

**RM of Springfield  
Council Meeting.  
November 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

**WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)**

**LENGTH OF MEETING 1 hour 16 minutes 19 seconds**

**Mayor Therrien** – Ya, that's nicer. Oh, ya, no, it was the first year, right? The first year, ya. **NOTE: This was from my own recording.** Alright. Well, thank you, very much, uh this is uh November 19, 2024 Council meeting at the RM of uh Springfield, uh regular meeting agenda. I will introduce uh people in the uh uh people in the Administration. Uh assistant uh I was going to call you Assistant Commissioner but (laughing) Assistant CAO uh Kristy Groenheide, our CAO is uh Colleen Draper, myself Mayor uh Patrick uh Therrien. To my right in descending order is Deputy Mayor, Councillor 1 is uh Glen Fuhl, uh next is Councillor Ward 2 is Andy Kuczynski, next is uh Councillor Ward 3, that's uh Mark Miller, uh next is Ward 4 is uh uh Melinda Warren.

**2. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION - Mayor Therrien** – Um if I could get uh Invocation uh please uh I forget who was asked uh ....

**Councillor Fuhl** – Yes. We are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Let us have open hearts and minds in the spirit of fairness, thought and word. Let us be mindful in our speech and habits to be kind and respectful so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion for the betterment of our ... of Springfield. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you and uh we will go to uh Land Acknowledgement, uh please, is Councillor Miller.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Councillor Miller** – Yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. The RM of Springfield acknowledges that we are gathered on ancestral lands, Treaty One Territory, traditional territorial of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

**Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. Um and I'd just like to make some uh uh comments **with regards to** uh Safari uh volunteer uh dinner uh that uh we had attended uh, I want to thank Roger and Cathy Vaags and Howie and Pam Bredin for putting on the Safari dinner. It was a great success. 180 people and I'm thinking around that at the Cooks Creek uh Hall uh last uh Friday and uh it's a great organization. They uh through volunteers they're able to uh um gather a crop and use that uh money towards the World Food Bank for helping those less uh privileged than ourselves uh for no uh fault of their own. I'd also like to acknowledge **uh there** that the profits uh are 100% that go to the uh to the World Food Bank and um also I provided a speech as did uh MP and Member of Parliament Raquel Dancho from Kildonan/St. Paul, MLA Ron Schuler from the RM of Springfield, our representative as for part of the RM of Springfield, executive uh for the Safari uh uh group as well. And uh a fantastic job that they do. Um also I want to note that the Federal Government boundaries will be changing by the next Federal election, roughly putting a line straight down north and south on 206, and if you cut across uh Springfield, uh to the north will be uh extended to the uh Kildonan/St. Paul area, and to the south I'm not even sure uh what area that would be uh possibly Elmwood uh **there** but I won't, I won't say for sure cause I just don't know uh so that was uh brought to my attention uh **there** and the Anola Parade of Lights uh was a success uh and Councillor Melinda Warren, I thank her for able to attend that event. I also want to uh advise I attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Memorial Park in Dugald uh **there**. There was at least 200 people **there**. I wore my uh my RCMP red serge uh when laying the wreath uh for the RM of Springfield and I was very proud uh to do so um and that's all I have. **NOTE: Council Activity Reports are done at the first meeting of the month and were not included on this Agenda. I feel it was not appropriate for the Mayor to take this opportunity to highlight his activities and promote his image without offering the same opportunity to the other members of Council, or at all. Further, as he is no longer a member of the R.C.M.P., is it even legal for him to be wearing the uniform?**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Therrien** – Um if I can go to Item Number 4. Uh can I get a mover and a seconder, that's the approval of the agenda, please? That's uh Andy and uh Glen (Kuczynski/Fuhl). **NOTE: It really is more proper to use Councillors Kuczynski and Fuhl, their surnames in an official meeting.** CAO Colleen Draper – *Be it Resolved that the Agenda be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Any additions uh for the Agenda? I see none. Can I get a show of hands, those in support? That is carried.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Mayor Therrien** – Then we'll go to Adoption of the Minutes uh please, that's uh 5.1.

**5.1 Special Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2024**–**NOTE: According to Google "Meeting minutes are the written record of a meeting or hearing. Minutes are usually structured and formal so that they can be shared after the meeting and serve as historical documents in the future. For those who could not attend the meeting, minutes bring them up to speed. Minutes also offer accountability to action items that were discussed during the meeting. More importantly, if an organization enters into any sort of legal situation, minutes serve as an official record proving due diligence, ethics, and bylaw compliance. However years ago when I served as recording secretary for a group, I was told to make the minutes bare bones with no discussion included.** **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a mover, uh we'll do 5.1 and 5.2. The first one will be 5.1. Can I get a mover and a seconder for both. **Patrick** and uh Melinda (**Therrien/Warren**). **CAO Draper** – Uh just so you know, I have two separate resolutions for those. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh ok uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** – Uh yes, uh Mr. Mayor. **It was brought to my attention that there's some inaccuracies in the uh both sets of Minutes and uh I'm more than happy to provide those to you. In fact the person who uh submitted those changes uh is here tonight uh, Dr. Daniel Page.** Um I'm not sure if you want them read out or if you'd like a copy of that so we could see them. What is most efficient for .... **Mayor Therrien** – If you could read them out, Mark, I have an idea of what uh we have. **Councillor Miller** – Ok, sure, so on the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting Minutes, it's on Page 2 and uh this is uh very specific, Dr. Daniel Page spoke about Freedom of Expression, Transparency and the wording of the Procedure Bylaw. His delegation was uh separated into 3 parts where each included specific policy recommendations. Uh Dr. Page uh you're recommending one, two and three, right uh? Right, it's just that there's quite a bit of context here, there's a lot of text ... I'm not sure, I mean, I'm more than willing to read it (laughs) but ... You want me to read it? **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, so we have an idea of what ... what the changes are. **Councillor Miller** – Oh for sure. Ok, Daniel, first commented ... uh commented on Section 16 he referred to his previous delegation on the matter and the Charter Advocates letter submitted at the previous

Council. Daniel said not to introduce the phrase "harassment free" into the Bylaw to make 16(c) more precise and limited as he said the phrase "other behaviours which may prove disruptive" is vague and ambiguous and to completely remove Section 16(d) so that's verbatim if I'm accurate, right. Uh Number 2 Daniel stated he did not support removing Question Period and he supported an expansion of Question Period. He offered opposing arguments to the main justifications for removing Question Period and said that e-mail is not a suitable ... for speaking to Council in the Chamber. Daniel also stated the Chamber instead is the most appropriate place for residents to voice concerns to Council as there is a record of it among all of Council. For e-mails, he also offered a recommendation that common queries made by email be called Community Questions and to publish these on an **easy to find part of the Website** and link to these new posts using social media regularly.

**NOTE: Where is the easy part of the RM Website?** Uh in Section 7 and 7.2 Daniel recommended to increase times of releasing draft agendas, all items to be placed on the agenda ignoring new changes to the delegation section to at least 7 days instead of at least 4 days. Daniel then emphasized the importance of written notification for residents and a need for it, requesting a stronger requirement for written notification of residents for major policy items before they can appear on an agenda for Third Reading, vote/approval at a meeting. His specific policy recommendation was that direct written notification must be sent to at least 30 days before a Second Reading and a Third Reading of a major bylaw cannot be voted on without this written notification being sent to ... a set date of at least 30 days. Three, Daniel then commented on Section 15 to give recommendations to improve archiving and documentation. Daniel recommended that Section 15 should state that meeting minutes contain at least a detailed summary of all interactions to be recorded at the meeting and that Section 15.9 should change wording audio tape meetings proceedings to instead audio and video tape meetings proceedings. In addition to this, Daniel also recommended that a "hot" microphone should be present in the Chamber to ensure all audio is recorded in the Chamber and that the RM can use it ... its already existing technology to broadcast and archive video of meetings on multiple websites. There ... uh later parts of the minutes where details are also miss ... missing for completeness. These should be considered too. For instance, on Page 4 in the question Daniel posed, it does not document the response received for the first part. Daniel presented a specific instance where a lack of sufficient notice which the Procedure Bylaw can introduce was a serious problem to his neighbourhood in April and May of '24. Daniel said this was a failure of the Procedure Bylaw and said Planning's notice was totally insufficient to protect his community. Also on Page 5 uh in the question Daniel posed on why there was no public hearing, it does not document entirely the exchange where it was concluded the critique was deemed fair by Councillor Fuhl. The issue was that this is an important bylaw, not that every bylaw needs a public hearing. Um and that's it on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Now I know notes don't need to be verbatim, of course, because that's all audio recorded and so forth so um I'm just suggesting that uh we tweak these a bit to improve uh to improve them. **NOTE: At the start of the previous Council's reign, I asked that I be allowed to record the Council meeting on my little handheld recorder. I was denied but Council, having presumably received feedback, announced they would henceforth be recording the meetings and that anyone could ask for a copy. When I pointed out it is a public meeting and they shouldn't have to ask, they announced they would be posting the meetings on their website.** Mayor Therrien – Ok. Councillor Miller - There's lots there, I know. Mayor Therrien - Now is it going to be the same thing for November the 5<sup>th</sup>, I'm just wondering if we should do it altogether. Will it be another .... Is it similar uh problems with November the 5<sup>th</sup>? Councillor Miller – No, it's uh much shorter. Mayor Therrien – Than November the 5<sup>th</sup> is? Councillor Miller – Ya, I can read that to you if .... Mayor Therrien – Um, I, I think uh maybe what we'll do is do them one at a time uh there. I ... but my, my ... not my argument but my idea uh **with regards to** that is uh ... they're, they're .... these are just minutes, they're not uh verbatim uh comments about what happened uh there. This is kind of the uh uh the digest version of what of what we've been doing for uh you know for decades uh **there** so I don't think we should change it. Uh mainly most of those uh comments are stuff that could be introduced and has been introduced at the uh public uh hearings and uh and at Question Periods uh **there** so I, I would be uh I don't see any reason why we would adjust these Minutes uh here for that because uh I want to ... I want to read an e-mail uh **there**, I know you got that, Mark, but I'm not sure if everybody else uh has it uh **there**. It's uh from .... where is it, hopefully it is here. Ok, it's uh um from our CAO uh she had mentioned a name, I don't want to mention the name out loud here uh um I would say our verbal conversations tend to be more in depth uh than what she uh provided me in writing. Her main point is that the minutes are not to be verbatim and should be taken without note or comment. Uh personal opinions, statements, and judgements should not be in the Minutes, only decisions of Council and any pertinent information that should be noted that led to that decision. Uh we further discussed minutes during the Public Hearing which uh should then include the general objection if a resident objects uh to uh an application uh and the only time uh residents' comments should be noted or uh in the Minutes at that time so, so I, I clearly uh agree with uh this individual. I'll give you the name off the record uh here later on if you like. Uh but uh you got this e-mail as well as myself uh **there** uh so to, to introduce that into the uh um to the Minutes uh obviously makes no sense uh to me whatsoever because most of it is, is stuff that uh uh Mr. Page has brought up uh before during uh uh our meetings uh in one, one form or another. That's my comments **with regards uh to** that. If you want to go to November 5<sup>th</sup>, is there something the same there or different.

**5.2 Council Minutes – November 5, 2024 – Councillor Miller** – Ya, so I would say to you, there's an ambiguous sentence that makes it sound like Dr. Page made those statements. Daniel Page spoke about the September 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes and advised that his comments were inaccurate, contained false information, some omitted and some contained errors. This should read instead, replace his with the Minutes documenting his. Daniel Page spoke about the September 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes and advised that the Minutes documenting his comments were inaccurate, contained false information, some omitted and some contained errors. Uh so that's .... I can table as information but what I would say, though, is it's very important to know that uh again uh Minutes are absolutely not verbatim and I agree with you, Mr. Mayor, that there's sometimes opinion that we won't want to put into Minutes but what I do need to tell you is it's very clear that I'll always say that Min ... Minutes of meetings are legal instruments that can be challenged in court and should reflect in the future uh what was the context of the meeting and so there's always an argument on how Minutes should be made, I know that. I've seen it many times but uh I'm not uh I'm not going to argue this till I'm red in the tooth because uh I know what ultimately Council will do here and so there will be a day and a time when things will change but I guess it won't be today so. **NOTE: Minutes should serve as a "written record"... "be structured, formal" ... "historical documents" ... "offer accountability to action items" ... "serve as an official record".** Thank you. Mayor Therrien – Ok. Thank you and I just ummmm um it's uh there's an audio recording that has everything in there, uh for that specific purpose. The Minutes are, are simply that uh they're just minutes uh a brief detail and as uh this uh lady from uh I assume from the Minister's Office uh has pointed out quite clearly, it's ... it's ... it's not to be verbatim so that's just my comments on it. **NOTE: Well, they can always access my notes which recently have been verbatim.** But with that um could we uh get a show of hands, we'll do it one by one, please, if I can get the uh resolution read for 5.1. CAO Draper – *Whereas the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held October 21<sup>st</sup> have been previously distributed to Council, Be it Resolved that*

*the same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, those in support of the Special Meeting Minutes October 21 uh 2024? That'll be Melinda, Glen and uh **Patrick**. (Warren/Fuhl/**Therrien**) Those opposed? That'd be Andy and Mark (Kuczynski/Miller). Um if we can get the resolution for 5.2, please, November the 5th. Council Minutes. **CAO Draper** – And just to confirm, moved and seconded by the same ..... **Mayor Therrien – interrupting** Yes, everybody good with that? **CAO Draper** – ... mover and seconder? So uh **Mayor Therrien** and Councillor Warren. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya. **CAO Draper** – *Whereas the Minutes of the Council meeting held November 5<sup>th</sup> have been previously distributed to Council, Be it Resolved that the same be and are hereby approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, those in support of 5.2 Council Minutes for November the 5<sup>th</sup>? That's Melinda, Glen and uh **Patrick**. (Warren/Fuhl/**Therrien**) Uh those opposed? That's uh Mark and Andy (Miller/Kuczynski) is there passed.

**6. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien** – Uh if we can go to Question uh Period. That's Item No. 6 on our uh on our Agenda uh **there**. And uh 15 minutes is uh allocated for that uh and we'll go ... sorry ... we'll go on line uh first. Uh Janet. **Janet Nysten** – Can you hear me now? **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, it's just that we inadvertently turned the screen off uh here. I think we can go ahead though. Uh go ahead, uh Janet uh you can't. Oh, ok. **Janet Nysten** – Ok. My ... I have a couple of questions but uh the main one is on Item 11.4, your Customer Service Policy. And um I was away last week when this was discussed at the COW meeting or I would have raised my concerns earlier. Um as I understand it, the policy is focused on or uh encompassed on councillor, employee and volunteer uh expected standards for responding to customers. My comments are more from a customer's perspective because this is not a consideration in this policy in my opinion. Customers ... **Mayor Therrien – interrupting** What's the question M'am? **Janet Nysten** – I'm getting to it. Customer and service should be the focus of this policy. Is there any mention in your policy of confidentiality that would be required by anyone responding to or a complaint or for example or uh the lack of address um it's intended to .... this, as I see it, is intended to discourage residents' input and strays from past practice. We always used to um promote confidentiality of complaints. It's not in your policy. I can't find it. Can you show me where that is? **Mayor Therrien** – Um, I'm looking **NOTE: Maybe for the first time.....**(sniffing)... is there a confidentiality in the ... you know, the ... in the uh laws **with regards to .... CAO Draper** – Well, uh everything the Municipality does we keep confidential. Anything that's submitted to a public meeting or a Council meeting is considered public information. But any complaints or inquiries that we uh receive uh through our standard protocols, that's considered confidential information and we don't share it with ... especially complainants that are neighbour against neighbour, we do not provide that information. Everything's kept confidential. Um this policy has been in place since 2019 so the only changes to this one are including the complaint uh protocol and the new form to fill out. Uh we do not take uh complaints verbally and that's kind of been our standard practice but we've never formalized it in a policy so this formalized that uh procedure and process. So if we want to add that, you know, confidentiality is adhered to for this, we can certainly add that wording in where appropriate. **Janet Nysten** – Well, I think it is appropriate because why would I sign my name to something that, you know, you're ... you're asking the residents uh or you know to go this extra step uh and it seems uh to satisfy administrative needs but not uh citizen needs. So I guess the next part, is there a triage of handling complaints or is it "first in, first out" ... like there's no ... uh there used to be and you say 2019 and that was with the previous Council and we had a lot of uh changes made that maybe weren't uh as uh acceptable to the public as we would have liked ... I'll be polite ... but before that there used to be a, a complaint form, a complaint tracking uh device that you ... that Council could see, maybe the public couldn't see, but you would see the number of uh complaints that came in, they were numbered and how they were dealt with and what the timelines were and you know, what the status was. We're losing track and you expect the public to uh believe you, to say that it's being kept confidential but it, it ... once it's out there and it's in writing ... you know, I really recommend Council not approve this tonight and rework it to have some uh some of the uh customer service needs put into this because it's customer service. I understand the staff needs to know how they have to deal with it but you also have to understand from a customer perspective that we, we want to know how it's being dealt with, not that it's just uh being thrown around. So I'll leave it there um... **Mayor Therrien – interrupting** Sorry, M'am, your time is up **NOTE: Again, he starts by calling her by her name and ends up being impersonal and calling her M'am. Guess he didn't like what she was saying.** um but, but I'll answer both questions. Um uh well the customer service uh policy uh putting it in there **with regards to confidentiality**, um maybe we should uh put that in there um it's, it's implicit in, in my words uh what my opinion is, is that it's uh if you're ... you're coming with a complaint uh it's implicit that we're going to keep it confidential, confidential so for us to put it in there um I, I don't see a ... a problem with that. Uh what does Council think. **Councillor Fuhl** – Ya, I have no problem with putting that in there. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, and as for the triage uh handling complaints uh **there** it's uh they've got 2 days to uh respond uh to it. There is di... diary dates to be met **with regards to this** so I think we have ... we're handling that very well. **Janet Nysten** – Well, you're not. Right now I can tell you, I have 3 outstanding requests in. One was partially answered but how these are being recorded and tracked is not even addressed in this policy. And I ... you know, you cut me off but you took time from my Question Period... **Mayor Therrien – interrupting** No, I didn't cut you off, M'am ... Your 5 minutes was over. **Janet Nysten** – ... pardon me. **Mayor Therrien** – Your 5 minutes was over. **Janet Nysten** – I know. **I should be able to speak 5 minutes but you and Colleen took two of them.** **Mayor Therrien** – No, we didn't. We answered ... we're trying to answer your question, M'am. **Janet Nysten** – Well, then, I think that we have to kind of look at that because if you're taking ... if I have 5 minutes to speak, I think I should have 5 minutes to speak and then you can answer my question. **Mayor Therrien** – I, I did, I'm answering your question in that 5 minutes. **Janet Nysten** – You answered in my 5 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** – No, no I didn't, M'am. **Janet Nysten** – Well... **Mayor Therrien** – We answered, we answered both your questions uh M'am. Uh I think we'll ... we'll look at adding that customer service confidentiality inside this. Thank you. Uh Daniel? **Dr. Daniel Page** – Uh good evening. My name is Dr. Daniel Page. Um I'm your local computer science professor on Pine Ridge Road. Uh I was originally going to be focusing on the customer service policy **NOTE: See attached comments of Dr. Page.** but something more concerning has happened here in this Chamber. Um I want to start with that question. Uh I've already been here once before about the concern about inaccurate, false, or even potentially misleading information being placed into the Minutes. Um this example tonight uh actually is a far more egregious one where you just where now the Council has approved the Minutes that sort of lie about what I said. Um in addition it's taken out policy items, recommendations I put forward on the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. I want some comments from what's happening to this Council and it's care for truth. Cause I was here last week when there was discussion about misinformation and things of this sort. Integrity is necessary for people to trust that the people that give information to you are giving you reliable information. My question is very simple. Would Council reconsider looking at these Minutes to see they're amended? **Mayor Therrien** – Um we just, we just passed that uh in Council, we just passed the uh vote on that so it's been carried um and I'll just say the response is that uh um the main point was that minutes are not to be verbatim and should be taken without note or comment. Personal opinions, statements and judgements should not be uh in the Minutes, only decisions of Council and any pertinent information that should be noted that led to that decision. Uh we further discussed um Minutes uh during a Public Hearing which uh

then that is not part of that or that's the main context and that's your answer right there, uh Sir. If you've got any problems with regards to that it's ...what, what was part of the audio, then tell us what you think is part of the audio but minutes are minutes, and uh I think we're, we're ... we've addressed that many times. **Dr. Daniel Page** – Uh just to follow up on that is another question. (yes) So, so like I said, if, if, if you read ...listened very carefully to Councillor Miller, you'll see that what ... what he had said .... uh was not what I said during the 21<sup>st</sup> verbatim, it was actually a short, concise summary of a very meaty delegation that had very specific policy recommendations. Other residents' delegations actually had policy recommendations down to the number and article and I don't understand why mine which had actually very specific ones meant to protect residents is ... is not in my summary.**NOTE: This is what the summary says in the Minutes. Daniel Page Re: Improving Archiving, & Communications between Residents & the RM Daniel Page spoke about the freedom of expression, transparency and the wording of the procedure by-law. He referred to the Charter Advocates Canada letter submitted at the previous council meeting. He supports the expansion of Question Period as it is the best place for residents to voice concerns and allows all of council to hear the information. He mentioned that the RM website is a poor tool for residents and council to engage with and that there should be more options for streaming council meetings. He noted that the draft agenda should be posted a week earlier to allow more opportunity to hear from residents on an item. The minutes should contain a summary of all interactions as they appear incomplete. And further down it says: Daniel Page spoke about improvements to communication and the perception that policies are being pushed through. He inquired if there could be better communication on notifications for important policies to affected residents. He submitted an email offering his support for a Zoom meeting but has yet to receive a response. Mr. Page was advised that the meeting had already been advertised as inperson only and staff did not want have the zoom option failing if service was deemed to be inadequate.**Can you explain? **Mayor Therrien** – So is it not in the audio, you mean? **Dr. Daniel Page** – No, in the Minutes, in the Minutes.**Mayor Therrien** – I already answered that, Sir. It says here the main point that minutes are not to be verbatim and should **not** be taken without note or comment. If you've got a specific audio there that's not part of that, **that's a whole different thing there.****NOTE: That is a double negative so the one statement is contradicting the other or in other words, two negatives resolving to a positive. The Mayor said it!!!! That it a whole different thing.**If it wasn't picked up by our audio, then fine, then we'll ... we'll try to address that. Uh but uh minutes are minutes, it's not to be verbatim. **Dr. Daniel Page** – So just to clarify once again, if this omissions, serious omission from a delegation that does not capture the spirit of that delegation as was discussed last time we had this conversation, um would you consider revisiting those?**Mayor Therrien** – Uh, no. Once it's passed by Council then I, I don't see any reason why we would revisit uh that. Uh the pertinent substance there is, is addressed ... but delegations ... it's not to go from the beginning to the middle and to the end exactly what was said, it just gives uha brief synopsis uh um and no, no notes, it's not verbatim. That's the main thing, it's not verbatim. Uh it's ... it's part of the ... the package uh but the uh audio is ... is ... is the entire thing, what ...what was stated. This is just for minutes uh **there** and it's ... like I say, I keep on saying uh this uh this paragraph, it's not for ... for verbatim ... sorry, it should **not**.**NOTE: Again he is contradicting himself.**be taken without notes or comment. **Dr. Daniel Page** – So just to reiterate my point, there is false, misleading, grave omissions in the Minutes. As I've explained, in this for example the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is straight up lies about what I said. Do you have any comments about that? **Mayor Therrien** – Um, no I don't and I uh ... I wouldn't say there's any lies **with regards to** that, that's the way it was interpreted **there** ... that's the way ... there's no malice uh here uh **with regards to**, to that, I ... It, like I say, this is ... it's just Minutes, it's not to be verbatim and that's uh what the audio is all about. Uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Uh, thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is a prime example where we have a resident who is speaking to a particular issue, uh sees it as misconstrued, uh a lie he's bluntly said and uh inaccurate so I appeal to Council that if you were to say something and it was recorded in Minutes inaccurately what you reflected, I can see how every one of us would take a point to have uh somebody reconsider that so here we have a prime example of a human being who uh feels that these Minutes do not reflect his accurate connotation or uh comments of this so I'm just saying, you know, this is so critically important and again they're not verbatim but he's saying to us it's not the verbatim part, it's uh it's the interpretive structure of this that is not accurate. He doesn't want to be seen in history of having lies and misrepresenting the way he ... he uh I guess uh provided his comments to Council and to the public so I'm not sure, I can't just pass them off and say that it doesn't matter. Um I would never want to say that to anyone. **Mayor Therrien** – And, and nobody's saying that. Uh I'm reading here, uh Daniel Page spoke about the Freedom ... I will read it ... freedom of expression, transparency, and the wording of the Procedural Bylaw. He referred to the Charter Advocates of Canada letter submitted as ... at the previous uh Council meeting, he supports the expansion of the Question Period as the best place for residents to voice concerns and allows all the Council to hear the information. He mentioned that the RM website is a poor uh tool for residents and Council to engage with and that uh there should be more uh options for uh streaming council meetings. He noted that the draft agenda should be posted a week earlier to allow more opportunity to hear uh from residents on an item. The minutes should contain a summary of all interactions as they appear incomplete. So what's the lie in there? **Dr. Daniel Page** – So it must be stressed that I didn't say it was a poor tool, you can actually go back in the audio recording, and furthermore I was discussing what was actually brought up by Councillor Miller as the correct summary of my delegation for which I was discussing community questions, the fact that there's no means for which ... like say people send e-mails because there was a whole discussion around *are e-mails equivalent to Question Period* um and I spoke about how they are not the same thing because there's a lack of symmetry about who knows what information and I discussed the idea of there's lots of questions that come to e-mails that are the same ones over and over again. I think that it's e-mailing, like if you get information from an e-mail you get a lot of times, on a website you could easily make that information available to people um on likea community questions page, and this is something I discussed during my delegation ... neither is it ... and it's worth knowing the discussion about notification is not present at all in that summary, likewise the discussion I had about a few other items. You would not know which sections I was talking about during my delegation from that summary, which those were there to protect residents. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, sir, I ... I don't know how I can help you **with regards uh to** that uh summary here, I, I remember your uh uh your uh dialogue **there** and in my opinion it, it summarizes it quite well. Whether you use the word "poor tool for residents" uh or not, uh I ... uh the gist of that vernacular is that it wasn't ... it's not the right tool uh it is not a suitable tool for residents. Uh **I think that gets your point across and I think your time is up.** **NOTE: Pretty dismissive tactic.** Thank you, Sir. Is there somebody else on line at this time for uh a question? Anybodysee any hands at all? I don't see any hands. Anybody in the audience? Ok.

## 7. DELEGATION

**7.1 Maddy from Re: FoodCycler Pilot Program (Via ZOOM) - Mayor Therrien** – Then **at this point uh here** I will refer or I will go back or to uh delegations, uh that's uh 7.1 and that's uh Food Cycler uh Pilot uh Program and that'll be on ZOOM, right? Ok, whenever you are ready.

**Maddy From** -Hi, thank you. I'll just share my screen and if there are quest.... **NOTE: The audio cuts out here.****Mayor Therrien** –Is she ready to

go uh ... **Maddy From** - Ok, wait ... there, it went through uhhh perfect, I'll just bring that into presentation mode. So goodevening Mayor, Councillors and staff. Thank you so much for having me. My name is Maddy From. I am the municipal partnership representative at Food Cycle Science and I'm here tonight to discuss a uh food waste diversion opportunity for the Rural Municipality of Springfield. So Foodcycle Science is a Canadian company based out of Ottawa that's a hundred percent focused on food waste diversion solutions and we do this by using our innovative technology called the Food Cycler so our in-home food recycler is sold direct to consumers, to businesses, to classrooms with partnerships with not-for-profit organizations, and to municipalities through our Food Cycler Municipal uh Solutions Division which is what I'll be talking about tonight. So we're currently working with more than 150 Canadian municipalities across 9 provinces and two territories. You can find us in rural and remote areas and all the way to highly populated cities and nearby to you we have programs in Tache, Ritchot, and East and West St. Paul. The communities that partner with us all have the same thing in common. They face challenges with waste management or landfill capacity and are looking for ways to keep food waste out of their landfills. So the problem with food waste is that it's avoidable. It accounts for a large portion of our household waste, typically it's the majority, and it's made up of mostly liquid which is heavy and it freezes in the winter. On top of that, food waste in landfills is responsible for generating the really harmful greenhouse gas, methane. All of these factors make it so that waste is a problem that has a really strong municipal impact. One of the impacts to municipalities is that food waste makes up such a large portion of the waste stream. It causes landfills to fill up really quickly. And as you know, operating a landfill is very costly for a municipality so we want to try to extend the lifespan of them for as long as possible. And then the environmental impact is that organic waste in the landfill produces the greenhouse gas, methane, which is 25 times more harmful than CO2 and to put that into perspective, taking one ton of food waste out of the waste stream is the equivalent to taking one car off the road for an entire year so it's pretty impactful. And then in our communities putting food waste in the garbage causes odors which is of course not very nice for us but it's very interesting for animals like bears and raccoons who love to rummage through our trash. So by removing food waste from the garbage, we can eliminate all of these issues, save space in our landfills, and save money. We often get asked, though, ok, haven't we solved this already, and yes there are green bins which are common uh in big cities and in high population densities and the right infrastructure, however these can be operationally challenging or cost prohibitive to implement in rural and more remote areas. Also we've seen across the country that green bin participation uh has a hard time to get above 40 to 50 percent participation rate, meaning that a lot of organics is still just ending up in the landfill and indicating that this isn't a solution that's solving our problems. Many people in your community might backyard compost and we of course think this is also a great solution uh but unfortunately backyard composting isn't feasible for everybody, it's not a year-round solution, and you still have the concern about bears and other animals with it. And then finally the easiest solution would be to continue to throw our food waste into the landfills but as I had mentioned above, uh this is very bad for the environment and uh costly to the municipality. So we've proposed a different way to manage food waste. With the Food Cycler, we make food waste easy to deal with and right in the home. Essentially we've built a small kitchen appliance. It's roughly the same size as an air fryer or a bread machine if you use that, very straightforward to use. You put food waste into the bucket, you put it into the machine, you press a button and in a matter of hours, you have a dry, sterile, odorless, and nutrient-rich soil amendment. Uh the Food Cycler can handle all types of food waste including meat, poultry, dairy, fish, even some bones. Uh the machine can be used anywhere with a plug so most people will keep it in their kitchen for convenience but you could put in in your basement or heated garage if you have one. Uh the machine uh processes on an average 1 to 3 kilograms of food waste per cycle, with each cycle taking between 4 to 8 hours to complete and using 1 kilowatt hour of power and then the resulting soil amendment is nutrient-rich uh it has many beneficial uses such as uh easing it into your garden or you could donate it to a community garden or put it into a leaf and yard waste system. So here's a look at the two units we would recommend for your municipality. So the Eco 3 holds 3 1/2 liters and is designed for smaller spaces like apartments and condos or smaller families who don't produce as much food waste. The Eco 5 holds 5 liters and is recommended for larger households or those who produce more food waste. Both machines are equipped with refillable ... refillable carbon filters that eliminate any smells that occur during the process but it's worth noting that you actually don't need to keep carbon in your filter for the machine to run well so if you don't want to refill it, you can and you're not going to notice any of the smells. You can use the machine and it'll work just fine without it. I like to show this image as a really good depiction uh in the reduction volume you see when you run your food cycler so a full bucket of food waste will reduce in volume up to 90% leaving you with roughly 100 to 200 grams of soil amendment. As I mentioned earlier, the bioproduct created during the process is completely dry and sterile and it has many beneficial uses so many residents uh would probably put it into their garden soil but you could also add it to your backyard composter, you could even introduce it into a leaf and yard waste system. Uh we've had individuals pelletize it and use it as a home heating alternative. Doesn't happen often but it happens. Uh and then you can drop it off at a compost site or you could donate it to a local farmer, community garden, or of course you could add it to a green bin if your community has one. So from an environmental standpoint, over its lifetime, the Food Cycler is a net negative carbon solution and what that means, just like planting trees or using solar panels, when you use the Food Cycler to avoid bringing food waste to a landfill, you are actually avoiding more greenhouse gasses than you create in that entire process. The same can't be said for other municipal operations such as waste facilities or waste uh and recycling collection services which do rely on a large fleet of greenhouse gas emitting vehicles. In addition to the environmental impact of the traditional methods of managing waste is a heavily burdened system with unrelenting costs from trucking, labour and maintenance, but the Food Cycler offers a decentralized approach to waste management and it avoids any unnecessary additional labour costs, any greenhouse gas emissions from trucking and improper food waste breakdown and infrastructure costs to the residents or the municipality. So when a Food Cycler enters a home, there is an immediate and impactful food waste diversion taking place which is very exciting. So one thing I've learned from working with municipalities is that residents are really interested in being part of the solution. They want to try new things, they want options, and they want their government to bring these options to their community. With the Food Cycler, you get bring something innovative and tangible to your residents um that makes a massive impact. Since food waste accounts for such a large portion of household waste, it's the single most impactful strategy to achieving food waste diversion targets. So the results of our municipal pilot projects have been overwhelmingly positive. Um we were able to achieve a 98% participation rate. We have a User Experience Rating of 4.6 out of 5 stars and a significant amount of net yield waste diversion taking place which is approximately 300 kilograms per household per year. After seeing how well the pilot program goes, many municipalities will decide to expand the program further to more households. So for example, in Nelson, B.C. they ran two very successful pilot programs and have since decided to put a Food Cycler in every home in their city of 11,000 people. So the pilot program is a typical 12-week project. Residents would purchase a Food Cycler at a subsidized rate from the Municipality. The user unit, they track the number of cycles that they completed each week for the 12 weeks and then at the end, residents keep their Food Cycler. All we ask is that they complete a brief survey so that they ... uh we can evaluate the program's success. The results are then presented back to you in a final report or feasibility study and then that data can be used uh to support your future waste management

decision-making or to accompany a grant application or recommendation to expand the program further. And we do offer a final report and grant writing support as part of the cost of this program. So the funded pilots work on a subsidy model. Food Cyle management will provide a discount of 50% to the retail price. We then ask that the municipality uh provide a subsidy of \$100/household and then participating residents would choose which model that suits their needs and they contribute the remaining amount. So here I have some pilot size recommendations. Based on the population of Springfield, we would recommend the 200-household pilot size. Uh so since the municipal ... the municipal subsidy is only a hundred dollars, uh a pilot size of 200 households would require an investment of \$20,000 plus the cost of shipping and taxes. This is just a recommendation based on our experience. Um we are willing to work with you uh with your needs and your budget to determine a pilot size that's better for your Municipality. So allow me to summarize here, for some reasons that may resonate with you if you consider whether you should pilot with us. The first is that you have an opportunity to trial this technology out at well below market rate. The next is that you will see immediate and impactful benefits such as waste diversion, lower disposal costs, and reduced greenhouse gasses emissions. But finally you'll be able to provide your constituents with a low cost municipal service all while being a steward for the environment. So I welcome the Rural Municipality of Springfield as a partner in the fight against food waste as I believe your community is a great fit for the benefits of this program. Uh today all I ask is that my presentation be received as information and should there be any interest in partnering with us on a funded pilot program that you refer to staff for a report and recommendation. Thank you so much. Um I am prepared to answer any questions you may have at this time and I will also stop sharing my screen. **NOTE: I would guesstimate that this presentation was well in excess of 15 minutes. This is an example of the inequity demonstrated by the Mayor.** **Mayor Therrien** – I have a question uh there. Uh how long do one of these machines last? Is there a shelf life ... 2 years or something? **Maddy From** – Thank you for the question. So uh the machine uh lifetime expectant ... expectancy is 7 to 10 years. However we've built them in a modular way so if a part does fail, we are able to fix it instead of, you know, with a ... I don't know, with a phone or something, one part goes, you have to get a whole new ... a whole new phone. We want to try and avoid that um by ... so we made it modular. We also try and avoid these ending up in the landfills so what we would do is partner with a e-waste facility in your area who would be willing to take the food cyclers so that we can make sure that they uh their parts go on and it can be recycled properly. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok um now um you're suggesting 200 for our community because of its size, I guess, between ten and twenty thousand? **Maddy From** – Yes, that's correct. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Are we able to get a copy of this presentation as well, uh as something ... ? **NOTE: Mr. Mayor, it was attached to your agenda.** **Maddy From** – Absolutely. Ya, I'm more than happy to send you a copy of the presentation, that's no problem at all. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Now ... what was that? Oh, ok, sorry, it's ... it's attached to our Agenda. Um so it's \$600 for the uh 3.5 liter and it's a \$300 uh uh cost per resident, is that how it is or um how's that break down again. **Maddy From** – Yes, that's correct. So the breakdown price for the eco for the three and a half liter is \$600, six hundred dollars. Uh we reduce the price by 50% so uh then it's \$300. We ask that the municipal ... the Municipality put \$100 in um and just \$100 in, depending ... it doesn't matter how many units so then that brings the cost of an Eco 3 to \$200 per resident and then the Eco 5, the bigger unit, ends up being uh \$300. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Um alright, that's all I have for uh questions. Uh uh Glen? **CouncillorFuhl** – The question is, are you marketing it any other way or just through municipalities at this time? **Maddy From** – Thank you for your question. We do sell these um retail. You can buy them on Amazon or we have a website but waste is a very interesting topic because municipalities do put a... it's a considerable uh uh cost for municipalities so we do try and target uh municipalities as well rather than just going to retail if somebody wanted to buy this for the convenience of it um because it's a really great solution uh to many different issues in a municipality when they're uh thinking about their landfill. **CouncillorFuhl** – Thank you. **NOTE: Maybe CouncillorFuhl is looking for a personal opportunity, having closed his business in Transcona.** **Mayor Therrien** – Uh Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes, thank you. Uh where is this product made? **Maddy From** – Thank you for your question. So we have a uh an engineering team in Canada that has designed it and are constantly working on it here, however, it's produced, manufactured in China. Uh it's just the reality that we're living in right now. Ideally we would bring manufacturing to Canada but because it's expensive as is, if we did that the cost would inevitably go up so until we can figure out a way uh to make that feasible, this is what's happening. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Thank you, Mr. Mayor and uh thank you, Maddy, for your presentation. Uh I don't know if you know it, of course it's coincidental that COP29 is happening in Azerbaijan right now but uh hopefully there will be major inroads internationally with climate change and of course this is one of the solutions going forward so I'm going to play uh Mr. Wonderful like on Dragons Den if you don't mind just for a second and I'm just going to ask the question, uh what is the competition. I know that years ago, about 30 years ago to be frank, I used to compost and we had what we called Vermiworms so it was very kind of a disgusting thing you'd have in a ... in a ... in a compost kind of a bin and the worms would eat away your ... your vegetation and uh I should say your apple cores and other things, your banana peels and all the rest of it. People weren't really receptive to that because it just ... well, it was gross to be frank but it worked, it worked, so what is your competition today, uh again being as in a competitive uh free open market. I'm sure there's other units that might be available but uh can you elaborate on that. I know you don't want to uh give uh credence to your uh competition but it's good for us who may not be exposed to this sector uh of what else is available and how you level up to this. **Maddy From** – Absolutely. Thank you for your uh question here. Uh so there are other competitors in the States but Food Cycle Science was an innovator in this space. Um we came up with a technology and the grinding system that different ... differentiates us from everybody else so we have one unit that came out before, it's called the SC 30 that um is an older grinding method that actually other competitors copied because it worked so well so our new Eco 3 and Eco 5 have a different grinding mechanism that is improved um and it grinds more and it grinds faster and it grinds better um so that's kind of our differentiating factor but you're right, there are other, there are other competitors out there. Um they're all around the same price, they're very expensive to the average person um so where we make things different, is we're really the only ones doing a um municipal partnership that I know of. **NOTE: Being in that market, shouldn't they know about any competitors?** **Councillor Miller** – Um just a quick follow up, uh frankly when we did the worm project with Manitoba Environment, it was mostly for apartment dwellers so are you keying in on people in a smaller house ... a smaller residence. Here in Springfield we have many that live on, you know, larger properties, the one acre or 20 or 100 acres or whatever so for us, personally, we compost. It's easy for us to compost in our residence but um would you suggest if we would move forward with this project, would it be better for residential or an apartment or condo kind of a setting versus somebody who, again, is out on a larger acreage? **Maddy From** – Thank you for the question. So ya, I find our Food Cycler works in so many different um so many different places, so many different residences so but it really does depend on the person so if you're composting at home, maybe you're not going to use the Food Cycler but if you find composting really hard, you don't like it, it's gross, a Food Cycler could really benefit you um if you have lots of land but then on the flip side, it does work really well for apartments so we do have multi-res uh partnerships that we're open to as well so if you wanted to put Food Cyclers in apartments, we can absolutely do that. Um just speaking personally, I live in an apartment and the Food Cycler has made my life so much easier because my garbage isn't smelly, I don't have to bring it downstairs as often, I'm not dripping

liquids down the hall which is so embarrassing. Um ya so it's ... it has a huge impact no matter where you live um and we're open to uh figuring out what's best for Springfield if you're interested. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions? Well, I thank you very much for your presentation. It was very informative uh there and uh thank you very much. **Maddy From** – Thank you so much. Have a great rest of your meeting. **Mayor Therrien** – Yes, you as well. **NOTE: The Mayor does not give the presenter any indication of what Council might do with the information provided such as "as a Council, we will consider your product and let you know if we find it will work for us". He just closes the discussion without comment.**

## 8. BY-LAWS – Nil

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

**10. CONSENT AGENDA – 10.1 Northeast Red Watershed District Board Minutes; 10.2 Age Friendly Newsletter – Mayor Therrien** – Um then if we can go to uh Consent Agenda, if we're able to do 10.1 and 10.2 together for the Consent Agenda, can I get a mover and a seconder for that, please? Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). **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** – Show of hands, those in uh support? That is unanimous and is carried.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

**11.1 Emergency Plan Approval - Mayor Therrien** – Uh 11. uh 1 that's Emergency Plan Approval, a mover and a seconder for that as well, please. Uh Mark and uh Melinda (Miller/Warren). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve the Emergency Plan as presented.* **Mayor Therrien** – Uh any questions uh from uh Council with regards to 11.1 Emergency Plan? And I see none. Can I get a show of hands uh those in support of Emergency Plan. Unanimous and it is carried.

**11.2 List of Accounts - Mayor Therrien** – Uh 11.2 uh List of Accounts uh please uh a mover and a seconder for that as well please. Melinda and **Patrick** (Warren/Therrien). **CAO Draper** – *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of October 9<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, Be it Resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from Cheque 161281 to 161560 totaling \$2,109,450.76 be approved for payment as well as the following EFT entries: Red River Coop \$90,584.13; John Deere \$26,146.86; Western Financial \$15,121.12; Amilia \$179.78; Petro Pass \$40.51; RBC Visa \$25,690.52; Manitoba Hydro \$37,720.03; Bell Mobility \$2,246.10; Bell Canada \$6,255.83; Volvo \$20,898.98; Red ... sorry and Red River Coop I already mentioned ... and Be it Further Resolved that October payroll in the amount of \$340,556.86 be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Mark, you had a question? **Councillor Miller** – Yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just two questions, one on 161380 WSP Canada for \$14,075.37. Just information on that. I haven't had an opportunity to look through all the invoices and obviously ... **Mayor Therrien** – Which number? **Councillor Miller** – Um 161380 (oh) WSP Canada, if I could have some information on what that was for specifically. **CAO Draper** – I'll have to get back to you on that one. **Councillor Miller** – Ok and uh the only other one would be number 161390 for a Darrin Hopkins for \$4,200. **CAO Draper** – Well ok, I will confirm, I believe that's an overpayment of taxes but I can get back to you. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh Councillor uh Warren had her hand up there. **Councillor Warren** – You think that's what it is? Do you have ... well, I know this individual is a uh is a uh contractor so maybe he's done work on .... **CAO Draper** – I know, I've signed so many overpayments this uh last period that I can't recall if that was one of them but I'll definitely confirm. **Councillor Warren** – Yes. **Mayor Therrien** – Andy? Oh sorry uh Mark, did you have another one? Go ahead. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Thank you. I want to make one suggestion, like you know we're looking at these expense accounts here or cheques that we send uh to these businesses, can we put them in columns like Public Works, and you know different departments so we know which department is spending how much money they do? **CAO Draper** – I ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Just, just another column and just put Public so we know it's Public Works or it's, you know, Administration .... **CAO Draper** – I'll have to check how much extra work that would be for staff because right now we just run this report and it's based on cheque number value um but we don't put additional comments on what department they're from so it ... it may be a lot of work that ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – Well, once you set it up, everything up, then you know, you just put in a different column then. I don't know how many departments we have, ten, twelve, fifteen. ??? **CAO Draper** – Ya, I can check with Finance (yep), I don't produce this so I'd have to see. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions of Council? I see none. Then if we can vote on that, uh those in agreement uh sorry I've got to get rid of my screen here (sniff) with List of Accounts, can I get a show of hands, those in support of 11.2 uh (sniff), a show of hands. Unanimous and it is carried. **NOTE: I sent the following e-mail with questions about the List of Accounts as shown at the end of these notes.**

**11.3 Extension of Refuse & Recycling Haul and Processing Services Contract – Hillside and Oakwood Waste Transfer Stations - Mayor Therrien** – Then we'll go to 11. uh 3 uh Extension of the Refuse & Recycling Haul and Processing Services Contract. Uh can I get a mover and a seconder, please. Uh **Patrick** and Glen (**Therrien/Fuhl**). (sniff) **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield authorize the Water & Waste Department to extend the Refuse & Recycling Haul and Processing Services contract with GFL Environment ... Environmental Inc. for the 2025 calendar year to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.* **Mayor Therrien** – Questions or comments from uh Council at all? I see none. Can I get a show of hands, those in support? That is unanimous and is carried.

**11.4 Customer Service Policy - Mayor Therrien** – And we'll go to 11.4 that's Customer Service uh Policy uh there. Can I get a mover and a seconder, please? Uh Melinda and **Patrick** (Warren, **Therrien**). Uh we did have one uh comment from uh Janet with regards to the uh um confidentiality uh adding that uh in there. Um (sniff) I uh I'm not sure what Council thinks with regards to that uh, I'll throw it out there to what the Council is thinking. **Councillor Fuhl** – I can support that actually. **Mayor Therrien** – Uh I think it's not a bad idea, it's uh I think it's implicit in there but sometimes uh uh it's good to have it in there, especially since it's a customer service policy uh driven uh there. Uh people should be assured of confidentiality, I, I'm sure that it would have been but still it's good to have that in there. Um so if we can make that amendment uh there, is everybody in agreement with that? Ya, I see that's unanimous uh there if we can uh, do we just oppose uh the resolution uh there for an amendment. **CAO Draper** – No um *Be it Resolved that the Customer Service Policy be approved as amended to include confidentiality where applicable.* **Mayor Therrien** – Ok with that uh being uh read, can I get a show of hands uh those in support with

that amendment uh being noted. With a show of hands. Uh Melinda, Glen, and uh **Patrick** (Warren/Fuhl/Therrien). Uh those opposed with that amendment is Mark and uh Andy (Miller/Kuczynski)?

**11.5 Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum – Advertisement Request - Mayor Therrien** – Uh then we'll go to 11. Uh 5 is the Manitoba Software .... uh (laughing) Softball Hall of Fame and Museum uh **there**, can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** that please? Uh Melinda and **Patrick** (Warren/Therrien). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve payment in the amount of \$125 for a half-page ad in the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum Banquet Program.* **Mayor Therrien** – I, I ... I'm all for that uh uh um because uh our uh our field here which is meticulously taken care of volunteer uh by Boomer uh **there** is uh one of the oldest fields ... not one, the oldest fields in Manitoba and Western Canada. Uh people used to use that field to play ball while the train is going uh preparing for the train or getting off the train uh we have a long, rich history uh **there** of softball so I, I fully support uh this uh I think it's actually uh a small amount for our history of this uh community. Any other questions **there**? Then if we can uh get a show of hands uh those in support uh of the resolution as read, the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame. That is unanimous and it is carried. **NOTE: While recognizing that \$125 dollars is not a large amount, to me it is the principle of the thing. Tax dollars should not be being used for advertising the RM of Springfield in publications having nothing to do with the maintenance and upkeep of the Municipality. I don't recall this organization ever having come before Council for a donation before and I feel the Mayor is implicated in it coming for a request now because he is involved in sports. It sets a priority for every such other organization to come seeking a similar contribution.**

**11.6 2025 Committee Appointments - Mayor Therrien** – Uh 11.6 uh and that's uh Committee Appointments uh **there**. Can I get a mover and a seconder **with regards to** that, please? **NOTE: I highlight "with regards to" because most people would just say "for".** Uh Melinda and uh Glen (Warren/Fuhl). (Sniff) Has everybody had a chance uh to uh look at these uh appointments uh **there**? I uh (sniff) first of all, maybe I'll do it out of order uh **there** for uh um the current appointments uh **there**, um I have a list uh here. Is everybody uh it's on your screen, it indicates uh **there**, I was uh uh looking to uh change uh with uh Glen uh **there with regards to** the Red River Basin North Chapter, I'm just not able to make those meetings. I ... I think I made uh two uh **there**. It just seems to be a conflict in my schedule for attending those **NOTE: If I am not mistaken, they are in the early evening.** so I want to make Glen the uh the primary and myself as the secondary unless somebody else wants the secondary position uh **there** and then uh um the uh Regional Lobby uh Committee uh that should be actually the Eastman Region uh municipal committee uh **there**. Um I'd like to take that as the primary. Um I've got a real interest in this small modular reactor uh program uh **there** um and I'm very flexible uh since I'm retired, **NOTE: But he donned the Mountie uniform for the Remembrance Day celebration. Is that legal when he is no longer an active member of the Force? Anyone there and seeing that would expect him to be available to serve if a crime were to happen.** I'm able to make these meetings which I think is a conflict uh with uh Councillors Melinda and uh Warren uh **there**. Just it seems to be at 9 o'clock in the morning, **NOTE: No softball games on.** it's a difficult time to uh to attend, like I say, I'm a little bit more flexible. Anybody have any concerns, issues with that, uh I would have Melinda as the alternate uh **there**. So Mark I would have you off uh that so it would be myself as primary and Melinda as the um what's the ... as the alternate. Any issue or concerns with that? Um any other adjustments anybody wants to make... sorry, I had another one here where uh um Springfield/Tache Weed District. I was thinking uh of changing a) for Melinda but we need two um uh committed uh uh members for that. They have to attend all the meetings uh **there**. Um how many meetings do you have on that? **Councillor Warren** – Uh every two months or if there's a resolution and it has to be done, we kind of work on our e-mails. I am uh Co-Chair so I will be staying on that one. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Councillor Warren** – Cause I have signing authority for them. **Mayor Therrien** -Ok. Andy, you're still good to stay on with that? Ok. Those are the only ones that I had uh **there**. The rest basically .... **Councillor Warren** – It's not ... we need two ... **Mayor Therrien** – Yep, there's no alternates. **Councillor Warren** – There's no alternates. It's ... you have to be there. **Mayor Therrien** – Ya. Ya, so uh if you're able to make all the meetings, then, Andy for that uh **there**? Ok. Any uh ... if there's no other issues uh **there** then uh uh we could uh the Northeast Watershed District, that's the uh the large citizen uh rep group uh down there. Um I've been appointed to Devils Creek, I've already attended one of their meetings uh **there** um and apart from that, uh there's nothing uh that we could look at that at this time here. Um and the Cemetery Committee, uh that's ... that we can look at that uh later as well cause that's once, once a year. And the Springfield Board uh everybody is still in place, suitably posted as I refer to it as. Any other uh questions? **CAO Draper** – Can I go through each Committee just so I fully understand who's appointed. **Mayor Therrien** – Go ahead. **CAO Draper** – I guess I have a question, uh we have had an Accessibility Committee in the past. That Committee is no longer meeting um so that's up to Council to decide whether you want to remove that ... from your list. Uh right now uh we only meet as Provincial updates are required and typically that means bringing a policy to Council for approval so right now we're only bringing everything for approval to Council and not meeting as a Committee. Um so the recommendation is to remove that uh Accessibility from the list until requirements change where we need to be meeting regularly. **Mayor Therrien** – I'm all for it. If we're not using it, then just take it off the uh sheet. Are you good with that? And if it does come back, there's other uh you know legislation, then we can reopen that uh **there** but if it's not being utilized, then I think we should ... we should just remove that if everybody's in agreement, in concurrence with that. Um go ahead. **CAO Draper** – So Asset Management, um although we're not meeting regularly right now with Council, staff is meeting to discuss but we expect those meetings to start up again. Uh right now we have all of Council to attend at their discretion so do you want to keep that with all of Council attending? **Mayor Therrien** – I think Asset Management is a huge thing and it'll be coming down, it'll be even bigger the next little while. Um certainly I don't want to remove it uh **there** but uh I'm thinking all of Council should be aware of that uh **there** because it is a part of our uh uh our total assets uh **there** um so I would be uh for keeping it. **CAO Draper** – Ok. Uh so the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Association of Rural Municipalities, the Eastern Region Municipal Forum and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, all of Council are appointed to that to attend so that would remain all of Council. (ok) Uh the Berger Community Liaison Committee uh that's expected to end in 2025 and so currently we have uh Councillor Kuczynski as the designate and Councillor Warren as the Alternate. Do you want to keep those the same? **Mayor Therrien** – Do you want to change, Andy or Melinda? Ok. Keep the same. **CAO Draper** – Community Futures Winnipeg River, we've received a request to have our um designate stay on as they're a member of the Executive Board so that's Councillor Fuhl and they do not require an Alternate for this committee. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. That sounds good. **Mayor Therrien** – Any questions, Council, just the ... let it be known, just raise your hand or interrupt me **there**. **CAO Draper** – Uh Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association Community Task Force, uh I'm not aware how often this group meets. Right now Councillor Kuczynski is the designate with Councillor Miller as the alternate. **Mayor Therrien** – How often do you guys meet? **Councillor Kuczynski** – We met today actually, we had a meeting. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, is it a once-a-year thing? **Councillor Kuczynski** – No, we didn't have meeting since May because I don't know, something happened that they didn't have it over the summer but

and the next meeting is going to be, we scheduled for January 15. (ok) So we're going to uh you know, meet more often than as there are issues that are pending and (ok) and because we kind of lose in our area uh three doctors. They don't know .... They didn't tell us the reason for it but so there's 3500 people who lost a doctor so... they scrambled to, you know, that it's like a list that you can put yourself on the list, that you're looking for a doctor but it's up to you to search for a doctor so they don't want to advertise the doctor available because people from all over the Province like, from Portage-la-Prairie, Brandon they're calling there looking for a doctor so .... **Mayor Therrien** – Is that our area, Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** –Yes. **Mayor Therrien** – Really. **Councillor Kuczynski** – One doctor in Beausejour, one doctor in Lac du Bonnet and one doctor in Pine Falls. Three doctors we lost. So that, actually that uh retreat that was for this young doctor, they really praised that and they said they thanked us for participating and helping them out because he said it was very successful and you know, ... **Mayor Therrien** – Ya, we gave \$500 for that so I think that's my... **Councillor Kuczynski** – And I think we received a letter of acknowledgement that we did (ya) so ... **Mayor Therrien** – Ya so that's money well spent uh ok. **CAO Draper** – Ok ... uh Library Board, right now we have Mayor Therrien as a designate and Councillor Warren as alternate. **Mayor Therrien** – Um I, I, you now, I'm a ... I love to read so I, I love to stay on that um ... is there any other uh ... are you ok with the alternate, uh Melinda, I never had to call you out, uh ... **Councillor Warren** – I'm fine. **Mayor Therrien** – ... call you out, I always, ok. **Councillor Warren** – You can keep reading for me (Fuhl and Warren are laughing). **CAO Draper** – And so citizen board members uh I've met with the board members and discussed the membership so Carolyn Lintott um would be re-appointed to 2026, Corrina Roller uh is already appointed to December 2025, Chris Reid is appointed until December 2025 and Jocelyn Hamill would be uh re-appointed to December 2026. Uh Public Cemeteries Committee, uh that meets once a year. Um right now we have Councillor Miller is the designate and Councillor Kuczynski as the alternate. **Mayor Therrien** – Is there anybody speaks up, we'll just assume it's ok. **CAO Draper** – Uh you had indicated the Red River Basin North Chapter um Mayor Therrien is alternate and Councillor Fuhl is designate (yep), uh Red River Trails, currently we have Councillor Fuhl as the alternate and Councillor Kuczynski as the designate. Uh SHHI our Springfield Heritage Housing Inc. uh currently appointed is uh Mayor Therrien, Councillor Fuhl and Councillor Miller and those would remain. **Mayor Therrien** – Yep. **CAO Draper** – Springfield/Tache Weed, we need to have two designates and no alternate so that's Councillor Warren and Councillor Kuczynski. Uh Citizen Board members would remain, Andy Schur and Shannon Turnbull. And Winnipeg Metropolitan Region uh currently Mayor Therrien is the designate with Councillor Fuhl as the alternate. **Mayor Therrien** – We have people for the Northeast Watershed District or just .... **CAO Draper** – Uh so Seine/Rat/Roseau and Northeast Watershed, we've already appointed those at a previous meeting because they had their uh meetings uh earlier and you did their appointments earlier. Um the Cemetery Committee we're still working out uh the members that will continue on there. We've had some changes uh and the Police Board unless changes are required, uh that would remain the same. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Then if we can read the resolution, unless there's questions from Council and I see none, then uh if we can read the resolution, we can vote on that. **CAO Draper** – *Whereas the Municipality has established and participated in a number of committees over the years comprised of both elected officials and citizen representatives, Be it Resolved that the attached schedule of Council and citizen appointments for the period ending on or about the Third Tuesday of November 2025 be approved.* **Mayor Therrien** – Show of hands, those in support? Unanimous and it is carried.

**11.7 Appointment of Deputy Mayor - Mayor Therrien** – Uh we'll go 11.7 that's appointment of Deputy uh Mayor, uh uh a mover and a seconder, please. Melinda and **Patrick** (Warren/Therrien). And um I'm uh appointing or keeping uh Deputy uh Mayor Glen Fuhl as the uh Deputy uh Mayor. Um any questions, comments from Council? Mark. **Councillor Miller** – Ya, and I'm not opposed to that uh Mr. Mayor because I think uh Councillor Fuhl has shown that he can do the job and all the rest of it. What I am questioning though is your commitment at the onset of this Council to switch that up uh every year and so I'm just putting on record that uh that is a commitment that wasn't fulfilled so that's all I want to say. Thank you. **NOTE: And that is not the only commitment he is not honoring as he has been in ongoing negotiations with the Province and it would appear the Mayor of East St. Paul, Karla Devlin, who also is on the executive of Sio Silica, to reconsider mining for silica sand in the northeastern quadrant of the Province, starting with the Municipality of Springfield and the hamlet of Vivian.** **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. Then if I can get a .... do we have to have a resolution read? **NOTE: After two years of serving as Mayor, Therrien should not have to ask. He should already be familiar with procedure.** **CAO Draper** – Yep. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **CAO Draper** – Uh *Be it Resolved that Councillor Fuhl be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2024 to 2025.* **Mayor Therrien** – Can I get a show of hands, those in support. That is unanimous and is carried. Uh now we're going to go into the uh Closed uh Meeting uh portion.

**12. CLOSED MEETING – Mayor Therrien** - To close the meeting, can I get a mover and a seconder, please, Item No. 12. Melinda and Andy (Warren, Kuczynski). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that this Meeting recess to In Camera to discuss personnel and legal issues, and Be It Further Resolved that all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.* **Mayor Therrien** – Show of hands, those in support. Unanimous and is carried.

## 12.1 Negotiation of Fire Agreement

**13. RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING - Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much. Uh we are out of Closed Meeting at 7:40 uh p.m. Could I get a mover and a seconder to come out of uh Closed uh Meeting. **Patrick** and uh **Andy** (Therrien/Kuczynski). **CAO Draper** – *Be it Resolved that this meeting reconvenes from In Camera.* **Mayor Therrien** – Ok and you want to talk about the two cheques or ... **CAO Draper** – I just need a vote, sorry. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh could I just get a show of hands to come out of uh In Camera. That is unanimous and is carried. **CAO Draper** – Uh I just have some information on those two List of Accounts that you requested. So WSP is to do with um water monitoring at the Hillside Waste Disposal ground and Darrin Hopkins, it looks like we paid him for work done at the Hazelridge Sports Complex. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok then I think that's the last of the questions uh **there** um and if we can uh look at uh closing the meeting and adjourning it uh, if I can get a mover and a seconder for that uh please. Uh Glen and uh Andy (Fuhl/Kuczynski). And uh close the meeting at 7 uh 41 p.m. Thank you very much.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Email to CAO Draper asking about items on List of Accounts**  
List of Accounts



Heather Erickson <heatheranderickson@gmail.com>

12:36 (0  
minutes ago)

to Colleen

Could you please tell me what services the following payments were for?

161286 Airmaster 1,029.28

161287 Air Unlimited Inc. 1,960.00

161295 BC ADVISORY GROUP 990

161317 Dugald Parent Advisory Council 1,000.00

161323 Espec 9,734.55

161327 Gee Tee Holdings Inc. 5,955.79

161425 Gee Tee Holdings Inc. 5,524.77

161338 Hotsy Central 721.41

161437 Tyler Kelly 437.5

161446 Paneless Services 36,750.00 Parks & cemetery grass cutting

161474 Watt Bros Ltd. 77,175.00 Mow along roadsides

161476 Erny Yakubicka 1,396.50

161510 FPS Consultants 5,865.10

161544 Springfield Earthworks Ltd 23,725.80

161465 Springfield Earthworks Ltd 23,536.80

161550 STRATH CRAFT AWARDS 414.65

Why are we still purchasing aggregate from an outside company when we have our own pit functioning?

161329 Glacial Aggregates Inc. 621.19

161426 Glacial Aggregates Inc. 17,022.66

I note that we have legal payments of in excess of \$30,000. What type of legal services are being provided and in what context for each of these?

161314 DD West LLP 22,720.04

161506 DD West LLP 4,631.29

161528 Myers LLP 8,844.53

You have explained that the following payment is relative to the Disaster Assistance Fund. Over one hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money. Can you explain what are the disasters in question and how many properties are involved. Also, how was Tri M Trucking selected to do this work? Was it by bid or was the company simply selected by RM staff?

161375 Tri-M Truckin Ltd. 101,286.08 DFA Sites & Grader work

**Letter in November 22, 2024 Letters to the Editor, Winnipeg Free Press. It was also on the TV news. I knew Sio Silica would not give up. Too much money invested.**

"We're going to get the North End plant built," Kinew said during question period at the legislature Wednesday. (22 Nov.)

Sio Silica is planning to try again with a controversial mining project in the same spot using the same method that the province rejected less than a year ago, but this time with more community engagement. ( 21 Nov. )

A troubling situation for Winnipeg and the people of Manitoba. Jobs, and the promise of money will never replace our vulnerable water sources. The life blood of all living things.

John Fefchak.  
Virden, MB.

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