drive and then she lost to Mayor Therrien in the last election after indicating his opposition to the project.** ... the uh estate attached to it is uh.... **Janet Nysten** – I am just wanting the cost of it. **Mayor Therrien** – All the cost is going to be answered for you. **Janet Nysten** – Ok, Item

Mayor Therrien – interrupting You've got one minute, M'am. **Janet Nysten** –...11.3 well (a little laugh) um I want to talk about the deficit of \$852,538. to be recovered by Accumulated Surplus in the 2024 Financial Plan. I guess my understanding was that this was a Project that was to be paid for by borrowing. Will the borrowing of \$3,271,000. still be done and will the funds be put back into the Accumulated Surplus account? **CAO Draper** – So there is still a borrowing by-law that a debenture will be issued. I don't have the exact amount of the uh the debenture being issued but yes. **Janet Nysten** – So, would I ask in your resolution if you would have wording to that effect that the um once the borrowing is enacted, that the Accumulated Surplus funds will be um reimbursed. **CAO Draper** – Ya, so I think the Report attached does show that it's going to be recovered through a future debenture. **Janet Nysten** – But not that the money is going back into Accumulated Surplus ... but, but I don't want it just going back into General funds, it's a time-line issue and I just would ask that that went into.... and if you bear with me one more ...

Mayor Therrien – interrupting We've got lots of people M'amso I think your time's up.**Janet Nysten** – Ok, then I will ask that um my questions on the Financial Statement um I guess I'll send them in and I'd like them added into the record that they're questions and ask that um before you um approve it, that some of those questions get answered. I think they're important. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, M'am.

NOTE: To me his use of the term "M'am" is disrespectful and denigrating (i.e. not good or important), particularly when he well knows who we are and what our names are.Is there any other questions.... **Janet Nysten** – interrupting One last thing, I'll give up my seat. I'll go home and ZOOM in **Mayor Therrien** – Sure. Um any other questions uh on line? I see none. Uh any other questions uh Leslie. **Leslie Thompson** – Thank you. Can you hear me? **Mayor Therrien** – You'll have to state your name, M'am uh for.... **Leslie Thompson** – Leslie, Leslie Thompson, I currently live in Winnipeg but I was a resident of Springfield for 30 years and raised my family here. I care very much about this community and continue to actively volunteer here. I have a question about agenda item 11.1 regarding Springfield Heritage Housing. I would first like to share with you why I have this question. I'm the current Chair of Springfield Heritage Housing and I'm currently joined by other volunteer Board members, Randy Williams and Bev Zarazun. I was also the past Chair of the Housing Co-Op that built Dugald Estates which created wonderful retirement homes for many Springfield seniors here today. **NOTE: Those that could afford the I believe \$80,000. up front to reserve a suite and to provide the funding for construction to begin. As a concession, if I remember correctly, one or 2 suites were offered at a reduced rate.**It has a waiting list of over 100 people. Our community members have a solid track record. We delivered Dugald Estates and we will deliver Dugald Place. We always had a vision for an aging-in-place community and a campus based living facility as the next step. **NOTE: Transitional housing.**Our goal is to keep our seniors **NOTE: Those that can afford the facility.**in our community as they age. This is where they want to stay. We understand that it is the goal of Council as seniors housing expands economic activity in the Municipality. All of us have seen a decline of seniors when they are shipped to communities far away from here, far from family, friends, and social networks. No one wants that to happen. It is avoidable with appropriate seniors housing. We created the vision for Dugald Place Assisted Living residence for this very reason, to continue to keep our seniors here. This vision led to the formation of **Springfield Heritage Housing, an affiliated organization of the RM of which it is the sole member.** **NOTE: This organization was created without benefit of official public hearings and without the knowledge of the majority of ratepayers who do not follow Council meetings.** Bev, Randy and I have been working on this project for more years than I care to remember. I'm not getting any younger either. We are now at a crossroads and we need to move forward. We have all the elements in place to make this a financially viable project and get it into the ground this Fall. We just need a little assistance from Council and let me make it very clear. We are not asking for cash, we are just asking for your backing. But let me talk about cash. We are nearing close to one million dollars in donations and pledges to make Dugald Place possible. Many Springfield residents, most of them in this room, have supported Dugald Place financially already, families who have built this community, the Gillespie family, the Smith family, the Gregg family, the Vaags family, the Ptaks, the Hadallers, the Cooks, the Lumsdens, the Grapentires, the Gurstmeyers, the Rosses and of course, all of the families of the Dugald United Church who have expressed their support for Dugald Place through their donations. Many of the senior members of these families are here with us today and are waiting to get into Dugald Place, not to mention those we have lost because we didn't get this project started yet. I'm talking about John and Velma Phalen, Howard Smith, Bob Gregg, Clint and Irene Young, Terry Burkowski, and J. Lumsden. Very few projects in this Municipality enjoy this level of broad, unanimous support so it's great to see the Council's involvement in Dugald Place through SHHI. It has been wonderful working with you all and to have witnessed each and every one of you providing unwavering support for Dugald Place. So my question is to all Council members which I think is a rhetorical one, will you all continue to support Dugald Place tonight with a "yes" vote on agenda one, 11.1. Without your continued support, sadly many of the people in this room will need to uproot and leave Springfield, the place they've called home for much if not all of their lives. The power to prevent that is now in your hands. Thank you. **NOTE: A very impassioned speech, with a well-organized showing of support. However I will again state the support is from a small group of select residents, it has been my experience.****Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, M'am. Um we've got time for another uh question. I'll go on line uh first uh here. Um I see nobody on line. Uh Karen. **Karen Lalonde** – meeting here. Karen Lalonde, Oakbank. Um I was just wondering about By-law 24-05. Is it following the uh the document **NOTE: A woman's voice from the audience says, "can you use the microphone...sorry".**Ok. Is it following the uh the document blueprints for more and better housing mandated by the Federal Government, who are responsible for the increase in immigration under the directive of the World Economic Forum and elected body, **Mayor Therrien** – Uh, I couldn't really hear ya....uh maybe not so close. **Karen Lalonde** – Have you heard of the blueprint for more and better housing ... **Mayor Therrien** – I've heard many uh **Karen Lalonde** – ... was the by-law based on 24-05. **CAO Draper** – So By-law 24-05 is just updating an existing by-law that we have. This by-law regulates uh any building alterations uh whether new or renovated, uh the rules that you have to follow under the Building Code Act, the Plumbing and Electrical. So this is not anything to do with affordable housing ... **Karen Lalonde** – So this is nothing to do with MBC or that type of thing? **Mayor Therrien** – No. **Karen Lalonde** – So has Council not seen that document? I know that uh.... **Mayor Therrien** – On housing itself? **Karen Lalonde** – Uh well the document's called Blueprint for More & Better Housing. **NOTE: I googled it – How federal, provincial and municipal governments can ensure we build 5.8M new homes that are affordable, low-carbon and resilient.Canada needs 5.8 million new homes by 2030 to restore housing affordability.** I think each Councillor should have got it. Um it's available through Canada ... **Mayor Therrien** – I hate to say I did or didn't ... I've read so much of the stuff with regards to the housing ... **Karen Lalonde** – it's an important document that really should be read. **Mayor Therrien** – Then let me get the name uh M'am and I'll ... I'll ... **Karen Lalonde** – It's called Blueprint for More & Better Housing and I heard from a councillor...a Winnipeg councillor so I won't men... put their

names forward but that's where it came from. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. I can't promise you when I'm going to read it but I'll read it. **Karen Lalonde** – Well, it's important to before we go forward because it's got a lot of restrictions on how we develop. **Mayor Therrien** – That said, we, we read lots **with regards to** this, we attend a lot of lectures **with regards to** housing and so on but uh I will read that. **Karen Lalonde** – Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you, M'am. Uh we've got one more question uh **there**. Darryl? **Darryl Speer, Oakbank** – This is a question arising from the Minutes and I believe it should be...appear under Unfinished Business and that's the matter of the drainage issues that are hazardous to the**Mayor Therrien** – Sorry, Darryl, there's nothing under Unfinished Business, it's just a uh....**Darryl Speer** – I said it should be under Unfinished Business. **Mayor Therrien** – But it's not. It's not there Darryl so we.... it's not part of the Agenda. **Darryl Speer** – Well, it's taken out of the Minutes then. It's in the Minutes regarding the uh issues with Heatherdale and Garven intersection, it also applies to Kachur uh approach where the meltwater is going from the pits on to the intersections so have we made any progress... **Mayor Therrien** **interrupting** – Sorry you're going to base it on, on the Minutes? **Darryl Speer** – Yep. **Mayor Therrien** – That's slim but ok. **Darryl Speer** – There should be an update on where things are at with solving that water on the highway.... **Mayor Therrien** – Ummm. **Darryl Speer** – from RM properties. **Mayor Therrien** – I don't know what the update is and I don't see Public Works here uh to do that uh **Darryl Speer** – Can you get me an update. **Mayor Therrien** – Um we'll get you.... **CAO Colleen Draper** – **interrupting** I think I addressed this last meeting with you that we did meet with MPI. Uh we're still waiting for them to submit plans so that we can review it and include some drainage works that we will...the RM will be completing so we don't have an update yet. **NOTE: This problem has existed for many years and has been brought to the attention of subsequent Councils many times. The RM, while it may not have jurisdiction over Garven Road which is a Provincial trunk highway, it does have control over the aggregate industry via its bylaws. Restrictions as to what the aggregate industry does can be included in the bylaw and in some cases, has been but has not been enforced. That is where the RM is failing, in enforcement. For a brief period during the term of, I believe, Mayor Bodnaruk, there was some movement in that direction, and discussions during the meetings of the Aggregate Task Force, where the Province did have representation, which Mayor Fell disbanded during her term as Mayor.** **Darryl Speer** – Well, what....my point is that a Report is one thing that has been promised time after time, meanwhile as of Friday, Thursday, uh those intersections were hazardous so we need to address the hazards while we wait for the Report, not after. **Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** It would, it would make no sense uh to start uh doing some uh renovation ...uh or doing some digging around there until we get the Report uh so we know exactly what levels and so on to address that. **NOTE: As I said, the Province does have to address the matter of Garven Road and their responsibilities with respect to the aggregate industry regulations BUT the Municipality does have an Aggregate by-law through which it can both address and regulate the actions of the owners of these pits.** This has been going on for years uh Darryl and I understand your concern and uh this, this is a repetitive uh uh issue and it's good that ...and it's a safety issue and we will address that. That's all I can tell you at **this point** here. We're not going to start spending money to have loaders out there and start doing uh something that's going to have to be rectified, if not ... it's going to make it even worse. **NOTE: I believe By-law 73-22 "to regulate and control the operation of gravel pits".... Is still in effect. Section 6(1) and 6(4) refers to setbacks, 9(1) and (2) refers to excavation below the water table, Section 12 (2) deals with pits no longer in production and what is to be done with them. None of these are actively being enforced.****Darryl Speer** – I'm referring to drainage off private property. That's the issue. The operators of those properties need to not be stockpiling snow to the edge of the property so it drains on to the roadway. That's a simple request. Ok. **Mayor Therrien** – And you've made that before and we'll ... **Darryl Speer** – **And it needs to be done.****Mayor Therrien** – I'll ask, I'll ask Blaine to look at it. **Darryl Speer** – **And it needs to be done. Very soon...**it's ...**Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Blaine Moffat** – I'm on line here uh Pat. **Darryl Speer** – It's not requiring RM equipment or staff, it's private property owners that are responsible for this. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Darryl Speer** – The other thing I want to talk about is **Blaine Moffat** – ...uh Pat... **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, I know, Blaine. **CAO Draper** – Blaine is...ok, sorry. **Darryl Speer** – ...is the uh Number 11.6 JQ Housing Projects – Letter of Intent. There's no information there. **Mayor Therrien** – Ummmit's, it's locked uh for.... we have uh it on our uh um drive um but uh uh that's something that we're going to be discussing uh and it's not going to be In Camera so you could listen to it. **Darryl Speer** – Well, why wouldn't it be able for leading into the meeting? **Mayor Therrien** – Pardon me? Ya, uh projects. **CAO Draper** – So I think the Letter of Intent is for Council viewing owing...only. It does involve uh a multiple number of municipalities so I'll be giving some notes when that item comes up on the Agenda but um we just ... we aren't sharing the Letter of Intent but it is an initial non-binding agreement uh that signifies the RM is willing to look into the project but not agreeing to anything financially at this time. **NOTE: Number 1, the CAO should NOT be screening and making those decisions. Number 2 – A letter of intent would never be construed as a BINDING AGREEMENT, it is an intention, not a fact. Number 3 – An RM, in my opinion, should not be in the business of either building housing or even managing it. That is not something that benefits the entire constituency, such as roads and snow clearing.** **Darryl Speer** – Ok, last item is**Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** I'm not sure how much time you've got left ... **Darryl Speer** – 11.7 ... **Mayor Therrien** – How much time have we got last minute, ok. **Darryl Speer** – 11.7 Can you explain what is the status of this uh Sabbath Proclamation that was initiated in 2004 due to expire April the 17th of ...? **Mayor Therrien** – Um it was a uh the Council at that time uh twenty or 2004 um had made a proclamation and it's on the list uh here um or on a list uh part of the agenda. Um this allows uh I can't read it all, it's, it's one page um we can give you a copy of that. **CAO Draper** – We have a copy. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok well then... I'm not sure what the, what you want then. **Darryl Speer** – So my question is ... is it being continued...**CAO Draper** – **interrupting** Well, I can give you a general idea. **Darryl Speer** – ... is that the intent? **CAO Draper** – They're asking us to renew that proclamation and essentially an arrangement was made over 40 years ago so there's probably even a prior proclamation to 2004 that um Manitoba Hydro wires are kind of used as a virtual wall for the Jewish community within Springfield and it allows them to roam freely outside of their house and property on the Sabbath day. **Darryl Speer** – Ok, I'm going to request that this not be renewed, **Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** Why...why... **Darryl Speer** – ... considering it's going to considering what's going on in uh ...with the Palestinians in Gaza, I, I think we need to really think twice about this. **Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** I.... **Darryl Speer** – We don't have any obligation about providing for special interests about.... **Mayor Therrien** – **interrupting** This isn't about.... No, I, I take offense at that. It's not a special interest whatsoever Darryl. This is allowing a uh fact that uh to use property. Anybody can use that property. This isn't an exclusive thing there so I think you're out of...you're out of touch on this one here and your time's up. Thank you, Darryl. **Darryl Speer** – I don't think I'm out of touch. **Mayor Therrien** – I think you are on this one, Sir. **NOTE: I looked it up. It restricts any type of activity on the Sabbath which can include carrying things except in certain designated areas. People that follow the faith to the nth degree have to make preparations the day before in order to be able to have a meal, for example. They cannot cook on the Sabbath.****Darryl Speer** – Nope. Nope. No special case required here. **NOTE: Because this is a law that affects only those that follow Judaism, I tend to agree with Darryl on this subject. It might have been different 2,000 years ago when everyone had to follow the Roman rule book but one can hardly include Springfield of today in that scenario. However for the believers, it is probably a formality dictated by their rule book, the Torah which states "on Shabbat one may not carry or**

transfer objects between a “reshuthayachid” (private, enclosed domain, such at the house); and a “reshut ha-rabim” (public domain, such as the street). IT HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN THOSE THAT RELIGIOUSLY FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF A 2,000 YEAR OLD DOCUMENT. I don't personally see the need for the proclamation but neither do I see any harm. Mayor Therrien – I disagree with you but that said, that's uh.... we'll carry on uh there. Sorry, Ted, we haven't got any time with regards to uh we'll close the Question Period and we'll go on to uh 7 uh point 1.

7. BY-LAWS

7.1 By-law 24-05 – Springfield Building By-law (2nd Reading) - Mayor Therrien –Can I get a mover and a seconder for By-law 24-05 uh Springfield Building uh By-law, 2nd Reading. Melinda and Andy (Warren, Kuczynski). **CAO Draper** – *Be It Resolved that Second Reading be given to By-law Number 24-05, being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to regulate and control new and existing construction, including the construction, erection, placement, alteration, repair, renovation, demolition, relocation, removal, occupancy or change in occupancy of a building.* **Mayor Therrien** –Any questions uh from Council with regards to uh 7.1? I see none and if we're prepared to uh vote on the resolution, can I get a show of hands, those in support? And it is carried.

7.2 By-law 24-05 – Springfield Building By-law (3rd Reading) - Mayor Therrien –Then we'll go to 7.2 that's uh By-law 24-05 Springfield Building By-law uh reading uh Third Reading, sorry. Do we have to do that uh.....**CAO Draper** – A mover and seconder... **Mayor Therrien** –Oh, sorry, a mover and a seconder for that, please. Uh Glen and uh Andy...I'm sorry, Mark (Fuhl/Miller). **CAO Draper** – *Be It Resolved that Third and Final Reading be given to By-law Number 24-05, being ... the same by-law.* **Mayor Therrien** –Any uh questions? I see none. Can I get a show of hands, those in support. That is carried.

8. DELEGATION - Mayor Therrien –We'll get into Delegations uh here uh we're almost on time on this one tonight. That is good to see. Uh 8.1 uh that'll be uh Lexington Slater uh regarding speed limits, uh speed display devices, additional lighting, pedestrian corridor at PR 206. Hi, Lexington, how are you doing.

8.1 Lexington Slater Re: Speed Limits, Speed Display Devices & Additional Lighted Pedestrian Corridor on PR 206 in Dugald – Lexington Slater –Well, good afternoon or good evening. **Mayor Therrien** –Good evening, you've got ...you've almost got it right. (laughing) **Lexington Slater** – Am I supposed to stand up here or ... **Mayor Therrien** –Ya, we've got a large crowd so you may have to take the mike but you've got a ... you've got a loud voice so everybody can hear you. Just state your name uh for the uh record and you've got 15 minutes. **Lexington Slater** – Uh Lexington Slater's my name. **Mayor Therrien** –Ok, Lexington, whenever you're ready. **Lexington Slater** – So the reason that I'm uh I'm present before Council today is I have an issue I'd like in the community of Dugald and uh just in the Wheatland Park area and every morning when I go to work, I witness vehicles travelling from the north on Provincial Road 206 into the community of Dugald at a high rate of speed. I can indicate for everybody in the room that uh Mr. Mayor showed up at my house on the campaign trail and indicated that everybody in the community would ... was raising this same concern. So here I am before Council asking for now something to be done. So on this portion of the highway there is a speed limit of 50 km. an hour. Prior to that there is a 100 km. an hour speed limit. So there's a transition zone from 100 to 50 and so what vehicles are doing is they're getting up to the 50 km. sign and they're hitting the brakes so by the time they get to approximately Wheatland Road, my estimation is those vehicles are still travelling at approximately 80 kms. an hour and above. It's causing an issue for the people that are coming off of Wheatland Drive so people that live in our communities and enter on to Provincial Road 206 so that's kind of the issue that I'm here today before Council so a little bit of background, uh um 206 is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation Infrastructure so they would be the responsible traffic authority for taking any sort of action with regards to the Highway. Now I understand that with reviewing some of the Council minutes, that the traffic uh engineering branch did some speed management studies in the RM of Springfield recently and they didn't recommend any sort of changes with respect to the limit other than moving some signage. Nevertheless I see um some issues now. They fixed some of the signage uh within the community of Dugald so they updated some of the white signs and the yellow signs to stick out to people on the roadway. Um that being said, these vehicles that are travelling at a high rate of speed are causing again those people coming off of Wheatland to be in a precarious situation which may result in an accident. I also know from being in the community for the last number of years that a lot of people are also walking on that Provincial road which also poses a risk to those people on the highway with these vehicles and driving in the community.... I also noticed that there is a school crosswalk located right at the junction with Jaffray Street and the Province also doesn't have any sort of lighting on that road so I'll drive by at 8 o'clock at night and you can't even see those signs because there's no lighting. **NOTE: All this serves to underline the fact that the RM's Planning Department does not collaborate well with the Province when subdivisions are being discussed and planned, in my opinion.** Again, I think without harping on it, um too much, I think that there needs to be some concrete action and I think the way that it's works is a resolution from you folks today to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to review some of the signage that's in there and potentially work together to implement some sort of speed management with respect to uh putting up speed display devices so uh in my information that I communicated to Council, there is a couple of policies that the um the Government uh puts out on speed display devices and it indicates that the speed reader boards, I'm not sure if we have any on the Municipal roads in uh in this, in Springfield but they are um they are ... it is well announced that they inform drivers of their current travel speed and they encourage them to slow down. It's been proven right across Canada and right across essentially the world right. These are the signs that can be an effective measure in reducing the average speed of people in the 85th percentile so the 85th percentile is an engineering principal that um I don't quite understand yet. So what I'm looking for today is Council to look at some of the options that I listed on my page so do nothing, take no action and accept some of the risks that uh I highlighted before Council today or option two, go to MPI which has a current uh um they have a ...essentially from what I understand they have a Program out now where they're supplying Speed Display Devices to RMs for no cost and they could erect that in combination with the ... or in consultation with MPI to put them on the highway to traffic that are travelling into the community northbound. Um in addition to that, I would also say that Jaffray Street and 206 ...the school crosswalk, given that we are also going to be expanding in that area, that's going to be utilized more, we need to have lighting increased and we need to have, when people are crossing those highways, we need to have those pushbuttons across there so people can cross safely. And then option three uh do all those things but then also undertake a Traffic Management Study to maybe take into account the growing community of Dugald because as I understand it, there's going to be potentially a community on the right, development on the west

side of 206 that could increase traffic further to that, right, so pushing that 50 zone potentially further south down the highway to get those people to slow down quicker and keep everybody else safe. So um with that, that's my story and I'll leave it at that. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, you're ...you've still got a little bit of time but I'm going to address that and I'll let Council address it as well. And um you're right, Lexington, uh we had uh met uh on the campaign trail **there**, we had a long discussion **uhthere** and uh uh your uh uh you're perfectly right uh and I uh ... we've been addressing that. I've been, I've spoke with both Ministers uh Highways Ministers, myself and uh our CAO **NOTE: Why would the CAO be selected to accompany him rather than another member of Council? The CAO is responsible to manage staff and see to providing Council with whatever it needs to function effectively. She is not an elected official and does not represent the community.** um the PC Minister uh and the NDP Minister um and we brought up the issue of speeding um and trying to get this all taken care of **there** and right, we did have a Traffic uh study **uhthere** but I'm uh I'm uh well, as a retired Mountie, I... it's ... there's rules and there's, there's laws, you have to obey the laws, regulations and policies are uh general directions, they're ... for that area there of 206 uh south of 15, it is a hazard, absolutely, and I've uh taken it where the Province isn't going to pay uh for that uh, uh our Public Works and uh our CAO is looking into the cost for having that traffic in there and I'm going to use uh my uh um...we're given \$5,000 each councillor uh **therefor** improvements in the community and since I'm the Mayor, I can use that \$5,000 anywhere I want, anybody can use it anywhere they want, to be honest, uh **there** so um and Deputy Mayor uh Fuhl uh we've both uh we're going to contribute to that and I'll ask Council as well uh to look at that, should that be uh something that the Province isn't going to uh put some money into uh I'll be pushing that and pushing that with them **there** and I have already **thereso** we're going to get something done on that, uh that uh I when I was patrolling this area 20 years ago, I ...there was some near misses down there and I just...I've been harping on that area forever and I spoke to people in that uh with young families uh **there** to the west and that ... that was a constant uh issue um and as well as yourself uh **there** so I ...I impressed that on, on both Highways uh Ministers uh **there** um and so we're actually working **with regards uh to** that. Um and I don't feel um this is just me, I'm just one guy, one vote and I'm an ex-highway patrolman on top of that, uh 100 kms. an hour is really not necessary I think in that area there. Um the people are uh in that big of a hurry uh there then uh you've got uh more, more problems than not and 80 kms. zone, that ...that's just my preference and I'm talking out of bounds and I'm sure somebody will correct me somewhere down the line **there** but coming into a 50 ... a 100 going into a 50 is, is a drastic uh change uh uh and that's uh part of the problem that uh **not a problem**, it's, it's part of the uh **layer of difficulty** coming into a community that's vastly expanding so we're going to actively make that a priority for Jaffray as a pedestrian crossing for the kids uh this is and our elderly uh citizens as well, I mean they may not walk across as fast and so on like that but it shouldn't be a threat to lives and so on and increasing lighting, I didn't even think about that but I think that's an excellent point Leslie?? um uh to uh to be doing that so um. So we will continue to do the research in the hopes that the Government will uh help us uh with that financial uh burden uh **there** so I hope that answers uh your question uh **with regards to that. NOTE: The foregoing was several minutes of totally unnecessary "babble" that did nothing but emphasize the Mayor's lack of coherent and precise speech.** Any other uh Glen? **CouncillorFuhl** – Uh ya, I'd just like to add uh I support the request, your second request and your third request. Um I think we should put a resolution through today, I totally agree with you, put some more pressure on Highways, MPI. Uh the 100 should go from a 100 to a 70 to a 50, not from a hundred to a fifty, progress down, the sign should move further south, and then lighting for the crosswalk, definitely needed. So I support that and also if we need to put some money together like the Mayor said out of our of our allocations of money, I support that too. **NOTE: More unnecessary "babble". They are both doing some future campaigning, in my opinion.** **Mayor Therrien** – Like I think the cost for the one that's on Holland Street uh **there** which is for kids crossing **NOTE: Someone is talking over top of him.** and then in Anola on the 15 Highway so I think that would be good, I would rather have bigger ones there but I've heard it's in excess of some hundred thousand dollars. We haven't got that much uh....uh... **Lexington Slater interrupting** – No I ...but I think that ...that's a Provincial responsibility so (yes) come together in the name of safety, right. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya. And uh the resolution uh uh can we do a resolution or it's not really our mandate if it's uh ... **Lexington Slater interrupting** – Sorry, I just want to say one more thing. I think what, what kind of hasn't been clear here is to make sure that that Speed Reader Board because really that's what tells people to slow down, when they see their speed facing in front of them, they go "holy crap, I'm doing a 100 in a 50, the 50 sign coming up, I've got to hammer on those brakes" and that's what I really want so the Speed Reader in addition to the Pedestrian Crossing is going to tell those people that way and then in addition to that, we might have uh Springfield Police or the R.C.M.P. the odd time out there maybe nab a few people, right cause again, Speed Reader Boards don't give out tickets... (ya)... the tickets are what change people's behaviour hopefully. **Mayor Therrien** – You...you just might be surprised as me being an ex-highway patrolman and Mountie uh **there** uh I'm not a big proponent **with regards to** the uh the speeds uh obviously it's going to help but I'm not a big proponent that that essentially is ... uh we have to have enforcement, that's ...we **have to bang out** uh the tickets uh going **there**, that's how people are going to learn, old school thinking but that's uh what has to be done uh so we'll, we'll harp on that as well. The, the speed zones, don't get me wrong, we're going to do that uh in any case **there**. Go ahead. **CouncillorFuhl** – Ya, I'd like to make a comment on the Reader Board. I have to agree with you. Um I drive through East St. Paul and I used to drive through East St. Paul. There's a Sign Reader Board there. I'm the first one to hit my brakes to remind me to slow down as soon as I see that Reader Board as I'm driving up against it so it does work, I totally agree with that. **Mayor Therrien** – Thanks very much. Uh any other questions? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes, I want to thank you for your presentation, it's uh you know very enlightening and we have problem on both sides of the 206 coming to Dugald because it's going from 100 to a 50 so both of those places should be corrected. It should be 100 then 70 and then 50 so people have enough time to react to it, to the signs. And, and we're going to have Traffic Study because of that development in that area so that's going to help us you know and put everything together because people from that uh area that west of 206 have to...children have to go to school crossing the 206 so that should be everything taken into consideration. Thank you very much and I am for it, you know, to make improvement on both places on 207. Thank you. **CouncillorFuhl** – Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – I don't see any other questions from Council at all to uh Lexie. I don't see none. Thank you very much, that's very informative, Lexie. Um then **at this point** uh here uh we have another delegation, that will be Mr. uh Gordon uh Daman.

8.2 Gordon Daman of Red River Group (Senior Housing Consultant) Re: Springfield Heritage Housing Financial Request (Springfield HeritageHousing Inc. – Dugald Place Presentation to Donors - Gordon Daman – Members of Council. Good evening to those joining us tonight who may not know me, I am Gordon Daman and have the honour of serving as the Community Economic Development Housing Consultant for Springfield Heritage Housing. As all of Council is aware, SHHI is a not-for-profit affiliated organization of the Municipality of which Springfield is the sole member. SHHI was incorporated in late 2020 with a vision to provide a range of safe, affordable, and quality housing to encourage residents of the RM of Springfield to remain in their community, to enable seniors to age in place and to stimulate economic development throughout the Municipality. **NOTE: That's an interesting choice of verb, "encourage" to remain.... I was of the opinion no encouragement**

was necessary as everyone wanted to remain but due to lack of senior housing, did not have that option. Further, whoever took their place in the community would also contribute to the economy in their stead. Further the word "safe" would they be any more or less safe there than they were in their original homes. Leveraging earlier community efforts, SHHI focused its energy beginning in 2021 on supporting the development of Dugald Place. A 54 unit assisted living facility complete with indoor pool connected to Dugald Estates to create Springfield's first aging-in-placed campus setting. The Assisted Living Facility employs universal design and sustainable building practices to ensure not only full accessibility for residents but the greenest seniors housing complex in Manitoba ever to be built. The energy model design was supported through the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, thanks to the RM of Springfield's membership and it sees the Municipality's green building commitment. As a result of FCM's support and the final proposed design, SCHS is confident of future grant funding from FCM estimated to be 2.6 million dollars, ensuring long term greenhouse gas reduction, low energy costs, and greater affordability for residents. The commercial pool has been designed to support wellness activities for all seniors in the Municipality but through a proposed rental agreement between SHHI and the RM, year-round recreation programming for swimming lessons, open swim times for all residents of Springfield. With SHHI providing the RM the opportunity to rent time within the pool, Springfield will avoid the typical capital costs most municipalities face when desiring an indoor pool amenity. Like the town of Carmen who has engaged in a rental option for indoor pool space as well, the relationship between SHHI and the RM is benefitting all residents of Springfield and as a result of the RM being the sole member of SHHI, the Province has also provided a grant in excess of \$1 million dollars to support construction of the pool. **NOTE: First, the RM (its ratepayers) have provided the land for the project, they are providing funding for the project through the design stage, and NOW THE RATEPAYERS are having to rent time so they can pay an entrance fee to swim in the pool which anyone with such a facility will tell you DOES NOT PAY FOR ITSELF. Further Springfield residents that avail themselves of the one in Steinbach or those in Winnipeg will now choose to remain closer to home, thus robbing our neighbouring municipalities of revenue.** Having said this all, the most significant outcome of SHHI's development efforts related to Dugald Place is that to have called Springfield their home for most if not all their lives and they, because of Dugald Place, can remain in this community. **NOTE: Perhaps 54 x 2 = 108 residents can. What about the other 7,000 or more ratepayers who funded this facility? Where will they go?** It cannot be overstated the social and economic importance of creating seniors housing spaces for communities across the country as baby boomers age. Over the next 20 years.... (clears throat) over the next 20 years simply put, the municipalities that do not address the current demographic trends will stagnate economically and socially with those over the age of 75 more than doubling by 2045. This stagnation will not only harm seniors but disadvantage all citizens of Springfield with the potential of decreased employment and lowering house values. **NOTE: I would say the substantial increase in property taxes as a result of all the borrowing being proposed will have MORE TO DO with lowering property values and as for employment, just how many jobs will be created by the project? 50 perhaps and that is stretching it.** To move Dugald Place forward, SHHI is now at the point of seeking financing approval to proceed with construction of Dugald Place. The \$28 million dollar project will be completed with a combination of grants, fundraising, and mortgage financing which will be serviced through rent charged to tenants. The grants from FCM and the Province are anticipated to reach \$3.6 million dollars with fundraising projected at \$2.7 million dollars ... \$2.75 million dollars ... for a total of \$6.35 million dollars in equity infusion into the project to ensure long-term operational sustainability and meet lender debt coverage ratios. The remaining portion of the project costs will be mortgage finance, again serviced through tenant rents. **NOTE: Is he serious? Just how much are they proposing to charge tenants and is he including the cost of operating the facility as well as the cost of building it?** If mortgage financing ensured by CMHC is achieved, construction of Dugald Place can begin this Fall. To achieve this time line, SHHI would have to have the full \$6.3 million dollars on deposit prior to mortgage financing Dugald. While by the end of construction, SHHI is confident that all grants and fundraising will be in place, these funds are not currently in place today due to the time it takes to facilitate grant applications and fulfill all fundraising pledges. To support the 65 applicants on the Dugald Place wait list, many who are in desperate need of seniors housing today, SHHI is requesting the RM as its sole member to provide a guarantee on the equity portion of the project to enable construction to start this Fall. Starting construction this year will not only ensure residents of the RM will have much needed seniors housing in place in the near term but as importantly, in an environment of inflationary cost pressures, ensure we can remain within the \$28 million dollar capital budget. To safeguard any guarantee the RM provides does not place at risk taxpayer dollars. A number of risk contingencies have been employed in framing this guarantee request. First of all, should the anticipated grants not materialize, while unfortunately resulting and reducing the total affordable units in Dugald Place, the operational budget remains sustainable and the guarantee would be reduced from \$6.35 million to \$2.75 million. Should not all the fundraising pledges be received, any capital funds the RM would be asked to provide as a result of the guarantee would be repaid to the RM by SHHI over time with SHHI foregoing its property tax exemption that it is entitled to as an affiliated organization of Springfield and is net neutral to the RM. **NOTE: What about all the interest on that loan?** In the unlikely event of a guarantee being exercised, the total maximum exposure in the short term to the RM would not exceed \$3 million dollars which in itself is unlikely considering that fundraising today in cash and pledges is nearing \$2 million dollars. And once again, the guarantee would be repaid to the RM by SHHI not accepting the property tax exemption projected to be \$135,000 per year until the guaranteed funds are slowly repaid. **NOTE: Slowly is right!** To provide further assurances of responsible and sustainable operation of Dugald Place, SHHI has framed the project with the following risk mitigation measures. A maximum contract price of Bird Construction of \$28 million dollars. Should there be any cost overruns, the responsibility lies with Bird who will be bonded for the project and carry all insurance. The guarantee will only be executed once the signed contract with Bird is in place for \$28 million dollars. The RM will not be responsible for operational costs of the pool, only rent payments for the number of hours they utilize the recreational programming currently projected to be a nominal 20 hours per week of which the RM can recoup these rental costs by user fees to avoid any taxpayer support. **NOTE: Wait a minute! The users primarily would be the taxpayers if I am understanding this proposal. Talk about smoke and mirrors! So ratepayers are paying twice, once through their increased property taxes and once to actually use the facility they paid to construct.** A complete and finally a complete vetting of SHHI's operations by CMHC by Access Credit Union and by FCM, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The guarantee will only be executed once all approvals for project financing have been received by outside agencies. To summarize, what SHHI is requesting from Council is that it as the sole member of SHHI utilize its fiscal capacity to provide time to obtain the reasonably anticipated equity for the project to start this Fall. **NOTE: In other words, "stick out its neck..." on behalf of its ratepayers.** Without this bridge, through the guarantee, it is likely that the project would not advance and/or at best be delayed another two or three years and that is not feasible because at that point, we would be seeing increased construction costs by at least 10 to 15% which would again make the project not viable based on the rent that we are limited to charging on affordability and to ensure full accessibility for all residents. **NOTE: I have a better idea. Why doesn't each of those 54 residents first on the list for this facility put up \$118,000 each which would total \$6,372,000 and then the remaining ratepayers would be "off the hook". That is how the first part of this facility was funded to enable construction to start.** I close with this. Section 3 of

the Municipal Act states “the purposes of a municipality are..., first of all, ... to provide good governance.” Secondly “to provide services, facilities, or other things that, in the opinion of council of the municipality are necessary or desirable for all, or a part, of the municipality” and finally “to develop and maintain safe and viable communities”. **NOTE: On that second one, “necessary or desirable for all, or a part, of the municipality”, that means services and facilities that are necessary or desirable IN THE OPINION OF COUNCIL and Council represents ALL THE RATEPAYERS, not just a very, very small percentage, like for example 54. They have been collecting funding for this project with little or no progress and this is their way of enabling it to advance without the required funds in place. THAT IS NOT GOOD GOVERNANCE.** SHHI is requesting of Council this evening to support this request for a guarantee that clearly aligns with the purpose of municipalities as outlined in the Act. The guarantee resolution reasonably falls within good government or governance as witnessed by other municipalities who have employed their abilities to guarantee municipal-aligned organizational projects in a similar fashion. Springfield is not the first. Many municipalities have done this across the Province. Secondly the facilities proposed in the project are indeed desirable for all of the municipality related to the pool and needed for older adults in the Municipality. And finally this project will ensure Springfield remains a viable economic community for generations to come when we consider the current demographic trends of Canada. Council members, thank you for your time and I am open to any questions you may have. Again, thank you. **NOTE: It will ensure debt repayment for generations to come, thus rendering living here unaffordable in terms of taxes for many, as far as I can see!** Mayor Therrien – One day I’ll get that right. Um I just want to make uh some comments uh with regards to that.... not any uh questions uh there but the pool is aging in place uh perspective that uh this community and all other communities uh want and wish to adhere ???to. Uh I brought it forward to uh Premier Wab uh Kinew uh and the Health Minister at our AMM uh Conference uh there uh and he uh advised uh as well as the Health Minister that they were still in for the Aging in Place uh perspective uh there so that’s uh that was quite a uh uh a good thing to hear uh from uh our Premier. Uh so the fact that we want our, our people to remain in the community uh uh the young ones uh the middle of the road uh middle, the kids, the parents, and then our elderly senior citizens there uh is, is a, a full circle of life and a pool will ... will help and enhance the health and the safety??uh with regards to our, our citizens uh in the RM of Springfield. **NOTE: And totally ignore the recommendations of the facilitators during the public sessions regarding the enormous expense that having a pool entailed.Excerpt from the Recreation Master Plan: In the survey, 45% of people supported development of a regional pool. As this represents only 280 people (less than 1% of the population), there is not regional consensus. While many residents feel strongly about a pool, a fundraising champion or group did not emerge in the consultation process ...So while people want it, they are not willing to WORK FOR IT.**We want to make the RM of Springfield almost like a bubble where people can stay in the community uh uh and uh thrive with their families uh generations and generations uh there. **NOTE: I would submit improving the performance of our constabulary insofar as protecting property from vandalism might be a better enhancement.** Will the pool make money? Uh, uh it’s not going to be a, a probably a make uh money uh perspective there but the health and safety of our, of our people, this will be a great uh enhancement uh to that. And, and with our new **Water Treatment Plant, NOTE: Yes, the speaker made no mention of the ancillary costs associated with the project for which current ratepayers are going to have to pay for.** hopefully that’ll come through uh we’ll get some uh, uh get our financing to go through, we’ll have that high-density housing that we ...that we need to...for the different uh uh positions in life of ... of our young uh uh people that want to stay in the community so we’ll have that ...that uh the housing, uh different perspectives for our ... our seniors uh for the young uh kids uh there that are leaving high school, going to university, leaving university, they can stay in the community and remain here and uh have an active in community um project there. **NOTE: And where are all these highly educated people going to work? Right Winnipeg. And why should they not live where they work? Why should they commute back to their home area? The reason and the logic are missing from his argument.** Um I’ve heard the uh um Mr. Daman’s uh presentation there as well as everybody on Council, uh Councillor uh Miller and Councillor uh Fuhl uh there, we’ve heard all this before uh and it was a great uh project uh uh there and we’ve been doing this for about a year and a half and this has been going on uh with the previous uh Council and I, I give them lots of credit with regards to that. This is an initiative that has to be brought forward and pushed forward by us uh so I understand that with regards to the payment and so on like that, the 6.3 million. We’re well aware of all that but that said, uh we uh I speak for myself uh, I think uh that said, uh an investment in our community is, is an investment uh well uh well spent. Um and that’s about it. Any other questions uh Glen. **CouncillorFuhl – NOTE: He has a nickname in the community that rhymes with his actual name.** Ya, uh thank you for that, Gordon. Um I just want to share my experience with my own mother because my mother had to move out of this Municipality just for these reasons. Um there was no Dugald Estates at the time when she sold the house to me and uh having said that, she had to move into the City of Winnipeg. **NOTE: Is he for real? The property in question where he now resides touches the edge of Transcona and is near to the TransCanada Highway, right next door to Winnipeg. In fact, it is closer to Winnipeg than Oakbank or Dugald.** Having said that, she moved into Assisted Living, she had to...she moved to an Assisted Living in the City so this community in my opinion a hundred percent needs this and I support this one hundred percent. Thank you. Mayor Therrien – Any other uh any other questions, comments uh from Council? Uh Mark? Councillor Miller – Mr. Daman, thank you. Thank you to you, thank you to Bev, thank you to Randy, thank you to all those who have been involved, Lesley, you know, I’ve been on this Board for about a year and I was excited ...I was excited because I know that the Province didn’t seem to be on board to, to put these forth and here we have an opportunity to make seniors stay in our community. This is a resounding uh positive for our community. I was on the Kin Place Board of Directors some 20 years ago and we were able to build Springfield Place and so forth and that was an exciting venture but we needed more. So my question to you is very simple. Why can’t we do 2 or 3 of these, right now. (Laughter) Gordon Daman – Well, it’s a great question uh Councillor Miller and in fact, that’s the really joyful part of the RM being the sole member of SHHI, that the RM can actually encourage SHHI to say, you know what, once this is done, look at the next spot and the next spot. That’s the purpose, it’s a whole RM perspective to make sure that it’s wholistic and I appreciate your past involvement in previous projects, your current involvement in that wise question. Mayor Therrien – Any other questions? Andy? Councillor Kuczynski – Yes, thank you, Mr. Daman, I really appreciate everybody’s effort to this project and we fully support uh myself, fully support this project and we discuss in the last meeting that you know that it’s faced that’s crossed with another project like that and probably once this one happens, then we’re going to have another one coming so I’m fully supporting and I, I will vote for it. Gordon Daman – Thank you so much. (laughter) Mayor Therrien – Melinda? Councillor Warren – And I’m last. (more laughter) Uh I support this. Um it’ll be good to see everyone...uh seniors stay in our community. Uh we’ve had many seniors that had to leave and that’s a shame so this is about time. Thank you. Gordon Daman – Thank you Melinda. Mayor Therrien – Ummm... uh go ahead. Gordon Daman – Uh just in closing um just on behalf of uh SHHI, uh specifically based on my experience um as a consultant in other communities, I would like to assure all of the citizens here this evening and those that are ...that couldn’t fit in, there’s a whole... Council, there’s a whole bunch more out in the lobby as well so I don’t know if they can hear me but I’ll yell here, we are well served by,by the members of Council who sit on SHHI, they’re all supportive. You’re incredibly well served by the community members, Bev and Randy and Leslie. They’re

the heroes that continue to push and make every effort. As we see tonight, all of Council together is respecting and understanding the importance of investment. For those of you like me who are Conservative and I say this as a recovering politician, having been there and never built.... I avoided tax increases at all times. The plan that we have is not calling as Leslie said before for taxpayer dollars. In short, all it's really doing is providing a bridge should a guarantee be needed. It just allows us to start sooner and the funds are there to pay it back over time. It will not result in debt for the Municipality on that basis. We're utilizing the unique relationship by the wisdom of this Council while being the sole member of SHHI to be able to do things that a for-profit wouldn't do in our community because it's too small and that a typical not-for-profit would not be able to do on its own because it doesn't have that strength but by bringing together a not-for-profit with the Municipality local government, we can achieve much. We can do something that clearly acts to build viable communities so I'd ask all of you to thank all of Council for their willingness to do this. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya. Ordinarily we won't allow uh the, the noises **there** but sometimes we get a lot of bad other things **there** so I love the idea of the clapping so it's uh...that said, we'll have to keep it at that so it's uh...we're going to go uh unless there's other questions and I don't see any, we're going to go to the next item uh there and that'll be uh Item 10.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

10. CONSENT AGENDA – 10.1 Annual Wastewater Report 2023 10.2 AMM News Bulletin – Mayor Therrien – That's the Consent ... pardon me, no you're not. We'll uh ... I thought we got to hold of you, Ted. No, you're not a delegation. We can talk to you after if you like. Ok, uh um then we'll go to the Consent Agenda **there** and that's going to be uh Items 10.1 we'll handle it together please uh if everybody's good with that um and that'll be 2023 Annual uh Wastewater Report and the AMM uh News uh uh Bulletin uh **there**. Could I get a mover and a seconder **with regards** to that? Uh Glen and Mark (Fuhl/Miller). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of two items, Be it Resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information.* **Mayor Therrien** – Um I just had one issue **there** and this is something that uh um I guess if Phil and yourself, uh Colleen can look at, it doesn't have to be answered right now but it's, it's a good report uh and it ...but it does provide copies of certificates uh **there** with the persons uh names, it's in the actual size and it's in colour, um I would suggest and I don't know if it's mandated by Regulations or whatever that they have to be in there. Uh by putting that down there, um it's just a uh uh could be a uh uh a method or something for fraud um or utilized in a bad situation uh **there**. Uh I'm always thinking of the police hat uh here so if we were ...haven't required to put that in there, um certificates by putting Draft across uh so it can't be photocopied and used in a untowards uh manner um so I guess that uh can be addressed the next time there is one, like I say, I don't know if that's a requirement. Uh if it is uh I would suggest that we do some kind of mitigation to keep it away uh from the uh bad perspectives uh that...that's just more of a comment uh **there**. **NOTE: I am not sure what the Mayor is talking about because the only thing I see with names is a list of those certified as utility operators and the manager of Water & Waste. For what nefarious purpose that could be used escapes me.** Uh so with what uh was read, uh the resolution uh **there**, could I get a show of hands, those in support of Items 10.1 and 10 point uh two? That's unanimous and is carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. Project Financing – Mayor Therrien – Uh then we'll get into uh 10 point uh uh sorry, 11 uh point 1, that'll be Springfield Heritage Housing Incorporated Project Financing. Can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards** to that, uh Mark and uh Glen (Miller/Fuhl). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas the RM of Springfield, the RM is a full member of Springfield Heritage Housing Inc., the SHHI, and Whereas SHHI is in the process of developing a Seniors Housing and Pool Complex project in Dugald, Manitoba to benefit the RM, and Whereas SHHI is arranging financing for the project with Access Credit Union Ltd., the lender, by way of construction financing and a CMHC Insured Mortgage for up to \$23 million 252 thousand dollars of financing, and Whereas the lender requires a guarantee for the project grants and donations of up to \$6 million 350 thousand dollars, Now Therefore the RM and Council duly assembled is resolved that 1) it will guarantee \$6.35 million of the financing with the lender for the project as a guarantee and 2) The Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the RM are hereby authorized to execute the guarantee and any other documents required to give effect to the guarantee.* **NOTE: Without benefit of any public input, ratepayers are on the hook for over \$6 million dollars of debt should something go wrong and the project does not produce either a complete or partial return on the investment. I feel there should have been some type of explanation to the public before this resolution happened by way of public announcement and meeting.** **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions uh from Council in regards to this? see none. Then **at this point here** we're ready to vote **with regards** to uh 11.1, the Springfield Heritage Housing Incorporated Project uh Financing, can I get a show of hands? Unanimous and it is carried. If this was a Library, everybody would be kicked out. (laughing) Then if anybody wants uh to leave uh at any time uh please do so, just uh in a quiet manner. We'll go to 11.2 and that's the 2024 Fire Chassis Purchase. Ya, I think what we'll do is have a uh a 3-minute break, uh ladies and uh gentlemen, we'll come back at 7:06. **NOTE: Winnipeg Free Press \$140M-LOAN FORINFRASTRUCTURE The Canada Infrastructure Bank is loaning up to \$140 million to support water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Manitoba communities. The provincial portion of this investment is more than \$71 million. The partnership will enable construction of new facilities that will deliver cleaner water and better wastewater treatment for approximately 78,000 housing units. Investment commitments have been made with the City of Brandon, the Red-Seine-Rat Wastewater Co-operative (the rural municipalities of Hanover, Ritchot and Taché), the Town of Niverville and the City of Brandon.**

11.2 2024 Fire Chassis Purchase – Mayor Therrien -Uh no I guess, thank you very much uh folks uh we're going to get started at uh 7:08 uh p.m. uh there um and what we'll uh do is get into uh 11.2 and that's under the 2024 Fire Chassis Purchase, uh a mover and seconder, please. Uh Melinda and Patrick (Warren/Therrien). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield authorizes the purchase of two fire apparatus chassis in the amount of \$400,000 in the 2024 Capital Fleet Budget and Be it Further Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approves completing the engine body build within the 2025 and 2026 Capital Fleet Budgets at an estimated cost of \$480,000 each year.* **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much. Any questions uh from Council? Um if there's no questions, I'm prepared to uh vote on it, can I get a show of hands, uh those in support. And it is carried.

11.3 2022 Deficit Recovery - Mayor Therrien – Uh then we'll get into 11.3 and that's the uh Deficit Recovery uh **there**, a mover and a seconder uh please, uh Melinda and Patrick (Warren/Therrien). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas the Municipality has incurred a general operating deficit in the amount of \$852,537 as shown on Schedule 14 of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements, and Whereas the operating deficit was incurred due to*

the Springfield Road reconstruction project that was partly funded by general operating funds and is expected to be recovered through a future debenture, Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield request approval from the Minister of Municipal Relations for a deficit recovery utilizing accumulated surplus. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh if there's any questions from Council? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes, I want to know how that happened that we have deficit on this road? I thought it didn't happen in our watch but previous Administration and I think there was \$3 million dollars borrowed for that project and \$3 million was provided by the Province so was that an overrun? **CAO Draper** – So it's not an overrun, it's just kind of the timing of when the Financial Plan was passed and when the project was completed. So more funds should have been forwarded from Accumulated Surplus to cover that deficit but that was the time we were in between Finance Officers so the plan was to have that but when we had our new Officer start, that amount wasn't transferred so it did show a deficit so it's...it's not like a mistake or overrun or anything like that, it's just the timing of the transfer of the surplus funds so... **NOTE: The project should have been shared by the Province, the City of Winnipeg, and the RM but the City of Winnipeg would not agree to the project and the RM went ahead anyway so ratepayers are having to pay half the cost rather than a third. Again, that decision was made without public consultation. And during a recent council meeting, a constituent, Ms. Nysten, inquired as to whether the Council was planning to return this amount to the Accumulated Surplus Fund and received no answer.****Councillor Kuczynski** -And that's why the Auditor when he came here, he showed it to us that we have that \$855,000 dollar ... (right)... he mentioned that. **CAO Draper** – So we will be issuing a future debenture as approved by the borrowing bylaw. Like I said, it was just the timing of when the project completed and our Financial Statement. **Councillor Kuczynski** – So how much did we borrow to previous time, it was \$3 million dollars so we borrow like \$2.2 million or **CAO Draper** – How much did we borrow? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes. **CAO Draper** – Well, it's a borrowing bylaw including Holland Street extension and Springfield Road so the borrowing bylaw was \$3 million in total but it was separated between the two projects. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions from Council? I see none and therefore we're prepared to vote on the List of Accounts under 11.5, can I get a show of hands uh in support? **CAO Draper** – Uh, the Deficit Recovery, sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh, I'm sorry, sorry, Deficit Recovery, that's 11.3, can I get a show of hands uh those in support? That's unanimous uh and is carried. **NOTE: The Mayor does not seem to be paying complete attention to the meeting agenda which he has on a laptop in front of him. He appears to be daydreaming of something other than the meeting, perhaps a hockey game.**

11.4 December 2023 Financial Statement - Mayor Therrien – Then we'll get into 11.4 and that's uh the December 2023 Financial uh Statement, a mover and a seconder for that, please. Uh Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that the Financial Statement for the month of December 2023 be approved as presented.* **Mayor Therrien** – Unless there's any questions from Council, I see none. Can I get a show of hands, those in support? Unanimous and it is carried.

11.5 List of Accounts - Mayor Therrien – Then we'll get into 11. uh 5 and that's the List of Accounts, a mover and a seconder uh please. Uh Melinda and Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of February 16th to March 8th, 2024, Be it Resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from cheque number 159745 to 159955 totaling \$504,640.65 be approved for payment as well as the following EFT entries: Western Financial \$12,269.18; Amelia \$402.02; RBC Visa \$87,757.; RBC Visa \$17,794.14; Manitoba Hydro \$32,721.94; Bell Mobility \$1,803.82; Bell MTS \$756.60; Bell Canada \$5,099.60; Red River Co-op \$32,524.41; and Be it Further Resolved that February payroll in the amount of \$297,403.13 be approved.* **NOTE: I have questioned some of these cheques but have not yet received an answer to them but I would like to share the answers to a previous List of Accounts. Cheque No. 159577 Dillon Consulting - \$11,025. what project is that related to? Heatherdale Road Project There are 2 purchases from Glacial 159609 \$14,646.14 and 159668 \$9,924.52. Why are we purchasing gravel when we spent I believe half a million on machinery and equipment for our own aggregate holding? Treated winter sand 159714 \$5,054.51 Cunningham Business Interiors What was this for? Desk for archives and lockers for fire stations 159734 \$2,500. Springfield Chamber of Commerce - What is this in regard to? Gold Membership Is there some reason why we could not treat our own sand? I mean, probably the treatment is the addition of salt or some other such ice melting medium. I am sure if Glacial can do it at their site, there is no reason we could not do it or perhaps it is admired when it is being spread on the road. I really don't know how it is done but I am sure if Glacial can do it, so can the RM. CAO Draper's Reply: There is a little bit more to it than just adding salt or brine to the sand to make it treated. It needs to be completed in an area with a clay base and berm sides and uses a specific gradation of sand.****Mayor Therrien** – Any questions from Council with regard to 11.5? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes, I want to ask um about DD uh DD West LLP, like we have almost \$30,000 for that company. And there are two cheques, one for \$10,000 no \$12,332 and that's 159751 and the next one is 159876 oh but this one it's actually... why do we have so many cheques uh voided? What happened? **CAO Draper** – Uh so we did have a bit of a printing error so that's why we have so many stars so any time you see a star, that means it was voided and reprinted (uh hum) and so we had an error with our printers so we had to reprint a large number of cheques um so other than the printing error, that's the only explanation for it. Um the DD West, both of the cheques uh there's quite a few files involved in them. The majority are for work on development agreements which makes it all recoverable by the developers so um.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – And which developments? **CAO Draper** – Um anything ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Must be old. **CAO Draper** – ... anything that was approved lately that there's uh the Gas, Spanky, Rollins, Kveder, there's expropriation work, there's purchase and sale of land work, ummmm and that's about it. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok. Thank you. Another one I have, it's uh uh 15... 159940 McCandless Tramley \$3,188. **CAO Draper** – Uh so that was ... had some Planning Act advice that we received from that lawyer's office. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok. Thank you. And another, ya, one more, it's 159953 Western Equipment Rentals, can somebody explain why we're renting so much equipment, we couldn't buy and use it ourselves, this is a large piece of equipment that we're renting. **CAO Draper** – Sorry, it was 159.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – ... 953. **CAO Draper** – 953 Westcon Equipment...you know, I don't have an answer for that one. I can get back to you unless there's someone from Finance on line that knows that information. **Councillor Kuczynski** – No, that's fine with me... if we... **CAO Draper** – I can get back to you with that. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, I appreciate that. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – I wonder if they're not the ones doing our ditches. I thought I saw a loader with that on the side parked in the uh Public Works, they're cleaning out the ditches and all that but uh..... **CAO Draper** – Ya, I would assume it's like large equipment rental but I can confirm. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions there, Andy? Mark? **Councillor Miller** – Uh just one cheque. It's 159790. It has to do with Peppercorn uh Restaurant, \$3,137. I just wondered if that was a staff well I don't know what it was so that's why I'm asking. **CAO Draper** – I... it would not be a staff um charge so unless it had something to do with the fundraiser that was put on for the Rec Center, there might have been some invoices that were required and would have been recovered through ticket sales but I can confirm that. **Councillor Miller** – Ya, if you could confirm, please. And just one other question. I think, what, 6 weeks ago, 8 mo...8 weeks ago, I'm not sure

but each one of us would sign requisitions or invoices or receipts, actually cheque stubs. Has there been a change in policy, I haven't seen any for a period of time. **CAO Draper** – Uh so I think the desire from Finance was that the cheque signer should be actually signing the corresponding invoice with it. That's something the Auditor was looking for and commented so that's just something that we started, whoever signs the cheques will sign those invoices that we're reviewing the invoice at the same time the cheque is being signed. **Councillor Miller** – And I think that's appropriate but can Council uh at any time have access to a specific uh line item, just if we wanted to validate or specifically ask you for that information because uh it's a level of scrutiny that's taken away, right, so we can only go by your cheque listing and if we don't ask questions, we actually don't know what we're spending money on so... **CAO Draper** – Ya any time the List of Accounts, you can ask specific questions on certain cheques and we can look up that information. **Councillor Miller** – And just for pre-history, was ... were previous Councils required, was there a policy or procedure in place where Council members would have to ... like where did it come from that all of a sudden we would sign and then all of a sudden, we don't sign them anymore. So I wonder if there was a standing policy ... **CAO Draper** – There was no policy. It was just the practice and times have changed and it seems like paper was just passing a lot of hands and it wasn't efficient so this makes it more efficient and Finance can get the cheques done quicker and the accounts, you know, filed quicker and there's no chance of misplacing them through all the handling. **NOTE: And there is no longer Council accountability, spending all rests with the staff.** **Councillor Miller** – And I'm happy with efficiency. The last thing I'm going to do is sign uh our name, you know, 80 times or 100 times but as long as we continue to have access, (ya) I have no issues with it. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions uh from Council? Uh I see none and I'm prepared to uh vote on 11.5 List of Accounts. Can I get a show of hands? And that is carried.

11.6 JQ Housing Projects – Letter of Intent - Mayor Therrien – NOTE: JQ (John Q Public) –I googled it (See attached). I did not know they were into housing now. It was a sham organization, in my opinion, the initiative of Colleen Sklar. In the United States, the term John Q. Public is used by law enforcement officers to refer to an individual with no criminal bent, as opposed to terms like perp (short for perpetrator) or skell to qualify unsavory individuals. Then we'll get to 11.6, that's uh JQ, John Q Housing Projects uh Letter of Intent. **CAO Draper** – Did you want me to go through my shared notes (um) for the public? **Mayor Therrien** – Uh sure. **CAO Draper** – Ok. So the Letter of Intent is an initial non-binding agreement that signifies a serious intent to move forward with pursuing funding and support available through the Federal Government and **NOTE: Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.** for communities who want to participate in a housing initiative, new collaborative, affordable, seniors housing model. JQ builds housing and to bring the collaborative processes of bringing the project to fruition. The housing model envisions the cottage-court cluster housing community with 40 to 60 housing units per community with a focus on energy-efficient, accessible, barrier-free living options to allow community's residents to age in place. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you uh very much. Any other questions uh from Council **with regards to** uh 11.6? Mark? **Councillor Miller** – Yes. I am totally supportive to this. I think it's a positive initiative but I also would encourage our RM specifically to look at the Housing Accelerator, I bring it up every single couple of meetings, uh that that's available for Canadians, for municipalities across Canada. There's been municipalities uh right across this country who have tapped into the housing accelerator uh that's available so I know this is something different but it's...it's... it's an opportunity for us to have affordable housing right in our community and it can be a private/public partnership or whatever. There's a whole bunch of arrangements that could be made but I think we don't want to miss the opportunity, not only through this initiative but through our own Municipality that taps into the Housing Accelerator fund. **CAO Draper** – Uh I'm not sure if I've mentioned we did apply for that HIF Program, the Housing Accelerator Fund, and we were denied. Um I think the big barrier for us is the **lack of sewer and water capacity** um so we weren't able to meet kind of the guidelines and qualifications they were looking for but we had good discussions. They encouraged us to apply anyways because then it gets those issues in front of the government and I think a lot of communities are having those same struggles with the capacity um so we did apply knowing we didn't qualify and of course, we did get the refusal letter so ... **NOTE: Read between the lines! That is why they want current ratepayers to pay to upgrade the Dugald sewer and water facilities. Whether just the RM or staff of the RM in collaboration with developers, that would appear to be the strategy which is in no way fair to current ratepayers who will, in no way, benefit. Just my opinion.** **Mayor Therrien** – Um go ahead uh Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – And if something happens, do we have lands available for, for these developments? 60 houses? Where are we going to build them? **CAO Draper** – Well, I think that's our issue now, we don't have the land that can provide the water and sewer capacity but at least taking part in the project and not having to commit to anything, if the opportunity arises 2 years down the road, then we've at least showed our intent, that we're interested. **Councillor Kuczynski** – I know but if we're interested but we don't have land available, I don't know what time frame they have for us, like 60 houses, that's quite a few (ya) of them so we are going to require quite a bit of land for that project. **CAO Draper** – And it is open for municipalities to work with the developers so developers want to donate land for this type, there's an option for them to get involved as well so it doesn't have to be RM-owned land. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, thank you. **NOTE: Hmmm. Rossol? Ventura? Are you thinking what I'm thinking?** **Mayor Therrien** – And if we're given an option, correct me if I'm wrong uh **there** that we could take 10% of the land or 10% of the value of the land given to us. Uh that said, uh **there**, in talking to their Mayors and Reeves and also at the uh uhuh AM ... at our functions and so on, this is a big issue for a lot of the RMs, as I mentioned, making sure that the infrastructure is there. Our new Water Treatment Plant will allow us if that's an issue uh going forward and uh opening up more land to get this uh um housing uh affordable housing to go forward, as well as the uh seniors housing models uh and much of the stuff I've written down here, it's already been explained **there** so um let's uh... Andy? **NOTE: That term "affordable" keeps cropping up. What is affordable? I don't know about you, but to me \$350,000 and upwards is not what I call "affordable". I bought my land for \$10,700, and with the huge help of my family, hands on, built my home for about \$35,000. That was in the late 70s. Very little outside contractors were involved and virtually no labour costs. In those days, that was just, stretched over a year of earning, somewhat "affordable" for a Federal Government clerk.** **Councillor Kuczynski** – Uh I want to ask another question. Um if this development, like new development like we're having in Oakbank and Dugald, do we have some land available, like 10% for uh for the parks and uh green area, like excluding um these uh retention ponds because a retention pond, nobody is going to do anything there so it's just a body of water so are we looking um into that and get some, some you know, lands available for parks and uh you know, recreation in those areas? **Mayor Therrien** – There was uh ... uh a park that uh when we had that presentation, where the retention ponds are, just a little bit south and to the west is where that park is going to be ummmm uh and it's uh uh it's a perfect uh lot for that because it goes right into the green space **there** so we took that lot is the best thing for us as opposed to having it in the middle, it's on the very end and then it's all that green space so it's going to be fabulous once it's **Councillor Kuczynski** – And do you know what kind of...how much area is there, like 1 acre, 2 acres is going to be available? **Mayor Therrien** – It's ...whatever that lot size is and it's an irregular shape so it's smaller at the front but not terribly small and larger at the back and then it's going to be fenced uh so the kids can stay in the pen uh **there** but the parents can ...and it's got a path right beside it uh and then it'll go into the uh

water retention uh what did I say ... pen them up. (Laughing) **Councillor Kuczynski** – And, and who's going to be responsible like for structure and ...in this park for children to play.... the Municipality or are we going to talk with the developer on that? **CAO Draper** – So there's options to negotiate all of that through the development agreement and that's something our Planning Department is aware of, you know, looking at those options so. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ya, a splash pad and you know that... **CAO Draper** – It could be them, you know, giving a donation towards the structure and then the RM putting the structure up. **NOTE: No one ever mentions washrooms but in a large park area, away from residences etc., there should be some type of toilet facilities.** So there's different ways to go about it. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions uh from Council? And I see none. If we're ready to uh vote uh on the Item 11.6 ... **CAO Draper** – **interrupting** Sorry, I need a mover and a seconder. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh, I thought we had one. Ok, can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards** to that? Uh Melinda and Andy (Warren/Kuczynski). Then can I get a uh a vote uh **with regards** to the JQ Housing Project Letter of Intent? It's unanimous and is carried.

11.7 Sabbath Proclamation - Mayor Therrien –Uh then we'll get to 11.7, um and that is the uh Sabbath Proclamation, a mover and a seconder **with regards** to that. Uh Mark and uh Glen (Miller/Fuhl). **CAO Draper** – So I did try to do some research on this before I'll read the resolution out, is that ok? Uh so essentially an arrangement was made over 40 years ago with Manitoba Hydro to be able to use their wires as a sort of virtual wall. This allows observant Jews to carry and push strollers on the Jewish Sabbath and other religious holidays to the synagogue or to friends and neighbours' places. Similar arrangements are made in other Canadian citizens.... cities such as Ottawa, Toronto and London, Vancouver, in addition to Winnipeg. Since the Hydro wires pass through 6 municipalities including Springfield, we need their approval. Uh so I did note that the City of Winnipeg, the RM of East St. Paul, the RM of Rosser, uh the RM of Springfield of course and the RM of McDonald uh all have issued these proclamations and um some are not due but some... a few are due this year. So that's kind of all the information I have for Council. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh any questions from Council in **regards** to this? Uh Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Uh when Mr. Darryl Speer was talking in Question Period, he said um who uh asked for it and you said that there was some people that asked for it. Can you elaborate on that? How big a community do we have uh a Jewish community in our area? **CAO Draper** – I honestly didn't ask that question. I was contacted by a Rabbi that was doing um the contacting on behalf of the Jewish community. I didn't ask how many are in Springfield that this affects um **Councillor Kuczynski** – Well, do we have a synagogue in uh in our Municipality? **CAO Draper** – I don't believe there's a synagogue but this just allows them, like it says, to visit friends and neighbours on the Sabbath. Um I don't think that I'm aware of that there's a synagogue in Springfield. **NOTE: The service of a very well known and prominent businessman who passed away some years ago was held in a synagogue in the North End of Winnipeg so I don't believe we have one here.** So this would just allow them to visit their friends. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions uh from Council? And if we're prepared to vote uh **with regards** to the Sabbath proclamation, 11.7, a show of hands, those in support. Unanimous and it is uh carried. Did I get a mover and seconder on that? **NOTE: Short memory!** **CAO Draper** – You did. I just didn't read the resolution but (laughing).... you want me to read it out. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh, did ... **CAO Draper** – Sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Let's make it uh official. **CAO Draper** – Ok. *So whereas in accordance with the Jewish religion, the laws of the Sabbath include the Commandment "let no man go out of his place of the seventh day – Exodus 17-29 and a man's place is defined by 1) specifying certain natural or artificial boundaries and 2) by mutual agreement letting the use of the common domain – and whereas representatives of the Jewish community have made representation for the freedom of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to the Jewish community in order to make possible the definition of the Sabbath boundary, and Whereas it is desirable to grant this request for declaration, now Therefore Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield and the Province of Manitoba do hereby grant and let the freedom of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to the duly authorized Rabbis on behalf of the Jews of the RM of Springfield for a period of 20 years from this date in order to define the Sabbath boundary in accordance with the Jewish religion.* **Mayor Therrien** – You know, I ...can we, can we change the word uh uh you said at the very end uh the Jews uh **there**, Jewish faith, can we change that? **CAO Draper** – Well, this is the exact wording they sent to me that they require for the proclamation so I wouldn't know what to change it to but **NOTE: Being referred to as a Jew is like being referred to as an American or a Brit or an African, it is not derogatory. Mayor Therrien is letting his bias show, in my opinion.** **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, then uh maybe that's something that we could address somewhere down the, the road uh **there** but I think uh with that proclamation, can we just get another vote **with regards** to that. **NOTE: They haven't as yet voted.** It is unanimous and it is carried.

11.8 Association of Manitoba Municipalities – 2024 Membership - Mayor Therrien –Uh let's get to 11.8 the last uh item on the uh agenda, that's the Association of Rural Municipalities uh 2024 uh membership of, a mover and a seconder please. Patrick and Melinda (Therrien/Warren). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the Association of Rural Municipalities 2024 Membership in the amount of \$600.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions uh from Council? I see none. Can we get a show of hands in support. Unanimous and it is carried.

12. CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien – Uh for closing the meeting, can I get a mover and a seconder, that's Item 12. That's Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). And this uh a show of hands, those in support of closing uh the meeting. It's unanimous and is carried. **At this point here**, ladies and gentlemen, we going to clear the audience **there** so we can have an In Camera uh hearing uh **there**. Thank you very much for your uh time.

12.1 Land Negotiations

13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien – Uh we are back from our In Camera at uh 7:56 uh p.m. Uh can I get a mover and a seconder to return from uh Closed uh Meeting? Uh Glen and Melinda. (Fuhl/Warren) **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** – Then we will adjourn uh do I need a mover and a seconder for that as well? Uh then uh we'll uh adjourn uh the meeting at uh 7:5**CAO Draper** – Did you vote uh sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh can I get... **CAO Draper** – On the uh coming out of Closed Meeting, sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh, I thought we did that already. Why don't we do it again, then. Uh can we uh get a showofhands uh to return from the closed meeting. Unanimous and is carried. Then **at this point here** uh at the hour is uh 7:57 uh we're uh adjourning the meeting. Thank you very much for uh the Council meeting went well. **NOTE: Nothing said about 12.1.**

14. ADJOURNED