

RM of Springfield Council Meeting
November 29, 2022

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 2 hours 38 minutes 43 seconds

NOTE: The former Council's meetings were normally under 1/2 hour long, often only a matter of minutes. It is quite amazing to see a meeting last over 2 1/2 hours.

Mayor Therrien - Well, good afternoon, everybody. I'm Mayor Patrick Therrien. I'd like to call the meeting to order. And I guess the time is a little bit late..we're 1:08 there on the 29th of November. All councillors are present uh before us here. Um can I get a mover and a seconder for the approval of the **agenda** which would have, everybody would have had a copy of that. (Warren, Kuczynski) *Be it resolved that the agenda be approved.* Ok. All in favour. That's unanimous there. **CARRIED 5-0** Can I please get a mover and a seconder for approval of the **Minutes** that would have been the Special Meeting on November 10th. (Miller/Fuhl) All in favour. That's unanimous. The motion is **CARRIED 5-0**

QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien - Is this where I open it up? **NOTE: I was hoping that as a former R.C.M.P., Mayor Therrien would have looked into the format for meetings and would have been more versed in the order of business instead of constantly having to refer to the C.A.O.** Is there anybody in the audience who would like any questions before Council, at all, on line or in the audience. Can you go to the podium there Edwin? I remember that. ... **NOTE: Obviously a conversation is going on but on the audio file, nothing is recorded.** OK. Uh huh, ok, ok I guess that's something I guess we can address with the appropriate department then Edwin and then if uh, we'll get back to you. Alright, thank you. Any more questions from the audience. Darryl, do you want to come up to the...just I know everybody in the audience by their first names, isn't that great? ha ha ha ha Just for the record then, Darryl, if you can state your name please and your address. You want to address that when it comes up? Uh, ok. Any other questions from uh I guess the audio or on video? I guess that would be no more questions. We're into 5.1. And that would be..I think I have a different thing here. This is 6.1 I have here ... so I'm just going to read that then, Colleen. Ok, for, you're good to go then ...for Elected Officials I've got Item 6.1 November 25th. uh 2022. The following report is: Attended Remembrance Day Service in Dugald, um second day Council boot camp in West St. Paul put on by Mr. George Cuff, then we had a 2023 Board of Revisions over 2 days, Association of Manitoba Municipalities Conference for 3 days at the Convention Center, it was quite an informative 3 days, we attended the Trade Show, got lots of ideas there as well, we had a Planning Meeting at the Winnipeg Metropolitan meetings there, there's various committees uh as well as meetings with uh and including the North East uh Red Watershed District, the Seine River Watershed District, various meetings to be updated on ongoing matters, I've been quite busy with the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region meetings, it seems like every day, uh and that should do it for what we have here. ...

REPORTS - Mayor Therrien - 5.1.1 Attorney General's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award - Sgt. Scott Turner - Would Sgt. Turner be in the audience? Ok then I'll read this aloud there, the Attorney General's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award was presented to Sgt. Scott Turner. Uh Council wants to recognize that. If you can bring it to him as well then, Chief, uh what we're saying here. The RM of Springfield would like to congratulate Sgt. Scott Turner on receiving the Attorney General's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award, recognition given to those that show outstanding efforts and achievements within the Winni...or Manitoba law enforcement. Sgt. Turner has been with the Springfield Police Service since June of 2019 and has been instrumental in assisting with the secondment agreement between the highest level of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the RM of Springfield. He subsequently assisted in rewriting Service policies as it pertains to the Use of Force, High Risk Vehicle Stops, and Weapon Defenses. Additionally Sgt. Turner is a Certified Firearms Instructor ..CEW?...connected...what is that ...conducted energy weapons there which is a taser instructor and is a designated marksman through the Winnipeg Police Service. Sgt. Turner was presented with the award during the 24th Annual Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police banquet uh on Thursday, November the 17th. You can pass that on, Chief, to us there. I'm sure we can probably get a letter to him as well, right, Colleen. **NOTE: Why was Chief Hitchon of the Springfield Police Service not doing this item as it was one of his staff that received the award? I understand he was present at the meeting.** Alright. Now we've got Department Reports. Do I just read these in... **CAO Draper** - Ya so these were reports just submitted by the various departments for information and updates on projects that they are working on so Council typically approves a resolution accepting these as information. **NOTE: - Springfield Police Department - October - SEE ATTACHED ANALYSIS. Once again, our Springfield Police Service is being used by the RCMP Oakbank Detachment to respond to their calls, ONE OF WHICH WAS IN TYNDALL, not even in our Municipality. ?? Liability. Further the Springfield Police Service is funded directly by RM of Springfield ratepayers. Water & Waste Department - Repeat the same one continuously with slight additions. Only the recent work/reports should be included in the monthly reports. Those interested in tombstone data can access through the RM or the web site.** **Mayor Therrien** - Has everyone had a chance to read those reports? Um is moved by (Fuhl/Kuczynski). Uh all in favour? That's unanimous and the motion is passed. Actually...do I say a motion or...is passed. **CAO Draper** - Ya. Typically I read the resolution out first and then you vote on it so. **Mayor Therrien** - Ha ha, way ahead of you...ok go ahead. **CAO Draper** - *Be it resolved that October and November Department operating reports be accepted as information.*
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DELEGATIONS

Mayor Therrien - Our first delegation will be Mr. Edwin Giesbrecht. Edwin, if you can take the podium there...sorry if you can remove your hat, everybody in the audience as well. We have a timer, usually 15 minutes there Edwin uh give or take a couple of minutes. We're not going to hold you too fast to that. Thank you.

6.1 Edwin Giesbrecht Re: Zoning of 32 and 33-11-5E - NOTE: The beginning of Mr. Giesbrecht's presentation does not seem to have been recorded. As I stated in an e-mail to the CAO, "I have heard from more than once source that yesterday's Council meeting was total chaos. I realize Erica was the driving force responsible for the organized manner in which things have been working...however as CAO, Draper should have ensured that she trained others in the organization how to deliver the same service in her absence." Erica Wood has left the employ of

the RM.Reeve Skrupski bringing into this rural residential into this plus there are silo which really was not fair or just to the residents because it took away our agricultural rights and benefits and in that, that could go so far as to an individual if they have a horse or a cow and if the neighbour doesn't like the smell, it's agriculture, you know that. I'm a beekeeper, if a bee bites somebody and somebody says, "well now your bees are biting us" when in fact they are "stinging" and they don't know if it's my bee or not, it now becomes questionable. If it's agriculture, it's not questioned, if it's residential, it can be questioned so it raises certain issues, um it raises certain issues to feeding yourself that was historically the traditional character of farming throughout the municipality and even in our little cluster where in the new Zoning By-law it is intended to only have 9 chickens...feed a family on 9 chickens whereas normally we have 60 chickens so these types of issues present a distraction from the benefits. It has somewhat also benefit in reduction of tax being agricultural rural so money is always there. We're all old enough to follow the money but that's generally how you do it, you just follow the money. So coming in to presentation October 28th. there was certain obstinance in this regard because it was now municipally zoned rural residential. However 137 years leading up to 2010, it was always agriculture. It has remained agriculture today to this date here now provincially who is the eminent authority. And it was only with a previous former Council to revert which can only be uh we received no notice of applications, we received no notices at that time of the conversion and subsequently it went rural residential so in reciprocal I would say that that was an attempt for two points. One, a bit of a tax grab if they generate an extra \$100. or \$200. a year in total, it's money, so follow the money. But more aside, um I can, I uh attribute that to a block cheese development mentality so here you are completely surrounded by agriculture and agricultural reserve and preserve for a reason. And here is this block of cheese right in the middle with a few titles that only came about by retiring farmers. That's all, that's the only reason the smaller lots came about because they wanted bush for cover and they split off a homestead and then that's how it came about. The block cheese mentality is to put this block of cheese right in the middle of protected agriculturals and all around the peripheral edges the mice want to chew on that cheese bar. I want a piece of that cheese. I want a piece of that cheese. And where does it stop? I just want 2 acres just like they have, I want 5 acres parcels like they have, I want ten 25 acre parcels, I want ten 20 acre parcels, so where does it stop. Well where it stops in this case where there was a developer actually made an application on one of these titles, um in Council there was a councillor for that application of development that um objected. There was another councillor who abstained. There was the Department of Planning Provincial denied, objected, they .. uh Department of Agriculture because of this agricultural concern to this immediate pocket, objected as did, and this is quite rare of Council, where in fact the Minister denied that the development move forward and objected. That's how serious it was. So the Province is intent on protecting its agriculture rural reserve and preserve and um these types of interests and benefits um is what the character of the neighbourhood the people purchased for as the farmers who split and died off. Um these people bought because it was agricultural character. That's what they wanted. If they wanted to live in town, they would have bought in town. If they wanted to live in a street that was chopped up with 20 houses on a street, they would have done that but this is what we're ..one we're trying to protect so we're asking that the map be amended...is that my time... how much time do I have .. **NOTE: At this point can be heard my telephone conversation with the Reception Desk about my inability to access the meeting as I did not realize my cell phone was not on MUTE. Ms. Wood used to include a One Click access on the agenda to allow those who wished to view the meeting the ability to readily and easily access both the view and sound of the Council chamber instead of having to enter an impossibly long row of letters, numbers and symbols and a meeting code.** CAO Draper - Hi Heather, just to let you know, you are unmuted right now and we're hearing your conversation. Heather Erickson - Oh, sorry about that. Edwin Giesbrecht - Thank you Madame Secretary and so it came forward um that it was after some lengthy discussions and considerations to all, especially given that one of the major titles of the largest holding within this cluster of over 20 acres was denied subdivision and development, that we wanted now to see this entirely put back into agriculture and that has intrinsic value to these residents for themselves and for their children and it has resale value to a point in that individuals that are not looking to have services, like we've had the same services we've had for 50 years. We don't have any sewer or water or street lighting and such and in fact I uh, last year on the previous Council uh Glen was kind enough uh to accommodate me as ward representative to take a look at this and after he took a real close look at um the barns and the horses and where the bees are and where the fowl or chickens are or where the hay sheds are, where the fences are and the blocks of land, when I asked if this was character residential, he had to nod so we are only asking here to revert back to what was, what was right and what was correct. Mr. Skrupski was wrong and we want these benefits of agriculture rural, most people would be asking for residential, most people would be asking for commercial or industrial. We're actually going backwards because we want it the way it was. And this, what can be referred to in um previous council or in fact was discussions of what they refer to generally as silo developments referring to grain silos. All of a sudden you've got a block of land and up pops 5 or 10 silos and why are they there when it's agriculture all around. It should be in an area where it's not just a minor cluster but where extension of development proceeds properly and not encouraging um against what the Province's direction is and against what the majority of these small cluster of lots are and against the character and the history of 137 years. So we would formally request and respectfully request that this be amended so that this small cluster uh in the map of colouring for indexing, the colour is changed to reflect agricultural rural and it's that simple. It's not complicated, it's a changing of the colour. It's not a big hearing issue, it's as simple as just amending the map. **NOTE: The maps attached to the Development Agreement or the Zoning By-law are supposed to reflect the decisions contained in the actual body of the Agreement. If you change the colour of an area that is not congruent with the decisions arrived at for the Development Agreement, in my opinion that would be a significant change.** That's all it is, amending the map colour for such a small portion of cluster which has great benefit to the majority of the petitioners here and as the Province has really, really made it very clear that they're here to uphold agriculture now and these lands have always been agriculture by the Development Plans throughout the history of Springfield. So I can leave it at that. I don't want to carry on too far, I don't want to get too technical but if anybody has any questions, um I'm pleased to answer. **NOTE: Faintly in the background can be heard a conversation but I cannot make out what is being said except the response from Fuhl, NO.** Would we be able to, respectfully, Mayor Pat, um have a resolution upon this today given that it's been since October 28th. It dragged on with disclaimers of um circumstance, of information of planning and amendments and all this being huge and big trouble and we've got no answers for 9 months which is within the right of Council not to answer, you can do that but for 9 months the neighbours, the character, the moral and ethical deliverance of 9 months of not having an answer, that's a punch below the belt. That's how the entire neighbourhood took it. And they should have had an answer of some sort but the only answer they got was individually to apply to the Manitoba Municipal Board for this issue which... Mayor Therrien (interrupting) - Edwin, I'll just stop you right there. Um we've given you lots of time and there's no questions. As for resolution, I don't think that's in my peripheral?? today to do that. We'll have another...am I right there, Colleen, we'll have another meeting as I learn more uh then I can tell you a little bit more so at this point here we can't do the resolution but everything you said here was done correctly. We have all your paperwork and I guess we'll take it from here and we'll keep you in touch um and uh you know phone us if you have any more questions. Edwin Giesbrecht - Would there be ..not to press but

would there be any time limit given the past that I can share with the other petitioners, a month or two months? **Mayor Therrien** - I can't say that, Edwin, uh if I told you a time and it doesn't work uh then it'd be..if I don't know, I don't know, I'm not going to lie to you, so let's just wait and see. We'll get back to you. Keep in touch with us. (Definitely) OK, Keep in touch, Edwin. **Edwin Giesbrecht** - Ok, thank you Council, Mayor.

6.2 Helene Schultz Re: Breach of Conditional Use Order - Mayor Therrien - Is Mrs. Schultz You can come up to the podium, m'am. Is someone coming up with you? **Helene Schultz** - Yes, this is my father David. **Mayor Therrien** - Just present your name there, M'am, and your address. **Helene Schultz, 54081 Heatherdale Road** in the RM of Springfield and I would like to bring to the Council's attention that there has been some stress lately, actually ever since April 22, 2021 and this is in part due to the order, the conditional use order 21-02 and it has been breached, it is clear and obvious as I present here in the handout that I'm handing out to everybody, the 25 pages. So for several months there have been a number of highway trailers and in particular, tankers on site and they have exceeded the allowable number. On that Conditional Use order which I did not include a copy, I forgot or I didn't think of.. it says there's 3 allowed and when you go to pages 1- 11 you can count up to 12 units, like tankers and I tried to, as much as I could, to keep the number in consistent like when you see 4, 6, 12 whatever on one page, that's referring to the same vehicle that are on the other page. So this violates paragraph 3 of the Conditional Use order 21-02. **NOTE: Excerpt of my notes of that meeting: Mayor Fell - (interrupting) - I think what Councillor Fuhl ...would you be comfortable with us putting limits on those in the resolution as well. (Absolutely) Are you comfortable with 3 or would you like.....(Yep, 3 is good with me)** In response to my concern during this hearing on April 22, 2021, sorry I don't have a copy of the audio because I was not able to obtain that file yet, Mr. Neighbour said they are cleaned with wash tag. May I just explain that contrary to the above mentioned statement tankers, tankers contain dangerous goods. Those dangerous goods signs are circled in red on pages 1 to 5, and this statement is totally false that it becomes clean in the wash tank because there is no such thing that is there. I talked to this Department of Dangerous Goods Department of Manitoba and they say there is no such agency that can provide wash tags and there is no such agency that can wash these tanks so they will always be dirty. **NOTE: Another excerpt from my notes of that meeting: Martha Schultz referred to a letter she and her parents had sent to the RM. It is a 3 page letter complete with pictures and expresses their concerns about unsightly shipping containers on the current Vernon Road site within the sight of the road, disposal of various types of garbage that is evident on the old site, tank trucks stored on the Vernon Road property that have Transport of Dangerous Goods placards on them, unlicensed vehicles stored at the back of the current property which could be leaking various types of oils and fluids into the soil, additional traffic which could affect the condition of Heatherdale Road, reduction of property values, and contaminated runoff.** Council believed Mr. Neighbour that these tankers are cleaned at the wash tank. That's not enough yet, that the Committee should have postponed at this point a decision of this Conditional Use order but then, and verified the claims made by Mr. Neighbour so now initially I didn't do much about it but I have now taken pictures from October 29th till Sunday the 27th of November to provide evidence that there is ongoing traffic and too many vehicles but then also on November 23rd. at 13:44 hours I observed a dangerous goods spill and that's on page 12 and we were not informed by our neighbour that something like this had happened, that there was a problem, that somebody was coming to clean it up, nothing of that sort. When I brought this to the attention of the Planning Department, I was told that please note that the Municipality does not have jurisdiction over dangerous goods as they are regulated by Manitoba Environment Compliance and Enforcement and I'm saying "excuse me, why was this even permitted to have these dangerous tankers next door" if the RM is not looking into these things and I complained about it and don't know where exactly I should start with all these spills. So then on weekdays and on weekends the large number of personal vehicles is also observed inside (pages 8 and 11). I have 2 examples there and while the location of course is correct, like those are the right number on the vehicles, they are all behind the house which is**Mayor Therrien (interrupting)** - Sorry M'am..what does the red numbers signify? **Helene Schultz** - Personal vehicles..like not tankers. **(Alright)** And while the location of all these vehicles is in, like they are behind the house, this violates paragraph 4 of this Conditional Use Order where he can have 3 unlicensed vehicles in his property, like personal vehicles, besides tankers and trucks. So he's already violating two. Then again there was a verbal statement by our Mr. Neighbour on the 26th. that his business is a small scale and he might have one occasional worker. I apologize again, I don't have the time of audio, I would like to fill that in later if I'm permitted. So this statement is also false. There are many people working for him as I have observed a number of vehicles arriving, and remaining parked in the driveway during the core hours of this business, and a number of people have been observed navigating trucks and trailers into the shop, like it's a busy bee nest to say the least. So at the beginning of November when I talked to the DPG officer, she told me that this is not a home business and not a small operation given the nature of the licenses Mr. Neighbour has to repair and inspect trucks, tankers and so on and this type of business according to DPG belongs into the industrial park, not on agricultural land and not into our neighbourhood. I'm just citing what the DPG Officer said. So other violations that I would like to point out here are the general traffic rules. Semi trucks with or without trailers come across this 5 ton bridge um as I show on pages 14 to 17 or the 14 ton bridge at times as well. And the 5 ton signage on the bridge is knocked down as is the one side of the railing, as you can see it's bent over and that's all due to the damage from the trucks. We are not able to get good pictures at all times but we followed these trucks and observed the number of trips happening violating the limitations and damaging the signs on the bridge and if they don't obey the rules at this point, what will happen in the Spring with our 65 percentage limitation, they go over these bridges. Now already what will our roads look like, I can just imagine the nightmare that's going to come. Also another violation is the natural elevation. **Fact number one** is that property 54095 and 54081 Heatherdale Road properties should be at equal elevation based on topographical maps and I show that on Page 18. I made an "x" there for the reference in the picture and the map where there is a lower spot and yes, that lower spot exists but it is not in our property nor our neighbour's property as such. **Fact number two** - property 54081 Heatherdale Road had been dry for over 14 years. The business of Tony Evancho, the neighbour to the south of 54081 Heatherdale Road and also we inspected the property over years prior to purchase and I believe he purchased this lot in 2018 so that is also ..I show another picture where it's dry on Page 20 when we did the excavation for our house that we built. It was bone dry. There was not a single spot of wetness anywhere. **Fact number three** On top we would never have bought the property. We learned our lesson in 2000 when we moved to Canada that we will never purchase wet property again so we observed this for years before we purchased it. So fact number three that this property of 54095 Heatherdale Road has wet land as we observed on the east side of the property. I know this in fact because we also looked at purchasing this property at some point in time and it was..we were told it might be for sale and it is likely due to that the driveway was twice elevated and the raised concrete pad has been there but to the east of that it was a low spot and it was wet. Even in the summer, in the drought of 2021, I had to walk through there once taking out my dog and we checked it out, it was over a long time, more than 30 days of the calendar days of the year in the summer in drought that it was wet. Now it is higher than our property. So I'm citing by-law 17-15 Section 3 Changes to existing lot grades: no person shall sign for a new lot grading permit and/or without the express approval from a Designated Officer proceed with any work that may alter, raise or otherwise change the natural existing

prairie elevation and/or grading of the lot or property in any manner that may affect existing and established storm water run-off from that or any adjacent private or public property. So when I mentioned this first last Fall when I noticed that fill was added to the property and I was slightly concerned that I might flood in the Spring for the very, very first time, the RM of Springfield Planning Department said, "we will deal with it when we cross that bridge" and I said like "I don't want to wait, I don't want to see the day that I'm flooding. We have to do something in advance." I was not aware of this by-law that nobody's allowed to change the lot grade but I saw something is wrong. So there is no permit as far as I know at the RM of Springfield Planning Department and once we flooded in the Spring, I was told everybody's flooding but this was our very first time we flooded. We had 2 feet of water on the property where it has been dry for 14 years and so the problem is we lost at least 50% of our alfalfa field which is our peak crop that we need to harvest and alfalfa only grows where it's dry and you can see on one of the images here, whatever, I didn't um ya I marked the alfalfa field on page 18 how big it is, it has about half of our property and we lost 50% of that. But that takes, alfalfa is usually a good for 4 years once you seed it and we had it in for 1 year, the second year we had lost half of it already and the prime years are year 2 and 3 so we lost the prime years, now we need to re-seed it and wait for another prime year to come so it means we don't have crop that we bought and paid for. So the next problem is like the cost of all this, the costs are rising. It has cost us over \$500. in fuel for pumping out the water that was standing on our property, trying to get rid of it as it was pooling, getting more. I haven't counted in the pump yet that we had to purchase, over \$1,000. bucks. There's a thousand bucks probably for alfalfa seed and fertilizer, plus labour and equipment rental for another thousand and these are just estimates for the inflating costs that are actually happening right now. And as for Mr. Doucet, on November 8th. Mr. Neighbour denied adding soil to his property but as I show on Page 21 to 25 I think that is evidence of fill being added to the property. And it can be verified based on the topology that the elevations are a lot higher now than what they should be. And I'll take any questions...thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Well, thank you very much there M'am that's uh, let me get myself up here, .. **Helene Schultz** - And may I add one more thing, this morning I got a threat from our neighbour and he said "if I'm not too busy complaining to Council about this, that I should take care of my dog"...my dog does escape, like he did it by himself..just broke the kennel and got out um and ya, I get nasty messages already from him. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, m'am. **Helene Schultz** - You know, we are feeling threatened ever since ever this April 22nd meeting last year. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok thank you very much there m'am um um I'll leave it up to Council then, does anybody have any questions of Mrs. uh sorry uh uh Schultz. Andy... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, I have question. So when did this start happening, when this fellow, this gentleman was bringing these trailers to the area. **Helene Schultz** - When he did it? It happened sometime in October of this year. He purchased this property, like he took possession end of August I would say, like at the end of August of last year. First year he repaired his shop and then this year during the summer he started piling up trailers and it got really bad now in October, September, October and that's when they started coming in and not leaving and I didn't take interest immediately, I thought like I want to be a good neighbour, I don't want to spy on him all the time and report him and whatever but it doesn't get better, right and that's when I started taking pictures periodically, not even every day, and um just to have some evidence of what's going on and I think it has reached now the threshold where I could say that this is enough, especially now with the chemical spill and all those dangerous goods next door, like who wants to have that in the neighbourhood. We moved from Oakbank within town to the country as I said, we wanted to enjoy agricultural and we wanted to enjoy freedom and quiet times. You know, I don't mind if the farmer comes and ploughs his field and harvests ...that's one day a year, right but we've moved out there for my parents sake because they have been farmers for a long time. That's why we bought this property and we chose wisely, we thought until we had our building permit already given to us when the conditional use was approved so we were halfway stuck building this house as we found out we get a neighbour like that. **Councillor Miller** - Yes, thank you for your very detailed presentation and notes and pictures and everything, I think that's very impressive but I do have a question or two. You noted that on November 23rd you contacted the Springfield Planning Department and the response that ...was that you were to contact the Manitoba Environmental Compliance Officer, I know those are Environment Officers that are throughout our community. Did you take any effort to contact the Environment Officer? **Helene Schultz** - Yes, I did call them. I left messages and they said ya they would look into it, but did they. I didn't have time to call up today again to find out if they have. I wish somebody would because like I'm very concerned of what happens out there because there was no melting snow that day, I check with my neighbour, my neighbour said no nothing on her yard has been melting, and here we see the big puddle and I'm concerned, I want to know what melts snow, like what is this? ...(someone called out but I can't hear) No I don't know the final update of what is happening there but I'm very concerned of what's going on there. Nobody has been out there to my knowledge checking it out. **Mayor Therrien** - Well my suggestion is to follow up with them there. **NOTE: What? That is the Mayor's suggestion to a constituent's obvious serious concern. Should he not have said he would have someone from the Planning Department or Public Works check it out?** **Helene Schultz** - I will. I will keep pushing... **Mayor Therrien** - And let us know and then I'll feed into that later on. **NOTE: What does "feed into that later on" mean?** But uh uh Deputy Mayor Glen Fuhl will ask you a question. **Councillor Fuhl** - I actually don't have a question for Mrs. Schultz, I have a question for Administration if we can follow up on that conditional use and put them, the business, in compliance. **NOTE: FINALLY!** And if it doesn't work within compliance, then we need to do something about that. **CAO Draper** - Ya, I've made detailed notes and I have the presentation so I'll be following up with Planning to see what our next steps are on this property. **Mayor Therrien** - Then I guess we'll weights and measures motor vehicle people as well, I guess we can... **CAO Draper** - Ya, I've made notes about the bridge crossings as well and the tonnage and making sure that they're not damaging the bridge with their vehicles, and that can be addressed. **Councillor Fuhl** - One other thing with the earth being hauled in there. Maybe we can look at that too because if the water's being drained on to their property, we need to look at that. That's not good if the property is running the water on to their property. **Mrs. Schultz** added some more commentary. "in winter the wind blows from the north and all this snow from his property into mine as I live south of his property so I guess in winter I get a pile of snow and in the Spring when it starts melting, what's left on his side drains his water to my side. And that's how I can assimilate a lot of his water, you know like in the winter it's snow and in the Spring it's water and we observed the water running back to us in the Spring." **Mayor Therrien** - And that's ...sorry m'am that's another issue of drainage as well so you've got a couple of things going on here. And we'll... **Mrs. Schultz** - I know, I'm just bringing them all to your attention like that there's not just one problem at this point. **Mayor Therrien** - And I wanna kind of what Councillor Miller was saying, it's a very good report, detailed uh I appreciate all the effort of bringing that forward to us. Andy, did you have another question? **NOTE: Andy (Councillor Kuczynski) can be heard faintly in the background but not what he's saying.** **Councillor Kuczynski** - I would like to ask, who is enforcing of these by-laws? Do...we don't have by-law officer right now so who is enforcing those by-laws. If this lady complains, who's going to be going and investigating those things? **Mayor Therrien** - Um the Springfield Police Service, they're by-law. **Councillor Kuczynski** - M'am were you aware that you can do that then and somebody going to come and have a look there. **NOTE: Mrs. Schultz already brought it to the attention of the Planning Department who share a building with the Springfield Police Service, yet no one said to her that they would have someone from S.P.S. or they themselves would check it out.** **Mrs. Schultz** - I had once phoned the RM and I

was transferred..my phone call was transferred to the police. I left a message. I got a call back and then I was told that's not our business. And I said, ok, what now. The RM tells me it's the Police's business and the Police tells me "it's not my business". **Mayor Therrien** - Which police did you speak to? Springfield Police or the R.C.M.P.? **Mrs. Schultz** - That's what I don't know. **NOTE: Why should that make a difference since the Secondment Agreement between S.P.S. and the R.C.M.P. engineered by Anne Wowchuk and former Mayor Fell? The two are supposed to be working "in concert"**. I didn't know there was a difference between the R.C.M.P. and the Police. But I was transferred to the Police by the RM so whatever phone number I was given there, so I left my message there saying like I have problems with by-laws and the neighbours so like this needs to be policed and nobody..."that's not our business" so. **Mayor Therrien** - And what was the date for that? **NOTE: REALLY!!!!!!** **CAO Draper** - So if I could just clarify, with by-law enforcement, it involves multiple departments based on the issue so in this case we would be dealing with Public Works, with Planning Department uh not so much Springfield Police. This is more of a Conditional Use Planning Act issue. It will be involving Public Works now to do with the bridge issue and the crossing to make sure they're not damaging the bridge with their trucks so I wouldn't say by-law is done by S.P.S., Springfield Police. It's usually done by the Department that has the most knowledge with what the issue is regarding. **Mayor Therrien** - OK. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Excuse me, m'am. Do you have phone number who did you call to Police Service. You still retained that number. **Mrs. Schultz** - Probably not. You know, back then I was somewhat concerned but I didn't take note. That was like sometime early October but then when it got worse, that's when I started taking more detailed notes and more, like taking pictures and keeping all my evidence, right. Initially I didn't and that was the beginning of October .. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Excuse me, did you use a cell phone for those calls or your hard line? **Mrs. Schultz** - I think I used my cell phone but there's so many phone calls coming in that that's why it lost the list so fast. I'm sure I can't find that phone number again even if I wanted to. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, thanks. **Mayor Therrien** - I don't think we're going to focus too much on the phone call m'am. I'm just asking a question. We've got lots of layers here. Our CAO is well versed in this, in your presentation so I thank you very much for bringing it to our attention and you could follow up with us as Mr. Giesbrecht was saying, I couldn't tell you a date or time there but we'll be getting back to you, I would think 30 days would be a time frame that I'd like to have some answer to you. **Mrs. Schultz** - Yes, I'm very concerned about our safety. **NOTE: I'm very concerned about their poor dog who had no part in this dispute but stands to come to harm as a result.** **Mayor Therrien** - In what way, M'am? **Mrs. Schultz** - Because I had the message already today, like about my dog, like what happened when he called Animal Services. Next time he might shoot my dog because my dog is just on his property, right. Like and I can't take those things. I am not the only one concerned. My neighbour to my south is also concerned. ... **Mayor Therrien** - Alright, let us address this, m'am and if anything else occurs, then please contact the police for that. **Mrs. Schultz** - Ya, do some of your enforcement and we please ask you not to mention my name. These are violations against laws, by-laws and so...Thank you for your time. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you very much. Thank you. Do you have something to say, sir? **Mr. Schultz** - Sorry my English is not the best. We bought from office marker, how high can we go with the land and we checked it out to 1 inches. And we was exact on the mark. Why the neighbour can do what he want? That's my question. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, your wife explained it very well to us and we'll.... **Mr. Schultz** - That's my question, that he can go 3 or 4 or 5 ft. higher than my property is and slope out to the line to my ground and a whole water and whole snow come to my land and flood it out, that's not fair and not right. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, thank you very much sir. Actually for the record, sir, can you, sir, what is your name? (David Schultz) Ok, David, thank you. Ok and now we'll get into the by-laws there. How do we do that, the same thing here? **CAO Draper** - Just a mover and a seconder and then we can start a discussion on it.

BY-LAWS

7.1 By-law 22-21 - School Zone By-law (First Reading) - (Miller,Warren) *Be it resolved that First Reading be given to By-law #22-21 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to establish the maximum rate of speed in school zones at 30 k.p.h. in the RM of Springfield.* **Mayor Therrien** - Can I just expand upon what I'm thinking up here? **CAO Draper** - Ya, so I've attached to a draft by-law. Um we did have a previous by-law. It was brought to our attention that our signs that are posted on the road do not match the times in the by-laws uh so this came about to try and correct that. I guess there's a couple of options Council can consider. Um you can change the by-law to match the signs so that would be changing the hours uh between 7 and 17:30 Monday to Friday and that's for the months of September to June or Council could look at reducing the speed limits year round uh between the hours of 7 and 17:30 so that would involve some adjustments to the signs that are out there now to remove the June to September time that it's in effect. **Mayor Therrien** - What I was thinking of here um is that we have uh the School Zones 30 k.p.h. and that's specifically from the time the kids are in school but when they're not in school say in the summertime which is a heavy area uh I see kids and I brought my kids all the time to the schools to play, so they're well beyond that now but my grandkids are at that age, um having I think the school zone short and sweet getting rid of that time frame between this month and that month should have a 30 kilometer zone year round. Um summer time is a heavy time. Just because school is out doesn't mean kids aren't using that. The kids are attracted to back to the school yards uh and my idea is that we get rid of the time frame between what month and what month to having it year round. Just for safety issues, that it's just my opinion, just one vote uh but I think for the safety of the community is what I'm using that as my, the way I'm articulating that. I'll leave it open to you guys. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - How large area do we have like from the school. How far away from the school are we gonna have the area, like people complain on the Cypress Road that they have reduced speed to 30 kilometers but nobody respect that. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, the enforcement you mean. Ok the enforcement is part of this here that's now is said of enforcing it, now is that going to be well every, all the months where the kids are in school to now year round. Now if enforcement's done, now every time we get a complaint from them, then we have to pass it off to the police there to uh to do what they can to enforce that but then every other zone has to be enforced too. Um now if there's issues of speeding, we just have to address that through the CAO like we're doing right now all of the time. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But I'm asking how far from school is going to be in effect? **Mayor Therrien** - It's not going to change. It's always, sorry Colleen. It's, it's there now. I think it's uh... **CAO Draper** - 150 meters. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, from the schools themselves which I think is OK, I'm just saying that why are we having the school zones only enforced during the school time, we should have it year round. Any other questions? Mark? **Councillor Miller** - I think your proposition is wise, I know in the City of Winnipeg and other jurisdictions, they always have this challenge that uh there's warnings by the media September 1st. you know it goes into effect and people are ticketed because they forgot during those summer months so this would add some consistency to the approach. I know there will be some pushback perhaps by people but I think we need to ensure that the safety of our kids is paramount and I, so I just wanted to say those comments. **Mayor Therrien** - Any other questions? Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya I can support this, again 12 months is fine by me. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Any other questions? **CAO Draper** - Can I just clarify, do you want to remove the Monday to Friday as well and have it 7 days a week all year? **Mayor Therrien** - Yes. **CAO Draper** - And then I just want to point out Schedule A. We did adjust um for Dugald School with

the extension of Holland Street. We did make an amendment to the distance that will change from the edge of the school property now. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh is that the new street that's in Dugald there? **CAO Draper** - Ya. **NOTE: Holland Street is not new, it has merely been extended beyond the edge of the school property south to the new development.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok so we're just extending it so that Holland Street is part of that? **CAO Draper** - Ya, so there'll be 150 meters from the southern most edge of the school property now that the Holland Street's been extended. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, well that makes sense and, or uh Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Just one other question perhaps for our CAO. Was there any consultation with the Sunrise School Division or the schools themselves to see if they would have some position on that, if they were supportive or not supportive to a year long proposition so to speak? **CAO Draper** - I think reducing the speed in the school zone is something they would definitely support so it's something we constantly battle and have spoken with the School Division about, parking on the streets, speeding on the streets, it's something the police are always out there uh trying to enforce. **Mayor Therrien** - Um ya I would go with that. I don't see the schools having any issues with it but to be thorough, maybe it would be an idea, I'll let you, leave...what do you the councillors think, letting them know that we're planning on doing this and that we've already uh can we do the First Reading and then send that letter or should we just wait for this? **CAO Draper** - No we can do First Reading as amended with those discussions and then we can let the School Division know and if they've concerns before Second and Third reading, we can incorporate those. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok they'll at least advise us if they concur or if they oppose, ok I think that makes sense. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Another thing, are we gonna advise public too about those changes? - **CAO Draper** Um we typically do a newspaper ad in our half page and we'll advise them of the changes. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, thank you. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya, I would propose a little grace period, even you know again people are not used to it and if they see the sign for the first time that's good but some people don't so maybe it's something that we have to educate them that we're going towards this 12 months a year. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I agree. I don't think we're going to come down hard like a hammer there uh I just, enforcing them is an excellent idea. Um I think we do that anyways with signs, I think we put the flags on there, on new school zones but this isn't, this is just a change uh from the time frame itself. Sure, we can do that. Do we have to advise MPI on something like that even though it's our jurisdiction. **CAO Draper** - No this is pretty much regulated that we have to follow the 150 meters from the school zones and we can set the times and periods. **Councillor Miller** - I always like it when we're the premier type of organization doing first offs so I don't believe there is any other jurisdiction that does it year round but if there is I stand to be corrected. But I'm supportive to this. I don't know, Colleen, is there any way we could find out from the School Divisions or Manitoba Association of School Divisions if any other jurisdictions in the Province has a year round time zone. **CAO Draper** - Ya, so this is municipally regulated so I could send out an e-mail to the other municipalities in Manitoba and do a survey type thing. **Mayor Therrien** - That too. It's all good. That's excellent. While we discuss this and we get all the feedback, that's how it's supposed to work. So unless there's any other questions then we'll go with a mover on this. Can I get a mover ... **CAO Draper** - You just need a vote on that. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Can we get a vote on this in favour of this new amendments? That's unanimous and we'll say it's .. **CARRIED** Are we at 7.2 now?

7.2 Procedural By-law (First Reading) - Mayor Therrien - This is 8.1 on my screen here. Um Procedural By-law. **CAO Draper** - Ya, we've had a request from a member in the gallery to speak on this item. Did you want him to speak before Council discussion or...**NOTE: Small wonder she is unsure because the previous Council did not allow constituents to speak to items anywhere but in Question Period.** **Mayor Therrien** - Sure. Darryl, did you want **NOTE: Darryl is speaking from the gallery but what he is saying cannot be heard as he is not at the microphone.** what's the order usually? **CAO Draper** - That's up to Council. Ya it's typically questions only at the beginning so this is kind of under Council's direction how you want to deal with it. **Mayor Therrien** - I think we'll stick to the what we're usually doing, Darryl. Do the questions firsthand if you want to take the podium here. **Darryl Speer** - Ok. ...7.4.. **Mayor Therrien** - If you could just state your name. We all know you but just for the record. **Darryl Speer, Oakbank** - I'm looking at this list that's put under 7.4 on this Procedural By-law and I see a number of things that I would say are...have been deficient as regards Council's conduct of their meetings and I'd like to draw attention to **number 1**, it being the Elected Officials Reports and Standing Committees. I'd like to suggest to Council that you return to written reports by the members of Council as regards their activities and their reports from their committee responsibilities and these be submitted as part of the agenda for the public's review going into the meeting. The **second** point is Question Period. This in the past has been abused in my view. Members of the public were not permitted to ask questions beyond what was specifically on the agenda and that was curtailed. I would ask that the Question Period be open to questions that the public may have that may not necessarily be outlined on the agenda. Further that question period be open during deliberations as in this case during items on the agenda. A **third** thing I want to say is that we'd like to see Unfinished Business Report restored to the agenda so that there's a follow-up on actions taken or not taken related to agenda items of previous meetings. **Four**, that there be a provision for the matters arising from Delegations. People come forward but the Delegation, I believe, there should be a summary on the part of Council after they've made their presentations, perhaps later in the meeting to chart a path of how this is going to be dealt with as recently as this issue with the folks with drainage and hazardous waste and non-compliance with conditional use. **Number five** that Closed Meetings be restricted to the items that are set out, one being personnel matters in a closed meeting, legal matters, and matters under negotiation, that other matters be open for the public so they know what Council is working on. The **last** thing I would say is I'd like to have the matter of Other Business that comes out of In Camera meetings to be set out so there's a decision that's going to be made or discussion In Camera. The report comes out of In Camera and is recorded in the Minutes for the benefit of those who can't be party to the In Camera meeting. **NOTE: In the Manitoba Municipal Act, the items that can be restricted to discussion In Camera are laid out and as there are very few and specific, it seems only logical that most Council meetings would not have an In Camera/Closed Meeting on the agenda. The previous Council always had it listed on the agenda and would stay on in the Council chamber when the regular meeting was over, indicating there was to be a closed discussion.** I'd like to see **democracy restored** to the Council chamber so people can be assured that when they come, they're heard and that it's a forum that is welcoming and not intimidating. Those are my points. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** - Thank you, Mr. Speer. There's quite a few issues you had down there uh Mr. Speers, most of which uh you've documented, Colleen? Um the part there Mr. Speer about the delegation's summary of the meeting there, I think we've done that pretty good today alone where Edwin uh was saying his part and we summarized it at the end uh and I think he was satisfied, sorry then Mrs. Schultz I think and Mr. Schultz I think we did a pretty good job on that and we summarized what we were going to be doing and I can't speak for Mrs. Schultz but I felt that she was uh uh satisfied with that and Mr. Schultz as well. Uh just give me a second then, Darryl. Um as for the other ones uh you know I'm so new at this, does anybody have any comments with regards to that? I have...the rest we can address .. uh or in my opinion with our CAO um but I'll leave it up to Council if they've got any questions. Is there anything they want to add? Uh Glen. **NOTE: I would tend to disagree. This is his summary at the end of Edwin Giesbrecht's presentation. "let's just wait and see. We'll get back to you. Keep in touch with us."** Would you know the subject of his

dissertation from that? As for the Schultz family, here was his summary: "We've got lots of layers here. Our CAO is well versed in this, in your presentation so I thank you very much for bringing it to our attention and you could follow up with us as Mr. Giesbrecht was saying, I couldn't tell you a date or time there but we'll be getting back to you, I would think 30 days would be a time frame that I'd like to have some answer to you." And Mrs. Schultz expressed FEAR of what might happen in future. Councillor Fuhl - I don't have any questions uh to these by-law, question period I don't have a problem with them asking questions throughout the meeting but to me it should pertain to the meeting itself because if we're getting on track on different topics, that should be held at a different meeting or in a delegation so at least we keep on track with our meetings and we're not getting side-tracked on other mee..other stuff that's not on the agenda. So I do have that concern of allowing anything on discussion. Mayor Therrien - That's noted. Anybody else have any comments or questions? Just one minute, M'am. Melinda or Mark? Councillor Miller - Thank you, Darryl Speer for providing that input to Council. You know, it was only a month ago that we were also..most of us were Joe Public and it didn't mean a lot and I was frustrated at the level of uh procedure through Council um not being able to provide input so I very much, very much appreciate you coming forward to explain to Council, you being Joe Public, how you feel how Council should treat you going forward, how Council should treat other residents going forward and so I think all of these our Council will take under consideration. I echo pretty much everything you had said and all your points and I also echo though what Councillor Fuhl has said, that perhaps questions should be related more to what the agenda sets out, not just prohibit you from perhaps asking questions going forward but to try to keep with the momentum of the agenda but no question you should have opportunity to ask questions of forthcoming meetings and so forth going forward so...thank you. Mayor Therrien - And we...this is our second or third meeting that we've done. We did a huge Planning Meeting there last week and to be honest with you, it was a trial by fire and it lasted for 5 1/2 hours and that was a lot of it to do with not having that focus and inexperience. NOTE: Again while it is true some constituents spoke emotionally at great length, due to the nature of the concern, I feel it was wise to let them vent. Most of the meeting was devoted to one particular issue. So I threw a lot of that on to myself. So every time we do this, we get a little bit more focused and then kind of figure out our good things and our bad things. I learned a few things that I should never do and that just took up a lot of time so like anything else, uh you don't start off in graduate school, you work your way up so we're learning. NOTE: Another point I'd like to make is that one would think that those who run for election should at the very least have been following meetings for a number of months and should be familiar with the process. It always amazes me that people who run for election to public office often have no knowledge and no familiarity with the format. When I ran for office, I had been attending the majority of meetings for a period of 6 years. And you sound like, or you look like you want to ask a question there. You can go to the podium. Darryl Speer - To respond to Mr. Miller's comment... Mayor Therrien - To who... Darryl Speer - Mr. Miller's comment. .. My point about Question Period relates to people bringing in and asking questions, not necessarily expecting an answer or a discussion, say "this is my concern, I want to put this forward" just without getting into a major formal presentation as Mr. Giesbrecht did. The other thing I would like to say that I didn't mention, I should have was I would like the Minutes to better reflect what happens in the meeting. To me the things that go on in the meeting are not reflected in the Minutes and I think they should be more fulsome for people to follow up what happens by way of record. The thing that I've found frustrating was that for whatever reason, in the recent past, the matter of the previous agendas and previous Minutes were all abbreviated to just the year 2022. That does not give us history on previous applications or conditional uses, things of that nature. And I think that would be fair because that was the case before. We had Minutes and Agendas going back a number of years and suddenly, I think it was around May of this year, they disappeared and I think they should be restored just for record. CAO Draper - If I can just comment on the way the Minutes are written, so we do follow the Municipal Act that says the Minutes of every Council meeting are made without note or comment so they really are supposed to just show the decision of Council's made, we do however record it NOTE: This practice was only started after I complained about my difficulty in accessing the meeting on Zoom. by Zoom that you can hear every word that is said at that meeting if you want to take the time to listen to it so at this point, I would recommend that we're not going to be kind of making our Minutes 20 pages noting every word that's said and we try to just summarize as best we can what the intent of delegations are but it really should just involve the decisions of Council made without note or comment. As for the Minutes on the Web Site, our Minutes are kept in our vault from, back from you know, the 1800s whenever we started so I always encourage people to come in and ask to, you know, they can sit in our Boardroom. We provide them with the Minutes and they can search it. We do our own electronic searches to make it easier for people to kind of pinpoint the year but it's just not possible to keep everything on our Web Site, uh it's just a matter of storage and extra space and paying so we do have the paper copies that anyone can come in and see at any time during office hours. Darryl Speer - From my prospective I would say this, that we had that capability until May of this year. I do not understand why we cannot maintain that capability, especially in regards to agenda items where there's reports attached that we don't get by way of the minutes. I think we can do better. Mayor Therrien - Thank you, Mr. Speers. Is there any more questions or comments? Andy? Councillor Kuczynski - Yes, I would suggest that we have meetings least once every 2 months that people can come to this Chamber and they can speak openly about any issue they want, just one day we can provide for the people because there are lots of issues you know that maybe are not on the agenda but they want to voice their opinion. Mayor Therrien - So just have one meeting, an open agenda, they come there and air out their beefs? Councillor Kuczynski - That's correct. Mayor Therrien - Ok, that's noted. Councillor Miller - Ya, I would like to back Councillor Kuczynski on that one. I think it's absolutely integral to hear the feedback of constituents, of people in our community, uh quarterly or whatever we define it as because again in past Council has seen..or residents have felt a barrier to getting at Council and so whether we have them here or at Anola or Dugald or Cooks Creek, I think we should have quarterly public open houses with Council and Administration. Mayor Therrien - Oh you're referring to like a town hall. Councillor Miller - As such or here, whatever format we would.... Mayor Therrien - Well two things there. I think the cost is something we have to look at NOTE: If these are held during working days and hours, there should be no extra cost of which I am aware, particularly if they are held in the Council chamber. They could also be held at the various community centres for a minimal charge. there and are we going to get the bang for the dollar. I too am of the opinion that we should have some kind of an open dialogue, a town hall, cause we have some issues that we'd like to address in a town hall um issues that we could almost address like a referendum kind of a thing there and obviously it can't be a referendum but to get an insight on how the people are feeling and so on like that uh some of these issues there I'd like to have a formatted experience going forward so it's good for the taxpayers and I'd like to get a consultant on some of these issues and that's the stuff that we can discuss at a later time in our own, you know it's I wouldn't even say it's in camera, just amongst councillors when we're sitting down. NOTE: Now that implies to me that as the previous Council, this Council is meeting outside the purview of the public and discussing issues and perhaps even arriving at potential decisions before addressing them before the public. I personally do not see that as being GOOD Government. The public should be present during all discussions except those considered as matters to be discussed in Camera. We'll get an agenda and uh so I guess the long and the short of it I agree. I think we could ..we could do that. Where and when

that's to be determined. Ok can we go into the by-law then? **Mrs. Schultz** - So this is my third time being in a meeting like this and um the first two times weren't .. actually was only the very first one that wasn't really pleasant and I didn't know what to expect but what happened was, there was this Question Period and then it was cut off. And then..and Council asked more questions to the other party that it was pertaining to. As they answered, I had a lot more questions coming up and I was shut up. I was told "no more questions" and it was like burning questions where I wanted to say "please explain more. I want to see proof whatsoever right" and I was shut up. I was told "no more questions". I find like if it's pertaining to the question, like even if it's the another party, if there's more questions arising during this conversation, during this dialogue, Question Period, like questions should be allowed. I know you have to cut it off somewhere, it's busy, I know your time is valuable, but things should be answered, right? Like it shouldn't be like "no more questions" and that's it so um I would appreciate that like even if Question Period is over, I see it's valuable to sometimes still listen to another question or two if they're arising. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok thank you, m'am. Then if there's any other questions, uh, Colleen. **CAO Draper** - I would just clarify if you're talking about a public hearing under the Planning Act, those are dealt with differently rather than just a question period at a regular council meeting. So I know I would just encourage Council to make sure all the questions are out in the open before you close the public hearing on those planning matters cause at that point you can't continue to hear from everybody so I just want to point that out. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok can we get into the by-law or any other questions, sorry, go ahead Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Just one question for Dr. Schultz. Was ...for the record, was that with this Council or previous Council? **Can't hear her answer. Mayor Therrien** - Thank you for bringing that up there, Mark. Um ok do I just get into the by-law? **CAO Draper** - A mover and a seconder, yep. (Fuhl,Miller) *Be it resolved that First Reading be given to By-law #22-22 being a by-law of the RM of Springfield to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the Council of the RM of Springfield and the committees thereof.* **Mayor Therrien** - So we've on Section 8.0 um having it at a uniform times, the 6:30 on the first and third Tuesdays, it makes sense to have it the same time as the uh our fourth Planning meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month where it's 6 p.m. so having a uniform time as opposed to...it this one a 6:30 or is this one at 6..then if it's uniform across the board, 6 o'clock uh then I thought that's something that we should uh we should address so people aren't messed up uh you know. Somebody arriving here at 6:30 for the 6 o'clock Planning Meeting, was there anything else in there. Go ahead Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Under item 7.4 where we are looking at the Council agenda, is there any possibility we could have what we call Statement by Council members in there and they would be a short period of 5 minutes. Now the House of Commons does that, the Provincial legislatures do that, I think Councils can do that and what those statements generally are are activities that are in the municipality that should be made aware of uh to other council members and the public and so I would just encourage the statements by members, perhaps in between the Adoption of Minutes and Reports, or Reports and Question Period, in between those 2 items, again for an approximate 5 minutes and uh there will be meetings where there'll be no statements of course but at least you have the opportunity for each of us to give a statement on a particular issue or something that's relevant to us moving forward. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh I like that but didn't we do that at the very beginning. **CAO Draper** - Ya, I was going to note that reports, elected officials/standing committees, that would be your opportunity for each council member to make their statement, provide updates, information that's you know you feel is relevant that all of Council should know about and you can also update on any Standing Committee that you've been appointed to, if you attended a meeting and you want to bring up a matter um so I would say we kind of have that under Reports and that's your opportunity to use that time as you feel. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I think that's a excellent time to do it eh and uh keep track of all the committees everybody down the line has been to. A lot of them are kind of redundant cause some of us are always together on these committees, 3 of us and here alone that are part of the Vision 20/20 Committee there so having that to report, does that makes sense having it there. Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Uh ya, thank you for the clarity, Colleen and that's where we'll put the statements if we have. Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya cause I kind of like the way we had this one at the very beginning uh although it was brief as I was following the speed limit getting here in time from the city but we could add it as a living document and who has that, is that somebody that adds it for us, these reports there? **CAO Draper** - I had added the cheat notes for you because I know this is your first time doing it so I went through Council's calendar and just highlighted all the events you attended so I can say that in the future like before we'd done it different ways, uh we would have each councillor provide a written report of everything they'd done. What I found was your schedules get busy, some of you have, you know, other commitments, jobs, sometimes you just don't get it in on time **NOTE: On the Council on which I sat, it was Tiffany Fell and Councillor Walls that were the worst for never putting in reports. Ms. Fell used to read off my pre-prepared list as she sat next to me on Council. We all have computers and it is very easy to just have a monthly activity list and add to it as you finish each activity. In fact, ensuring we go to these meeting/events requires a calendar for most people. The CAO is not the one responsible for activity logs of councillors/reeve. When it comes to billing for mileage etc. for out of municipality events, I am sure no one has a problem completing those forms.** and then **we?** started to get criticized from the public that councillor so and so hasn't submitted a report and so at that point we just, we had the Mayor or the head of Council just reporting on behalf of everybody and we would kind of outline some of the events you've attended to and then you can add on at that point so it's up to Council how they want to do that. If you have an important statement to make, you can always do that during the Elected Officials Reports. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok I was just thinking if we just keep on doing what Colleen is doing, she could take it from our schedule. If we review it the week before then we can add what we want in there. It's not to be that you're at the podium trying to you know make a statement, just facts, so that it doesn't ramble on. **NOTE: The Elected Official Reports never rambled on. In fact, it might have taken 5 to 10 minutes at most and looking at all this lengthy discussion, speaking about waste of time, about something as basic as reporting activities which is pretty important so ratepayers can assess the accountability of the elected official, I don't see a few minutes for each councillor and the Mayor to report on their monthly activities should be such a big problem. It is called ACCOUNTABILITY! Further how would Colleen necessarily know if a member of Council actually attended something. Just because you are scheduled to be there does not ensure you are there.** Uh so if Colleen were to do that for us, continue doing that for us and then we can add it once we proof it, that we want to add this part in there, again that we have to have some proper definition here of, that it's not going to be a long involved matter, just plain and simple the way it's written there is really good. It keeps...the whole idea is to let the public know what we're doing but do we not do that otherwise uh isn't there something I read on our reports or..I've read so much stuff I can't rem..keep track of it there um....maybe under Indemnities, **NOTE: Yes, the part where you get paid....** there is a report uh there. The last one I read was it had the Mayor's stuff and it was all detailed. **NOTE: Attention! That is the reports that are on the first meeting of every month.** But there was..you know, some of the councillors had nothing down there. **CAO Draper** - That's your Indemnity Form that you submit to the ...to basically cover off your expenses and indemnity for the month so that would outline everything you've attended as well so that's kind of the information I take for the report for Council. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok so we kind of expanded upon that quite well I think uh so I think what we'll do is uh uh Colleen will do what she's doing now. We'll review it in advance, add what we want to with the proper narrowing there so it's short and brief. **NOTE: My goodness, now we are taking up the CAO's time and also**

all the councillors and Mayor who are reviewing. It would have been simpler for each person on Council to keep a brief computer list of their activities by date and submit them at the end of the month. Everybody in concurrence with that? I guess, do I do a show of hands as well or something like that? **CAO Draper** - Well, we'll amend it in the by-law and then you vote on the changes. So it's already in the by-law so it's just a matter of clarifying what the intent of it was. **Mayor Therrien** - Is there any other changes we want to make here, Mark? **Councillor Miller** - Just one other question regarding Delegations, number 11, the Chair may limit the time taken by Delegation to 15 minutes. I think that seems very reasonable and fair, but in certain cases will Council have the discretion of extending that time to a Delegation? Perhaps it's pertinent information we might require beyond that and I ask that to I guess our CAO. **CAO Draper** - Council can amend the agenda at each meeting as the issues arise. So if you feel there's more information that is still to be heard, you can extend that just by a show of hands. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya I think when Edwin started here I, cause we haven't got a lot on the agenda here uh sometimes going over a few minutes ...it's not going to be at 15 minutes we're going to take him and shove him back in his chair, it's going to be just, we're going to be flexible. It's almost like that should or shall kind of a thing here but I think uh the 15 minutes, what does it say here, the Chair may limit the time taken by a Delegation to 15 minutes. So how much rigidity do you want uh I think we're, I think we're pretty laid back as Council and the other ones before were exactly the same way so. **NOTE: I WOULD CERTAINLY REFUTE THAT STATEMENT. Mayor Fell was not consistent in allowing extra time to everyone. She definitely "played favourites" when it came to public input.** Uh I don't know if you propose to put something else in there but the fact that it says the Chair may limit the time taken by the delegation to 15 minutes, I'm pretty good with that wording. I haven't got an issue with that. But that's good that you brought it up though. Anything else there, Councillors? Now there's also, changing the uh 15.11 um why is it 15.11 and on the next paragraph it says 15.11 again so should that not be, I know underneath that is 15.12. If we were to put down 15.11, uh 15.11(a) I guess ... **CAO Draper** - Ya so I can, when was doing some amending for some reason the numbering went off so I do have some notes which if Council will allow I can go through my own notes as well if Council doesn't have any other comments to make. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, so that will be amended then. **NOTE: I personally think Ms. Draper did a very poor job of presenting this by-law to Council for review. The untouched original by-law in use should have been presented, and it should have been up to councillors to decide if any changes were needed. Ms. Draper seems to be working from different iterations of the same by-law with restrictions which were perhaps not written into the original being considered.** That'll be corrected, yep. **Mayor Therrien** - So we're going to get rid of the video out of there, uh the video component, it's all audio? **Colleen Draper** - So I did have a comment that I said I recognized the numbering is off and that will be corrected for the next reading. Uh remove video tape option as the RM is only audio taping at this time but there is an option to leave the audio and video in the clause for the media as sometimes that is a request that is made if not often but this would allow them to do a video if Council allowed them to do it. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh but they could do that anyways though if we allow....**CAO Draper** - (interrupting) ..they must ask permission ahead of time so they would have to send in a request to myself and I would approve it. **Mayor Therrien** - Should we not have a clause in there saying for media cause this is specific to us as councillors there in the RM of Springfield. If we were to have another paragraph, media is essentially they're barred from videotaping there, if we were to add a clause now... **CAO Draper** - (interrupting) The way it is worded is providing that arrangements are made with the CAO at least 72 hours prior and at that point I either agree or don't agree based on Council's input. **NOTE: According to the law, "generally speaking, when you attend a public meeting of a government body that is required to be open to the public, by law you are free to record that meeting through note-taking, sound and video recording devices, and photography, so long as the method of recording used is reasonable and not disruptive." After all, THE MEETING IS PUBLIC.** **Councillor Miller** - I'm not sure where this clause came into effect but I know again when I was Joe Public, I was very distraught at why we couldn't record, you know, Council meetings. They are public and for someone to record them I think is their personal privilege and so again I don't know the history of this, why they were uh not being permitted to be recorded but...I have some dire concerns of why we need approval and why it would be the CAO perhaps, not the Council that would give that permission. I think Council should determine that if anyone, not necessarily someone who's unelected and I don't mean that wrongfully Colleen but I just think it's Council who was elected by the public and ought to have that discretion. **Colleen Draper** - So these by-laws are drafted by Council so if there's a change that needs to be made, you tell me what it is and we draft it accordingly. **NOTE: A bit of contradiction there.. "by-laws drafted by Council....we (meaning CAO) draft it accordingly".** **Mayor Therrien** - What's your amendment that you had planned there? **Councillor Miller** - Well in this case I wouldn't have included the video..you struck it out in this particular draft and that frankly I don't know that .. I would ask the public for approval from the CAO or frankly even from Council. I think the people who are here in public, if it's a public meeting, they can use their own discretion ... I don't have any limits. I mean they are recorded anyway so whether someone from the public's recording them on their own device versus our own, it's going to be the same message, right. I don't know what the purpose of this is, I think it's actually .. it doesn't serve our public well. **CAO Draper** - Ya, so I think the audio tape came in during COVID uh when we were going to ZOOM and we decided to post the audio on the Web Site so this allowed us to do that. It kind of puts us in control of the audio. **NOTE: The key word "control"...what is to control...the recording is of an actual event.** Um we don't really want people putting audio out and using it for reasons that we don't know why. This kind of covered off that during that COVID period. We were looking into video but it never went through. It was a lot of money to have cameras set up in the Council chambers and have that program to make it available and Council at that time just decided we weren't ready to go video but it's definitely something we can have our IT person look into and give us a quote on what that would cost to go video. I know other RMs do it and others don't so it's completely up to Council. **NOTE: The Council meetings are currently being video recorded as I can watch the meeting from home....except for the last meeting when the link to the video was not posted on the agenda.** We were provided comments from a resident that said you should take out the video in your by-law if you're not providing it, take it out so that's where this suggestion came from to remove the video. I believe that e-mail came to the Mayor. **Mayor Therrien** - But that uh, we just haven't got the capability right now for video either though. **CAO Draper** - We don't have the capability right now. **Mayor Therrien** - Did we ever have that? **CAO Draper** - Uh no. We've never done live **NOTE: Then what am I watching on my computer screen after I hit the meeting link? If they are video recording the meeting, a recording exists. The only question is whether or not it needs to be posted on the Web Site after the fact.** **Mayor Therrien** - There's a cost then if we want to bring video and record all that. **CAO Draper** - And we, and staff can definitely look into it and give you the numbers. **NOTE: But first the CAO has to find someone in the organization that can duplicate what Erica Wood was providing in the way of technology.** **Mayor Therrien** - And would that go on our Web Site then, it would also show the video on there? **CAO Draper** - Ya, I mean, there's some people do it on a video or a t.v. channel they have it posted, some people just do it on their web site, so there's different options that we would have to investigate. **Mayor Therrien** - But they don't videotape now, right. **CAO Draper** - No. **NOTE: The meeting is being projected to the audience therefore a copy of it exists.** **Councillor Miller** - Frankly I mean we are being videoed by ZOOM anyway so I'm not sure but please investigate but in Item 15.11 if you're asking me for amendments to this, I would basically just say the media and public may audio/videotape

meetings, proceedings and then strike the rest of it providing that arrangements are made with the CAO, I don't think that's necessary. I think generally the media and the public can record them. I don't know...I mean if we're going into you know Closed Hearings or closed session then you know they're not going to be there anyways so there's no issues but I'm not sure what we're trying to hide or not show the public. **CAO Draper** - Ya to clarify the first clause is the Municipality for audio, it doesn't say anything about the public so it's only allowing the Municipality or media. We've never allowed just Joe Blow to come in and set up a camera and start without definitely approval from Council for that issue. **NOTE: Is the CAO living in the Dark Ages. Everyone and their dog now has a Smart Phone on which you can video anything. It can be carried in a pocket and requires no set up.** **Mayor Therrien** - It's 15.1(1) (a) down here that you're referring to, second paragraph of 15.1(1). **Colleen Draper** - Ya, so the first one says the Municipality and the second one's the media, it doesn't say anything about the public being able to do this. **Mayor Therrien** - Like ok, if we get an unanimous decision for allowing us to be audio and video um but if there's even one that doesn't want it, then it doesn't go. Would that be something that we would be good with? **Glen. Councillor Fuhl** - So I have no problem with the public going and getting the video and the audio from the Municipality or the media. What I do have a concern is is again there's so much fake news out there that things get interpreted differently with things. **NOTE: How things are interpreted cannot be controlled outwardly. That is strictly the prerogative of the recipient of the information.** So you could have a partial recording and show somebody but they don't get the full recording and then it gets out there that totally something that never happened, they're putting out that happened. **NOTE: But unless someone is trained to a high level of technology, they cannot alter something that is recorded on audio and video.** So I do have concerns with fake news. **NOTE: If he is referring to my commentary, that is clearly my commentary and nothing to do with the facts as recorded on the audio and video. I am not changing what Council says, merely commenting on it which is my prerogative.** **Mayor Therrien** - That's kind of that dilemma eh nowadays, we've got to really be concerned about that uh. Um should we study this a little bit more before we do anything on here but these are excellent questions. So is this something that we could discuss further without.... **CAO Draper (interrupting)** - Ya we could defer First Reading until we've got more information for you. I know I have another list to go through if Council wants to hear my thoughts on it but uh...(OK) We can always defer and bring it back once we've had more discussion and more research done. **Mayor Therrien** - What is it your list is addressing with the...Councillor Miller was saying there. Uh I have a few more but I can go through my list if Council... **Mayor Therrien (interrupting)** on the agenda or just in relation to this? **CAO Draper (interrupting)** - Um in this by-law. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh in this specific ... the 15.1.1 (yep) OK. **CAO Draper** - Uh just items for Council to consider so um so when sorry so 7.4 when we're talking about the agenda items uh I did cross out Invocation. It's something we did in the past, then we stopped. It's kind of something that they recommend you don't do anymore so I just am putting that out there for Council to decide if you want to leave Invocation at the start of meeting or take it out. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, I'm going to be the one here. What's Invocation? (laughing) **NOTE: It is "the action of invoking something or someone for assistance or as an authority.** **CAO Draper** - So typically we would do a prayer before every Council meeting. Uh so the Mayor would do a prayer or ya...just a short blessing on Council before the meetings would start. That stopped with a few councils now. **Mayor Therrien** - I'm old school to be honest with you there. I brought the Queen in here with everybody's consent uh and our flag so the...we have to address this. Anybody have any issues with it? Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - I would support it being kept in there. That's my point of view. **NOTE: My point of view is that religion is a personal belief system and there are many different belief systems in this population today. It is probably best to leave it out so as not to offend one group or another.** **Mayor Therrien** - Anybody else? Actually I want to get an idea of Invocation there. Who would be in support of putting Invocation or leaving...or putting it in there again. **Fuhl for, Kuczynski against.** OK Um alright so that, we're going to discuss, we're going to bring this back for discussion anyway so we can discuss that as a Council... **CAO Draper (interrupting)** - I'll just make notes on everything I've brought up and then I'll draft it accordingly and then Council can review it again in its entirety. So 8.0 we kind of talked about um changing the Council meetings so right now they're held on the first and third Tuesdays. They were originally at 6:30 p.m. but as you suggested, you wanted to change that to 6:00 p.m. um and I understand that some councillor members ran on making council meetings available for the public in the evenings but just asking Council to consider a few points before you finalize anything. Uh shift work, that's something we've heard, not everyone can make evening meetings so **NOTE: Obfuscation...evasiveness...everyone in this country knows that the majority of working people work between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. There are professions that operate on shifts, such as nurses, some municipal workers, police but the MAJORITY work as Dolly Parton sings, 9 to 5. Further ever since 2008 when I became interested in local politics, the meetings were always in the evenings with the exception of possibly one, if I remember correctly. They became daytime events evidently because of COVID.** if you're looking at maybe a compromise, making one council meeting in the evening and one council meeting in the afternoon to accommodate everyone. **NOTE: Posting the audio of the meeting immediately after the meeting concluded might go further to accommodate everyone. As is their policy at the moment, it is not posted for 2 full working days following the meeting.** Um staff time, I think that I should mention this to Council that having staff time attend evening meetings would increase our overtime requirements **NOTE: Not if on meeting days, the few staff members required to be present at the meetings started later in the day.** so a long, long time ago we would have an afternoon Council meeting and that's when I would have staff attend and then we wouldn't have as many staff attend in the evening just to keep the costs down that way. **NOTE: Why are staff that are not required to facilitate the meeting attending Council meetings. They should be doing their jobs, not sitting in Council meetings.** **Mayor Therrien** - Sorry, if I can address that. Well what about changing the shifts of the staff so there is no overtime. **NOTE: BINGO!** I did that all the time at my different to your job mind you but... **CAO Draper** - I think if you job shadowed anyone in the organization you'd find that's not something we can do here. Um the public want to have us here during office hours, **NOTE: The majority only get to see the receptionist and most people are at work during the daytime hours and would not be at the RM Office.** the amount of work we have to do, we'd be working all day and all night, like...we just...it's not something we can accommodate at this time. **NOTE: I may be wrong but is it not up to the CAO to find a way to accommodate the wishes of Council?** **Mayor Therrien** - Well, I guess we'll discuss that as well. Uh I was just thinking that instead of starting at 9 o'clock in the morning, you're extending your shift for another 3 hours where I'm just thinking, we've got to look at the costs for sure and it's good that you brought that up there uh but I think that the costs and as well the public's right to know what their Council's doing, we can't alleviate that but I'd like to look at if there's some way of changing the shifts so we can minimize the overtime. **CAO Draper** - And I guess to continue on that thought, when the Organizational By-law is brought back to Council, that's where Council sets the Committee of the Whole meeting and I think Committee of the Whole meetings and the public are more worthwhile cause that's, you can speak longer, you're not restricted to 15 minutes, you can have a lot of public input at those Committee of the Whole meetings, those again we're having 2 a month and if you have those in the evenings, that's where a lot of that discussion can be held. Council meetings are really for Council decisions and shouldn't have a lot much more input from the public at that time. You should have heard everything at the Committee of the Whole, you should have a good idea before it's coming to the Council meeting for a decision and you should be able to make

the decision without too much more public input at that time. **NOTE: Well, how do you explain this meeting which is 2 hours, 38 minutes and 43 seconds long. This is first reading of a very important by-law that will never appear on a Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion in all likelihood.** Those are just suggestions I'm putting on the table. **Mayor Therrien** - And Council of the Whole, how many uh do we have uh a month? **CAO Draper** - Committee of the Whole are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Um during COVID again those were sent to 1 p.m. but those were set to 1 p.m. but those are scheduled, could be scheduled for 6 p.m. as well. **NOTE: If you look at the 2022 Council Meeting Schedule starting in August, you will find that the COW meetings of August 9th, September 27th, October 11th, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, and December 27th are all cancelled. That being the case, just when is the public going to have unrestricted (time and otherwise) access to Council. Further it is the CAO that introduces these schedules/schedule changes to Council who then take her advice and vote on them.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, so everybody understands here the Committee of the Whole, can you tell the difference to uh the audience there. **CAO Draper** - So Council meetings are typically where you pass your resolutions and you make decisions, Committee of the Whole is when we can, you know, have reports submitted by Department Heads, you can ask questions of those reports to myself, I can get answers for you, you can have public input but no decisions are made at the Committee of the Whole, that's just for information gathering purposes. **NOTE: This statement is very misleading as Elected Official and Department Reports appear only on Council meetings, not Committee of the Whole Meetings. Further the previous Mayor was very restrictive as to what questions the public could ask in that they had to relate to items on the specific agenda of the day. No questions unrelated to that agenda were allowed.** **Mayor Therrien** - And there is a Question Period during that time as well. **CAO Draper** - It's pretty much, the Committee of the Wholes can be open for public input on what's on the agenda. **Mayor Therrien** - Just another layer of things that we can discuss then because we're going to have to bring all this back anyways so as long as you can keep us focused on what we're going to be discussing there.... **CAO Draper** - You know, we've .. I've been with 4 or 5 different Council terms and we've tried different things and we know what works and what doesn't work so I just am putting out my opinions for Council to consider. **NOTE: Again, misleading. Until 2 years ago, nothing changed at least from 2008 when I became interested in municipal politics. The meetings were always held at the same times. In my opinion, CAO Draper is trying to micromanage this Council that have no previous experience in meeting procedures, having attended little or none. She is trying to train them according to her own agenda.** **Mayor Therrien** - I think uh Glen. **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya after being on Council for 2 terms, I totally agree with the CAO on her recommendations. Um one council meeting in the evening, one council meeting in the afternoon, that takes care of anybody on shift work and also the Committee of the Whole meetings are more worthy, the public gets involved with those meetings **NOTE: True, he is in his third term on Council which is why I am aghast that he could make such a statement when he witnessed, time and time again, the interested public being cut off and prevented from asking questions.** and those be held at an evening meeting. **Mayor Therrien** - So the only difference is adding or making one of those two for the month, keeping it to 1 o'clock. **Councillor Fuhl** - Right. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, this is something that we can discuss there. **CAO Draper** - Um I think Mark has a comment. **Councillor Miller** - And I appreciate Councillor Fuhl's input on that, I think it makes some logistical sense for staff, however has there ever been in the past where the public who wanted to make a comment to Council has not been able to come because it's a 1 o'clock meeting, I mean there's working stiffs who can't, who work 9 to 5 who just can't get to a Council meeting. That's what we heard at the door uh this past election. So I think the Mayor and others are trying to ensure that the public can have access to the public without taking the time off their own work to be here, right. **CAO Draper** - And that's why one afternoon, one evening kind of, you know... **Councillor Fuhl** - The shiftwork. **CAO Draper** - ...resolves that issue. Personally I have never had someone say they can't come as a delegation because of 1 p.m. and with us continuing with a Zoom option, it allows someone to take you know a 15 minute break wherever they are and log on to the Council meeting and still have their delegation so... **NOTE: This would be true if the CAO ensured that the link to the meeting and signing on to the meeting were restored as it was when Erica Wood was at the helm. It took me 20 minutes to get into this meeting and I finally gave up in frustration. Who wants to have to punch in a 2 page long list of number and letters and symbols and still have trouble entering the meeting. Previously one had only to click on the link on the agenda and PRESTO, you were in. If you listen to the recording of this meeting, you will hear my frustration close to the beginning of the audio as I forgot to press MUTE.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Anything else, there, Colleen? Omar...or Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Sorry..my understanding was that we have this afternoon meeting because we have delegations coming from government, like Manitoba Hydro, other jurisdictions here and that's why they are coming here during their working hours otherwise they wouldn't be able to attend then. Is that the reason too? **CAO Draper** - Uh, that's another thing is typically you're not going to have, you know, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure wanting to come in the evening. They prefer to come during working hours and then we would have an afternoon meeting to schedule them so.... **NOTE: Again, obfuscation. I can never remember any such government department official attending a Council meeting. The only meetings I remember them attending were the Aggregate Task Force meetings which were held mostly during the daytime.** **Mayor Therrien** - Good point, Andy. I wasn't thinking about that either. Again these are all points that uh that Colleen's writing down so ... (laughing) what we're already talking about there. Was there anything else, uh? **CAO Draper** - Uh we kind of discussed the audio/video tape so I think I have kind of direction on how to reword that um but ya, I guess the intent was if the Municipality's are putting the audio out, **it cannot be edited as easily as if someone else was doing it themselves** **NOTE: And who might Ms. Draper be suggesting might be EDITING their audio file...it took me 20 minutes to get into this meeting!!! I am hardly equipped to EDIT AN AUDIO FILE.** so...um and then 16.2 there was a suggestion to raise that um Question Period from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. **Mayor Therrien** - I think I suggested that, you know, instead of 3 minutes...it seems pretty small to me. Five just seems to be, you know, a little bit more time, two extra minutes is, is, 3 is too small uh and 5 is something a little bit more but not excessive. **CAO Draper** - Ya, and I can definitely take Mr. Speer's notes and kind of incorporate that into some of the suggestions going forward so... **Mayor Therrien** - Perfect. Uh Glen? Uh I'm sorry, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Absolutely Colleen, please take Mr. Speer's comments into consideration. I agree with the Mayor expanding the time but under item 16.0 I'm wondering if we can put another sentence in there saying that Council may extend the period of Question Period upon their discretion. It just gives us then the ability to extend that. This seems very strict, it says 15 minutes will be allowed for Question Period, and I know the Mayor's motive is definitely to hear people out so if..you can set it for 15 minutes but if the Council wants to extend it then we have the purview to do that. **Mayor Therrien** - This is almost redundant um didn't we have something, I can't tell you where it was, um it's ... **CAO Draper** - For the delegation, I think. **Mayor Therrien** - For the delegation...is that not a delegation kind of a thing there too. Question Period, 15 minutes will be allowed for a period, what if it were just a cut and paste what we had up there and put it down here. **CAO Draper** - And I can say previous Council would extend that to 30 minutes quite often so we would just reword it accordingly. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I guess the difference here is that's it's in writing but we're going to be flexible, I think we're on the record for that. Uh...so the wording doesn't sound quite as good as wherever that section is above there, just cutting and pasting it and put it down there again um it seems better worded..I don't even want to go to whatever section that was but I kind of like that better. Also

I want to bring something up there, this 72 hours or something, it just drives me crazy. Why aren't we saying ... what is 72 hours, is that 4 days or something like that uh ... **CAO Draper** - It kind of works with the Friday is when we complete the Agenda **NOTE: Again, many times things have been added to the agenda between Friday and the day of the meeting by the Administration.** and then the meeting is on the Tuesday so we like to have the information somewhat in advance so we can attach that to the agenda and kind of ask questions and understand what the delegation is about so ... **NOTE: Although the public is asked to advise in writing the CAO the subject of the delegation in advance, and the Mayor and CAO prepare the agenda together, no response is ever provided to delegations other than "thank you". Surely with advance notice Council should have had some type of response but such was not the case in the past.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, no I understand the 72 hours but I'm just saying, why don't we put down 4 days. **CAO Draper** - Oh..sure (laughing). **Mayor Therrien** - Like the stopwatch starts the time of the questions...72 hours... **CAO Draper** - You'd be surprised how specific people get about 72 hours so (laughing)... **Mayor Therrien** - So why don't we put in there in a like a slash, slash 5 days or whatever (OK) there. Everybody can do the math but why should we ... that's what by-laws and laws are all about, just there should be no ambiguity in there so, what do you guys think? **Councillor Fuhl** - Ya I'm good with it. **Mayor Therrien** - Again this is all going to be rehashed there. I think what we have to do is, any other questions there, Colleen, was there more? **CAO Draper** - Nope, that was all, thanks. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, so we're going to bring that up uh for rehashing .. it's not a proper municipal term but uh to uh expand upon that and bring it back later. Do I have to do a mover and a seconder and all that? **CAO Draper** - Uh, no, we'll just defer uh bringing this by-law back to the next council meeting for further discussion **NOTE: Oh, I thought discussion occurred at Committee of the Whole meetings per her own words.** and to see how the new draft looks. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok so if we defer, we don't have to do the moving and seconder and all that (NO) Alright so what's, is that it, is there anything else, any questions at all? Um the next one is agenda..mine is 8 uh a thank you letter from Anola Northern Lights. **DEFERRED**

8. CONSENT AGENDA - States Letter of Thank You from Anola 4H Club but only signatures appear, not letter. **CAO Draper** - So this is the Consent Agenda so we just have the Thank You letter from Anola Northern Lights for the ward appropriation donation provided to their group and the Manitoba Good Roads Association newsletter and just a brief history that was provided to us. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok and what do we do with that? **CAO Draper** - So this is the Consent Agenda so you just approve accepting the 2 items by resolution. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok what are the 2 items, I know the Anola and Northern Lights and then the **CAO Draper** - Manitoba Good Roads... **Mayor Therrien** - Oh ok I'm sorry. So I just do that or ... **CAO Draper** - Just a mover and a seconder. **Mayor Therrien** - Can I get a mover and a seconder for those 2 items, 9 and 9.1. (Warren/Miller) *Whereas a Consent Agenda has been submitted consisting of 2 items, be it resolved that the said Consent Agenda be received as information.* **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

CAO Draper - So we have the next item is the Snowmobile By-law.

9.1 By-law 93-26 - Snowmobile By-law - CAO Draper - I didn't add it as to have any readings today because it is quite an old by-law from 1993. I know that the Springfield Police are here and they provided some notes on the by-law. We've attached the map that's associated with the by-law and we've also attached the Springfield Pathfinders Snowmobile Trail map just for information. So this is just for discussion to see how Council feels about amending this by-law and understanding what the concerns are. **Mayor Therrien** - Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - So in a nutshell, what's the thrust of the change or what is the main purpose of the change, if you could summarize that I think it would be helpful to us all. **Mayor Therrien** - I could probably address that. The old by-law is 1993. It's old and it's antiquated there. Essentially it's giving authority to the Police. It's a by-law but it really isn't because it's an off-road vehicle uh Act there. It's a Provincial legislation. It's already there. I think what we have to do is regulate um where there's they can be in town and cannot be in town, there's a Noise By-law essentially you know if they're screaming down the road and it happens every time, whether they've got straight mufflers, that's the kind of a thing that we're looking at there, it's just amending an old Act that's 30 years old. Um it's many pages long and I know we can narrow that down to something that you know there's a lot of fluff in there that's stuff that doesn't have to be in there, I think we can make the by-law so that it's more enforceable, uh it's easier to read. Uh as I look at the 93 by-law, it looks like it's all typewritten there which is neither here nor there but it's just, it's not really, it's enforceable, but there's a lot of stuff in there that doesn't have to be in there so I want to make the by-law more user friendly towards the Police that are looking at it, the Public as well. Um so this is like, Colleen was saying, something that we could do with our, that other by-law that we're going to look at there, this is more of a precursor to look at that and see if you've got any questions. And now we've got the Springfield Police comments there, even more so. And having a map, you know, we have to have some discussions with the Springfield Pathfinders there. I was part of that group when I first got to town here and I kind of lost interest in snowmobiling there but it's a very big thing in the community as well as other communities as well so we want to make sure the by-law, people coming in here that they know that the by-law is there, that it's, it's got that easy to read component there uh that deals with the off road vehicle act, uh and just user friendly. It just needs an overhaul. Any other questions there uh, Councillors? **Andy**. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes um how, like you say that people was complaining to me when I was campaigning that some snowmobilers using the school grounds and right behind their houses and they didn't like that. So they approached them, they just want to talk with them and the people go to get very upset on them so I see like we don't have any allowable snow routes here in the school grounds there. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, they're not...it's all, all the school area as far as I know have a sign saying they're not allowed on there. But it comes down to just plain common sense you know and uh that's what we have the laws for, it's not for the people that are good there, I'm not saying a person's bad because they are going through the school ground, I'm just saying that we have to have some regulatory uh way of managing how people operate their snowmobiles. And they should have enough signs, I know I have signs behind my house on Teak Drive there. There's ..you can't golf, you can't take your dog or snowmobile and so on like that, that's what the laws are all about. There's always going to be somebody you know breaking those laws otherwise you'd have no more policemen (laughing) that kept me gainfully employed for many years. **CAO Draper** - So I know that Constable Zillman's been reviewing this by-law and put the notes together so I don't know if you'd like to hear some thoughts from them. **Mayor Therrien** - Are you Constable Zillman? (yes) You had your hand up. You can take the podium there, sir. **Constable Zillman** - I was just going to mention (faintly in the background and can't hear what he's saying) ..vehicle there actually prohibits the operation of all off-road vehicles already on school grounds. I don't think we need the by-law to further prohibit something that's already Provincially prohibited um so if that is something that is happening, then the people that are seeing it happen should be making a complaint to local police. **Mayor Therrien** - ...just state your name for the record, there,

sir. **Constable Jesse Zillman** - Constable Jesse Zillman. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, and that's just part of the by-law that the old by-law, it had all the nuts and bolts there but I think we have to define it and break down the old stuff there and make it a more manageable Act because we put down everything they can't do and so on like that. They are just going to go back to the Off-road Vehicle Act anyways. So I think we could put out one of these in a short time and maybe we'll have more consultation with the Springfield Police and the R.C.M.P. uh to get that. If they look at it and they like it then we can have some checks and balances there and I think we can haul that through the first reading, correct me if I'm wrong Colleen. The First Reading, you've got to wait 25 days before you do the second and the third reading. **CAO Draper** - No, ... **Mayor Therrien** - Oh because this is an amendment? **CAO Draper** - Uh, no you do First Reading at one meeting and then at the next meeting you can do Second and Third reading. You just can't do 3 readings at one meeting. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya but how much time has to go.... **CAO Draper** - There's no regulation. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh I thought there was like 25 days or something like that. Ok, thank you very much there Constable. **CAO Draper** - I just know that since 1993 we haven't updated the by-law, there's been lots of development um so I kind of like Jesse or Consta Constable Zillman's notes on you know allowing snowmobiles to their place of residence, a re-fuelling site or lane, public reserve or designated route so that kind of addresses new development and we have gas stations on either side of town that you can reach so it's just updating the map with new developments and new rules. **Mayor Therrien** - Is there a map in the old by-law, I didn't see a map... **CAO Draper** - It's attached on the By-law 93-26 ... **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, it is eh.. (ya) Ok. The town's changed quite a bit since then (yep) ok. Well, that's good, I don't know if we can, ..have to berate this anymore, I think we'll be bringing it back once we have a chance to discuss it there unless there, unless there's any questions from the audience there or on the video. We'll defer this to another uh to another meeting. And the next one is the uh land use...that's for municipal land lease, 9.2.

9.2 Request for Municipal Land Lease - SE 20-10-6E - CAO Draper - Ya so Council has a number of municipal pieces of land that we lease out for, typically pasture, some hay farming uh that type of situation. Uh they're usually approved in 3 year blocks. Um we've had a request to transfer a lease that, that was being leased to a Mr. Brooks. Mr. Brooks unfortunately recently has..was deceased and they're requesting that we transfer the name to a farmer that has been helping him manage that property so I have a resolution prepared to basically authorize the lease of the SE 20-10-6E to Riley Thompson until December 31st. 2024. **Mayor Therrien** - Any concerns Council? Do I move it and second it? Can I get a mover and a seconder please. (Warren/Fuhl) *Be it resolved that Council authorize the lease of SE 20-10-6E to Riley Thompson until December 31st. 2024.* Oh, I have to vote. All for. **CARRIED**

9.3 Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference - CAO Draper - Ya, so it's the Red River Basin Land & Water Summit Conference. So this one kind of alternates between Fargo and Winnipeg. Uh so this one's being held January 17-19th. um at the Ft. Garry Hotel in Winnipeg so this is just open for Council to either delegate um you know, all of Council to attend at their discretion um just because it is in Winnipeg, it's an opportunity for all of Council to attend or appoint individual councillors. **Mayor Therrien** - Um my thought on that is that we have to..we've been going to a lot of these conferences, everybody there, I'm learning lots of .. from that uh, in my opinion just one vote I think if we were to appoint 2 people, better to have 2 so that just the taxpayers uh there, as opposed to having 5 so that'll be my opinion on that. Glen? **Councillor Fuhl** - So being that everybody's new, Council here, I would recommend that all of Council be able to go for the first year to all recommended conferences because it's an experience, it's also learning, and you get an education out of it. It's not the same if you don't go. Um Council was in the past allowed to go to these conferences and if you think you're saving money, it's, yes, it's about saving money but it's also what you're learning to save also and there is pieces to that that are very important and I can speak on recommendations because of conferences I've gone to and past experiences and I've been on for 2 terms. **NOTE: I agree..there is so much information, it would be difficult to pass it on to those that did not attend but one thing Councillor Fuhl did not mention is the opportunity TO NETWORK WITH PEERS and hear the opinions of others. Further some of these events have breakout sessions, each dealing with a different aspect, and one person cannot be at all of them. But this particular one I have attended in the past and I do not recall seeing Councillor Fuhl there on many occasions. It is very well attended so I may have missed him or he may have gone in the last term when I was not on Council. One year I learned of a city in North Dakota that re-routed the Red River to enable residential development only, years later, to have to abandon the development and restore the river to its regular channel as flooding occurred when the bend was taken out of the river. Proof positive that it is not a good idea to try and change nature to your advantage.** And if I had not gone to these conferences, I wouldn't have the education I have today. **Mayor Therrien** - Anybody else? **Councillor Kuczynski** - But I'll ask, what did you learn from those Conferences that you can apply in our Municipality? **Councillor Fuhl** - Well, I've gone to the FCM Conference, again there's different conferences, examples is the Watershed Conference that we're going to next week. You learn about how the water flows from watersheds to watersheds up into Lake Winnipeg??? and how that affects all communities throughout the watersheds and if you don't go to the conference, you don't understand that in total degree and then you don't have that information and then when you go to your um your watershed districts, then at least you have the background of how that water flows from the U.S. into Canada and forward up to the lake so there's an example. **Councillor Miller** - Mr. Mayor, I think I echo what your comments are. I am here to save taxpayers money, at the same time provide the best knowledge and information I can but I think it's incumbent upon those who we delegate, whether it be one, two or three or even five people, that each one of those has to bring back to Council and to the public a succinct detailed report so it doesn't need to be all 5 of us going to a meeting. Those who are assigned to it, those who are delegated, ought to have the responsibility, we're paying major dollars to this, I think um if I can share with Council, I think this particular event is close to a thousand dollars for each registration so I think that....nine hundred and some dollars if I saw that right. **CAO Draper** - The Red River Basin? **Councillor Miller** - For the uh...well... **CAO Draper** - I wouldn't say Red River Basin is over \$250. typically but ... **Councillor Miller** - Ok. I was looking earlier today and I could have sworn I saw.... **CAO Draper** - The FCM, the next item, it's about \$750/person **NOTE: Early bird registration for elected officials is \$815. for FCM.** **Councillor Miller** - True. But these are expensive and the thrust of my conversation is that those who are delegated to go to those meetings ought to come back and we saw, and I'll put it on record, I saw in the past where a number of councillors have gone to events and they came back with absolutely zero for information to a previous Council as information and I as a taxpayer was paying for these people to go and there was no accountability. **NOTE: One thing CAO Draper did not mention is that staff also is allowed and reimbursed for attending some of these conferences.** So I think I want to thrust and change that. Those that are assigned to save taxpayers money come back with succinct information for all of us. **Mayor Therrien** - Anybody else have any questions, comments? We've heard from Glen, Andy and Mark. Glen, go again. **Councillor Fuhl** - Yes, so I would agree with some context to that, also you have breakout sessions so not every councillor can go to every breakout session so you do miss out on breakout sessions ..so you're not going to be able...what I may pick up is not going to be the same as what you might pick up and then when we synergize and come

back and bring back our notes, then you've learned something that I never learned or maybe there's some information that can be followed with that. **Mayor Therrien** - We've had those breakout sessions too Glen in the last conference there and there was, there was like 6 different breakout sessions and probably even more than that...that's the 6 I recall. There's no way we could all go to all 6 and some of us were doubling up on other matters there and I understand your rationale and I would agree with that. I'm just always looking at the taxpayers here like. We've been to lots of conferences so far and what have we been here, a month now, so it's uh um it's I understand what you're saying as well as the other councillors. Melinda, did you have your hand up? **Councillor Warren** - I did. I do agree with Glen that we should go for the first visit, you don't know who you're going to meet, you don't know who you're going to talk to. I think it's important that we put us out there as a new Council, for one, um it's...we're trying to represent Springfield, we're trying to represent our watershed district, that's just my opinion. If it's just one year that we all go, we're going to get something out of it, and then next year, wherever it may be, Fargo, here, and it's here right now, right, it's in Winnipeg this year. We're not forking out lots of money to go to Fargo. **Mayor Therrien** - Very well done, Melinda, cause I know when we started off here, we'd all discussed that we were going to go to all these meetings and we're all in uniform with regards to that, I'd just thought I'd bring it up just for the sake you know of having it as a discussion uh there and that's how democracy and municipal government is supposed to work. Andy, you've got a question? **Councillor Kuczynski** - I want to add one thing. Glen, you went to those meetings. Like how many times did you go, how many years in a row did you go to those meetings, especially this one, Red River. **Councillor Fuhl** - Every second year they have it in Winnipeg and every other year they have it in Fargo. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, how many times did you attend those meetings? **Councillor Fuhl** - I've attended 2 or 3 times. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So you learned already, anything changes, do you see many different changes when say from one meeting to another? **Councillor Fuhl** - Sure things change because the environment changes so the water comes at a different rates and they do record those things that happen in those times ??? **NOTE: Whatever is he talking about? What he should have said is that every conference introduces new information as conditions are never static.** So things do change over time, it's not the same meeting every time, every time, every time. Things do change. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I understand but those changes...what ability do we have to control that. We don't. The Province is controlling that. We just...they just advising us. So just because they are advising us, why we should all go to those meetings? Because we cannot do the other municipalities...I don't think so we can do much to it. If we have proper drainage throughout the municipality, that's better than just go to the meeting. **NOTE: I believe what Councillor Kuczynski is saying is that perhaps the money would be better spent on managing conditions that exist within the Municipality such as drainage projects. On the other hand, one thing that has changed over the last number of years is the attitude towards diversions and drainage. Where it was once thought alright to do these things, lately it has been proven that leaving things the way Mother Nature intended may be the better policy. Mankind's careless stewardship of watersheds and the environment in general has led to many of the catastrophic environmental events that are now plaguing mankind.** That's my opinion, I'm not saying that you know you are wrong or anything like that, I just want to talk about issues so... **Mayor Therrien** - And I agree with all, everything everybody is saying here but let's, if we went to the FCM, how much does that costing, Colleen? Because that's somewhere else is it... **Councillor Fuhl** - It's in Winnipeg so that's Sustainable one is in Winnipeg so I would recommend again that we all go to that one because I know Council in the past, we've never attended the Sustainable Conference and I think we'd all learn something from ..for sure I would learn something because I've never been and never know Council has been to the Sustainable one because it's always been in other Provinces. This is the first time it's coming to Winnipeg. **NOTE: Does no one read their material? Here is what it says: "Canada's premier municipal sustainability event." That says to me this is the FIRST ONE of its kind. There has always been an FCM Annual Conference but not one dealing just with sustainability. It is something new and probably due to the global catastrophic climatic events that are occurring such as wildfires and extreme and extensive droughts, flooding in other parts of the world, loss of species, etc.** **Mayor Therrien** - Well that one I'd say I've got no issues with all of us attending that. Again, we'll hold it up to a vote and so on. But I think what Melinda had said there makes a lot of sense too maybe because if I had to put it to a vote, I would have said no we don't need to bring us all there, I've kind of changed my mind uh there, but do we put it up for a vote, uh Colleen? **CAO Draper** - The FCM is the next item. We're just dealing with the Red River Basin... **Mayor Therrien** - (interrupting) Right, the Red River Basin...Mark, you have a question there? **Councillor Miller** - I just wanted to share I believe what Councillor Warren is saying is accurate because we are "newbies" it would be advantageous for us to learn and to share but I just wouldn't want this to be a habit because I know again from previous experience, other Councils have delegated the entire Council all the time for a threshold of 4 years and I don't think we should get into the habit of, once we know the information, we can rely on a different councillor or delegate to share that information going forward so... and I just wanted also to note, I know that at previous councils as Councillor Fuhl has said, there are side events to those events but I've seen too firsthand where all the councillors have gone to a particular side event, all of them, so they aren't splitting them as you suggested which would make sense, common sense to do, absolutely. **NOTE: I remember one particular breakout session that both Ms. Fell and I attended about road construction methods and subsequently, when a term repeated often in that session was used in conversation, Ms. Fell was oblivious to the term. Therefore I would suggest while one can attend, one does not always give the session their complete attention.** **Councillor Fuhl** - I'll also speak to that. There's also at these Conferences there's where you're voting in your directors also or your Eastern Districts or whatever that may be so again as an elected official, it's important that we put our vote because it's representing our area. So those things do happen especially at FCM meetings. Their annual meeting, we do a vote there and it's important that we are there as a whole because as you may say, one vote is only one vote. If all of us go, now we have 5 votes so that is important to make sure that we are being represented properly. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok this is excellent. I appreciate everything that's been said here. I think we can actually oh sorry Colleen... **CAO Draper** - I just have an administrative comment so resolutions allow you to attend these so typically they're written that all of Council attend at their discretion. We've run into the past where we said Councillor X and Y are delegated to attend and all of a sudden they don't, nobody else can attend now. We have to wait for another resolution to be passed at another Council meeting to allow that person to go and claim their expenses. So administratively we've kind of left it up to Council to attend at their discretion. We make sure you are aware of the agenda. If you think there's nothing worthwhile on that agenda, you just bow out. You don't attend but those people that do, it shows on their expenses at the end of the year so um you're voted in based on all of that information so just something else to take into account. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, are we ready for the Red River Basin and International Summit Conference in Winnipeg. Who's all in favour of that? **CAO Draper** - I just need a mover and seconder, sorry. **Mayor Therrien** - Can I get a mover and seconder? (Warren, Fuhl) *Be it resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend the Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference January 17th to 19th in Winnipeg at their discretion.* **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, then we go into the FCM? Ok, vote for all attending uh or in favour of this Red River Basin? All in favour? **CARRIED**

9.4 FCM Sustainable Conference (February 8-10, 2023) - Mayor Therrien - Next is 9.4 on my agenda which may be different on my screen here. **CAO Draper** - To answer your question about fees, so they're doing an In Person and a Virtual option here. The In Person Early Bird before December 16th is \$815. versus Virtual is \$715. so just for your information. **NOTE: Not much of a financial saving but a big loss in terms of networking, coffee breaks, etc.** **Mayor Therrien** - \$815/person? **CAO Draper** - \$815 versus \$715 virtual attendance. **Mayor Therrien** - Is that per person? **CAO Draper** - Yes. And again these are not typically held in Winnipeg, they're usually out of Province quite often so.... **NOTE: This is the first one of its kind so I presume she is referring to FCM Conferences, not this Sustainable Conference.** **Mayor Therrien** - And that's February th. uh any comments Councillors? So well doing the math there, that's uh almost five grand. Go ahead, Mark. **Councillor Miller** - I think we should all perhaps look at the agenda, see if it's pertinent to us including what Councillor Fuhl has said about it being important in terms of votes and things like that but uh I think we have the responsibility to save taxpayers money and if one or two or three of us can go to that and have the same impact to report back to us and to the public, I think that serves us well. **NOTE: This is not the regular FCM Conference where you vote. Also CAO Draper, and for that matter, no one on Council, have mentioned there is a group rate as follows: 3 or more attendees from the same municipality Early Bird \$765..... Regular \$905. And I am not even receiving pay ...Not a very good showing on the part of our elected representatives and the CAO.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, I agree with Councillor Miller. I think \$815 is just too big of a hit for taxpayers. Uh I would be uh that's quite high cause the regular ones are what, \$250. or something like that uh but seeing the agenda um I think it's quite important and in this case here, the \$815. I think is uh very concerning to myself, I'm sure to everybody else. Anybody have any issues or comments they want to address here? Mark...uh Andy. **NOTE: I looked over the information. The main theme is arriving at a Climate Action Plan that sets a target to arrive at Net Zero in terms of energy, i.e. 100% renewable energy reliance, and examples of how it has been done elsewhere. Not a lot of what is being presented relates directly to our Municipality but as this is a subject that should be of concern to everyone, perhaps it would be of benefit to inform our Council members of its importance.** **Councillor Kuczynski** - Yes, I would like to ask, where is this meeting? Like where is the location. Like how many people have to go if it's out of Province then.... **CAO Draper** - No, this is in Winnipeg. And I can also mention that in the past uh FCM because all of Council is part of FCM and can attend these kind of functions, you've either you know sent all of Council or 2 members every year, they alternate so that it's just not quite often that FCM Sustainable Conference is held in Winnipeg. That's the only anomaly this year. **NOTE: Is the CAO not understanding that the regular FCM Conference is in May I believe of next year. This Conference is the first of its kind.** **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, so what we're doing here now is...this is just for the record that this is available and we're not saying that uh Mark and Andy are going to go, we're just going to say that we're aware of it and will define how many people are going to go? **CAO Draper** - Right now it's drafted again that all of Council attend at their discretion based on agenda review to see if it's something that you're interested in attending or not. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok, so before February or whenever we register.... **CAO Draper** - (interrupting) December 16th. is the Early Bird to get the reduced rate. **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, ok then I think we should decide now. Can we do that now? (yep) What's everybody's..Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** - Can I ask question, like what they discussing and what they teaching us in this conference? **CAO Draper** - Uh these ones are heavily into climate control at the FCM Sustainable on ways that municipalities can work their budgets around you know different ways to combat climate control and greenhouse reduction, you know, those kind of topics so **NOTE: Homo Sapiens cannot control the climate...the issue is how municipalities can cope with the changing climate due to global warming.** **Councillor Kuczynski** - And do we do that in our municipality ... **CAO Draper** - We have a climate reduction plan that I can say that to date we have not done a great job of budgeting to meet those goals. So it's definitely something that I'm hoping you know that Council will look at a little closer. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And can you explain a little bit more, so what that means, they're gonna ask us to use more electrical vehicles in our municipality or how we combat that? **CAO Draper** - Well I think a lot of it is based on how the weather is affecting different municipalities, more floods, more colder weather, droughts, like all of that affects us and we have to be prepared for it. **Mayor Therrien** - Is this something that just, like I think we have people like directors in our RM here that are really more suitable maybe that..going on these, do we send some of our directors that this is their bread and butter there or is that always councillors that go. **CAO Draper** - Uh Council is typically the one that needs a resolution to attend. Staff would just bring it to myself and I would approve their attendance based on their budget. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. Um I guess what I'm thinking, correct me if I'm wrong, Colleen, is that we'll just pass this resolution there and we can decide between now and December 16th. uh if all 5 or 2 are going to go. I think we're just kind of going around in circles here. I, I just Mark and I are kind of on the same wavelength, everybody's on the same wavelength, everybody wants to look what's good for the taxpayers there and uh so we'll, if we can pass the resolution, then we'll decide how many people are going to go you know be it zero or, or 5 or somewhere in the middle and we'll figure that out. And then we'll also figure out how we're going to transpire and how this is going to work uh in the future as well. So we pass the resolution, do I just... **CAO Draper** - Get a mover and a seconder. (Warren/Miller) *Be it resolved that all of Council be delegated to attend the FCM Sustainable Conference February 8 - 10, 2023 in Winnipeg at their discretion.* **Mayor Therrien** - When do they send those agendas out? **CAO Draper** - Uh, I've provided the link on the agenda so if you click on that link, it'll take you to the agenda. **CARRIED**

9.5 2022 Mosquito Larviciding - CAO Draper - So we've received the invoice from the City of Winnipeg so kind of background, the City of Winnipeg treats all areas in the Capital Region that surround Winnipeg with larvicide to reduce the number of mosquitoes that hatch in standing water such as ditches and drains. This program historically has been subsidized by the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg Insect Control Branch and the agreement is that all Capital Regions commit \$20,000. a year so that's been budgeted in 2022. We're just asking for approval to pay the invoice at this time. **NOTE: I'm not sure why approval is required as a previous decision was made by Council/Administration to participate in the program.** **Mayor Therrien** - .. vote on it. I think we can get straight into it. All in favour? **NOTE: When is Mayor Therrien going to remember you need a mover and a seconder to vote on a motion? CAO reminded him.** (Kuczynski/Warren) *Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Springfield approve payment in the amount of \$20,000. to the City of Winnipeg, being the RM of Springfield's contribution to the 2022 Nuisance Mosquito Larviciding Program.* **CARRIED**

9.6 October List of Accounts - CAO Draper - This is just approving a List of Accounts that have been paid between October 7th to November 9th so I just need a mover and a seconder. (Fuhl/Warren) *Whereas disbursements have been reviewed for the period of October 7th to November 9th, 2022, be it resolved that all accounts listed on the attached printout from cheque 155983 to 156218 totaling 1,936,385.57 and the following EFT entries be approved for payment: Western Financial \$11,278.02, Amelia \$388.99, PetroCanada \$37.16, RBC Visa \$11,085.07 and be it further resolved that October payroll in the amount of \$270,278.11 be approved.* **CARRIED**

9.7 September Financial Statement - CAO Draper - We've attached the September Financial Statements. I know Finance members are on ZOOM listening to any questions that Council have and we can definitely get that back to you with any uh information you might need but this is approving the September Financial Statement. **Councillor Miller** - I just looked under the accounts composition and expenses for September. I see under Springfield Chamber of Commerce that the Mayor, Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 4 had a contribution of \$500. Do you know what that might of been for? **Mayor Therrien** - What page are you on, uh Mark? **Councillor Miller** - You know, I just caught the...I don't know if it has a page number, that's the problem. I can share it with you. **Mayor Therrien** - Sure. Save me from looking. **Councillor Miller** - Just an inquiry of what those numbers are or what the payments were for. **CAO Draper** - Sorry, this was attached on the September Financial... **Councillor Miller** - Ya. **CAO Draper** - So I know that the Chamber hosted a kind of a breakfast event uh and they had reached out to the RM to put a contribution towards that so that came out of Ward Appropriations funds from each member of Council to help put on that and it was regarding employee retention. I know a lot of businesses in Springfield including the RM of Springfield have been struggling after COVID to uh to find employees that uh, ya it's been difficult so this was something that Council felt they were willing to support for the Chamber. **Mayor Therrien** - Is that every year we have that? **CAO Draper** - This was a, this is the first time they've been asked to contribute money to that and they felt uh it was an important issue that all RM of Springfield businesses are facing and asked for the RM of Springfield's support to put the Workshop on. So Council is giving \$5,000. each year to put toward items like this and Council passes a resolution and that was approved. **Councillor Miller** - And I won't beleaguer this point because it's in the past but is there any accountability how they use that money or is there any report from them on how that money was utilized. **CAO Draper** - Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend but we did send a number of our senior management um and I know there was good feedback from them when they returned. Um you know it was just kind of validating that we're not the problem, everybody's having that same problem and it's just an issue that we have to...you know, after COVID we're still trying to get back to normal business. **Councillor Fuhl** - I'll speak to it. I attended it and I can tell you it was good. One of the...I'll just share one of the conversations that had happened. Um businesses are really struggling on bringing employees to their business to be able to work at their businesses so there was synergy around how do we get the employees to the businesses to be employed to have workers and there was a bunch of synergy around where is there a way to bring out a bus to these certain areas or how do we support vehicles, um what happens if these employees don't have vehicles, how do they get out to these businesses so that synergy went around the room to try to come up with ideas of how we can get these employees out to Springfield to work. So I'll use that as an example for you, Mark. Ok, thank you. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Can I ask, when was that uh meeting ... when it happened, which area? **Councillor Fuhl** - Uh that happened in Pineridge Village. Um there was a unit there that they used and they presented. And there was a presenter there also um from a consulting group, I can't remember the consulting group company but they facilitated the meeting and gave their ideas also of how to retain and have good employees to be able to come out to the businesses. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Can somebody explain why we have all these meetings at Pineridge Hollow always. What was, what is the reason for it? Don't we have other businesses... **Councillor Fuhl** - We didn't have the meetings... **Councillor Kuczynski** - Have there been other businesses that we can support, not only Pineridge Hollow? **Councillor Fuhl** - We didn't have the meetings, Chamber of Commerce had the meeting. We just sponsored it is what we did. **Councillor Kuczynski** - It seems like all the Chamber of Commerce meetings are in Pineridge Hollow because the lady was uh the Director of the Chamber of Commerce at that time or President. **Councillor Fuhl** - I can't speak for the Chamber of Commerce. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok. We belong to the Chamber of Commerce as a Municipality? **CAO Draper** - Yes, we do. **NOTE: BINGO. As I have always stated, a Municipality should not belong to the Chamber of Commerce as Council that makes decisions on behalf of the Municipality is the body that businesses LOBBY for conditions favourable to business so I see that as a CONFLICT OF INTEREST. It was former councillor Shandy Walls that engineered the current iteration of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce when she was on Council and it was her and former Mayor Fell that directed the members of Council to consider a membership in the Chamber of Commerce which has continued annually since.** **Councillor Kuczynski** - So you as a member, you can speak to it, no? **Councillor Fuhl** - We all can speak to it as a member. **Councillor Kuczynski** - No but you said you don't know how it happened so ... **CAO Draper** - They alternate these kind of meetings in locations that can handle the number that they expect. So Pineridge Hollow, Deer Meadow Farms is I know used quite often, um it just depends who has the public space that can be utilized so..I think they've used the hotel at different events, Peppercorn, they do go to other venues. **Councillor Kuczynski** - And when we're going to raise the issue, like I raised that issue previously, uh are we going to belong still to the Chamber of Commerce or are we going to just..we're supposed to be an independent body not belong to an organization. **CAO Draper** - I would suggest it's a discussion Council can have but right now we're approving the Financial Statement for September. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok. I've got a question here. Is Amram on the air here. (Yes) Uh, Amram, can you hear me. **CAO Draper** - And I told him he wouldn't be put on the spot so (laughing). **Mayor Therrien** - Oh, Ok. Actually it's probably not even for him but if he's listening there, I see we have a...I made notes but I didn't reference the page here. Um this Disaster Mitigation um I put down here "explain the huge variance on Disaster Mitigation". Um there's not a search engine on here where I can go back to what I was thinking of there but it was a huge cost there but I was checking their budget there during the campaigning and their budget was \$29,000. but this one, it's huge disparity on that. Again I can't tell you exactly where it is. **CAO Draper** - I can maybe suggest it's regarding Springfield flooding efforts um so maybe Finance can confirm that or we can get back to you but typically we do a lot of work around Spring flooding and then we put in a claim for Disaster Financial Assistance if the Province makes that available. We did put an application and then we were successful. Um we're also looking at, it's a new program where anything that we get back from the DFA and Blaine is probably better to speak about this, we can put it into our Reserve and use for future flooding projects. So I know that's something that we're taking part of this year where we take that money, we get a hundred percent of the funds, you put it into a Reserve and you use it towards preventing future flooding in areas that are at risk. **Mayor Therrien** - Now who's going to answer that question of Disaster Mitigation, would that be Amram or would that be emergency management? That's what I was thinking. **CAO Draper** - Holly or Amram, are you able to answer that or know what that disaster man..mitigation is or.... **Mayor Therrien** - I could get that some other time, it's not .. I just want to make note of that cause I'm sure it's extremely thorough but I'm going to have another question about when our last audit was. **CAO Draper** - Uh so we just completed the 2021 Financial Audited Statement in October were approved. **Mayor Therrien** - Now who did that, Colleen, that was an independent agency that we hired for that? **CAO Draper** - Uh so we put out an RFP for audit services. It was the Exchange Group. **Mayor Therrien** - The Exchange Group, ok. Ok so if you can get back to us with regards to that Disaster Mitigation there. It makes sense that it was probably flooding and so on like that um it's just that I thought it was emergency management and their budget is \$29,000. I know last year or the year before they only used \$9,000. of that so and I'm thinking this was probably from \$29,000. to uh I'm going to say uhhh eighty-nine or ninety-eight thousand dollars. So

it was huge that so if I can get that clarified uh. Don't use my numbers of what it is, I just know it was exponentially higher than what the budgeted amount was. **CAO Draper** - Ya well Disaster Mitigation is, you know, around Spring flooding so I don't know, Blaine, if you ... **Blaine can be heard in the background but not what he is saying.** **NOTE: If CAO Draper was doing her job properly, she would have asked Blaine to come up to the microphone so his response could be heard by everyone, not just those in the Council chamber.** **CAO Draper** - Ya. So without you seeing it, we're looking at a budget of \$15,000. versus an actual of about \$468,908 so to me that screams Spring flooding mitigation. **Mayor Therrien** - Is that what it is, \$468,000? **Again Blaine can be heard faintly in the background.** **CAO Draper** - Yep. Right. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok well why don't we do that but if you could explain that to Council between now and that time. I just want to know if in fact what Blaine's saying is correct and it is but I just want to know since I've approached the question, if you can get us an answer for then like... **CAO Draper** - Yep. We can follow up. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok well um any other questions there guys? Mark. **Councillor Miller** - Just saw on Page 3 of the document General Operating Fund Reserve balance sheet for September. Just because again we're new, uh for my information, maybe others, is it that we have \$17.4 million dollars in Reserves that's cash on hand or how are Reserves treated? Is there investment instruments for those, um, ya any information you could provide ... **CAO Draper** - **(interrupting)** We invest our Reserves and the balances in it and that would be totaling that amount. **Councillor Miller** - But are they put into any GIC investments or something of that sort or are they just cash in the bank, so to speak? **CAO Draper** - That's just cash in the bank. **Mayor Therrien** - Then like no interest or anything like that? **CAO Draper** - Uh, we get quite a high interest rate um currently to our bank account um but at this point they're typically earmarked for projects so we don't have enough money to...they're usually a 3 year that you have to put it away. We don't have the luxury of doing that typically. **NOTE: Typically means "usually". Does that imply sometimes they do something differently. The CAO has been using this word a lot during this meeting.** **Mayor Therrien** - So what we have in the bank now is \$17 million 5 hundred thousand dollars (\$17,500,000.), what it says there, rounded. **CAO Draper** - What it says...ya so that's basically what we have in our Reserves that's earmarked for a specific project so it's not just there free for all (laughing). **Mayor Therrien** - No I realize that, uh ok now what we're doing here now is just approving this that we've essentially looked it over and so on? **CAO Draper** - Yep, so I spoke with Finance this morning and I asked if there was any red flags to bring to Council's attention and they said, no, it was straight forward financial statements. We do plan to have an orientation with you with Finance to explain in detail the financial statements. It's just been difficult to pinpoint dates for Council to be available for that so. **Mayor Therrien** - So what are we looking at for dates for starting all these things there with Blaine and his unit and... **CAO Draper** - Second week in December. **Mayor Therrien** - Second in December... **CAO Draper** - You have one more conference the first week of December where you have 3 days that you're not available um so we're going to be filling you up that second week of, second and third week of December before the Christmas break. **Mayor Therrien** - Ya, because I'd like to get as much under our plate as, so we can start the new year knowing what all these departments are at. It's going to require us to bring our lunches there and have breakfast here but I think we have to you know get at her and get it all done. And Finance is a real big one there, you have to learn how we're all doing this there. Most people here are business people here so they have a good idea of the checks and balances you know, .. is simple arithmetic. You just spend less than what you're making and that's going to be the best thing and that's what I want to see here. Go ahead, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** - I have one question. So we have seventeen and a half million. What obligation do we have for that money? Do you know? **CAO Draper** - Sorry? **Councillor Kuczynski** - What obligation do we have for that money, you said future requests is we're... **CAO Draper** - Well, that's typically what your 5 year Capital Budget is based off of your Reserve amount. **Councillor Kuczynski** - Ok, do we know how much is it, just so that money's spent altogether? All of it? **CAO Draper** - Well, you approve your budget and you'll have a 5 year Capital Budget and a lot of that is paid through out of your Reserves so Finance is putting a document together right now and .. a spread sheet and it shows each Reserve, the Opening Balance, what's been earmarked from it and what's remaining. So that information is to come when they do their orientation with you. **Councillor Kuczynski** - So we don't know at this point what we have, balance. **CAO Draper** - We know what it is but we're trying to make it uh more simplified for you to see on paper. **Councillor Kuczynski** - But you don't know today what it is or do you? **CAO Draper** - \$17,263,861.57. **Councillor Kuczynski** - That's what we have but then once we pay our bills, what are we going to have left? **CAO Draper** - That's what there is as of September 30th. The point is to kind of build up your Reserves and then you have them to put towards those large projects without impacting the tax base. I think Amram was trying to say something. **Amram** - Yes, I, I was trying to unmute myself earlier. Yes thank you. I would just like to say to Council that this Financial Statement as at September and they're already historical. We're now in the month of November. I think when we have a meeting where we can present to you, we can then do a deep dive into the questions that you have on the Financial Statement. Just so you know, that it's already historical information that you're looking at because we are past September already so to like Andy's question about what is currently at hand and as Colleen has said, we're finishing that task uh um likely tomorrow. **Mayor Therrien** - Amram, it's Pat here, what we have in the screen here that Andy was looking at and what we're all looking at is \$17 million 4 rounded. Uh if you've got a live screen there, what's the difference between September and now. **Amram** - I wasn't even seeing the screen that you're looking at so... **CAO Draper** - Just the Financial Statement he's referring to. **Amram** - Yes, so your question again, Patrick. **Mayor Therrien** - Uh, it's as of September the 30th it says here that we have seventeen million 400 thousand rounded. Um if you've got your screen in front of you, what is the difference between September 30th and November the whatever date the 20th or 28th... **Amram** - I can tell you that we're currently closing the month of October. October month end is currently being closed. (OK) So that is all in the process right now. Yes. **Mayor Therrien** - Ok well I thank you very much. Does anybody have any questions for Amram? Thank you very much there for your time, Amram, I appreciate that. And welcome aboard. **Amram** - Thank you. **CAO Draper** - I just need a mover and seconder. *Be it resolved that the Financial Statement for the month ending September 30th, 2022 be accepted as presented.* **Very very faintly can be heard someone talking in the background.** **Mayor Therrien** - I'm going to declare the session closed. Thank you.

10 CLOSED MEETING

11 RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING -

12 ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: This meeting could have been significantly of shorter duration if Mayor Therrien was more succinct in his commentary and if CAO Colleen Draper were not attempting to exert her control over this "green" Council.