

Dear SDD Member,

We the executive of SDD hope that everyone is managing to stay well and safe during this pandemic. We have been meeting informally during the last 9 months and discussing various issues that have occurred during that time. The Annual General Meeting of Springfield Democratic Development was to have taken place March 25, 2020. Due to the emergency lockdown and subsequent social distancing rules including allowable size of gatherings we thought it prudent to postpone until such time that we can entertain the anticipated number of members and interested parties that would attend our AGM.

We sincerely regret not adhering to our constitution and for any inconvenience this may have caused our members and contacts. We plan to continue to communicate with you through our newsletters. If you have any concerns or questions about our group or our mandate please do not hesitate to send off an inquiry to [sddsprc@gmail.com](mailto:sddsprc@gmail.com) . We are pleased to be able to field your issues and ideas for a better RM of Springfield.

Here are selections of concerns we have been addressing since the last AGM:

- Failure of Council to follow the existing Recreational Master Plan in their planning of the design and proposed funding of a Recreational Centre in Oakbank
- Environmental concerns regarding CanWhite proposed development of a mining operation to remove Silica Sand primarily for Fracking operations with potential to contaminate our Aquifer and air quality
- Review of 2020 Financial Plan and presentation of our community concerns on capital spending that increases our municipal spending by \$10 million dollars.
- Concern from citizens and commercial/industrial proprietors of location of a new Hazardous Waste Facility in the Industrial area in Springfield that will service City of Winnipeg without route restrictions and a potential to leach hazardous materials into our Aquifer
- Changes made by council to provide RM services on private property and costs being born by the RM residents as a whole as part of their property taxes
- Provided community Input into the new Noise by-law
- Follow up on council planning decisions that deviate from the Development Plan and/or Zoning By-law provisions; in particular promoting economic development in non-designated areas and without due public hearings and input.

Thank you

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