

**RM of Springfield
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 13, 2024 1:00 p.m.**

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (E&OE)

LENGTH OF MEETING 1 hour 8 minutes 7 seconds

Mayor Therrien – Thank you very much uh. I'm uh Mayor Patrick Therrien, this is a uh RM of Springfield meeting agenda for uh Committee of the Whole February 13th at 2023 or uh 2024 and it's uh 1 p.m. Um I'd like to introduce Council and to my right in descending order is uh Deputy Mayor uh Ward 1 is Glen Fuhl, uh next to him is uh Councillor Andy Kuczynski, uh Ward 2, um um Mark Miller is uh not here, uh he's in Ward 3 and then Ward 4 is uh Melinda Warren.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Mayor Therrien –And if I can uh look at the Agenda there, we're on Item Number 3, Approval of the Agenda, can I get a mover and a seconder for that, please. Uh Glen and Melinda (Fuhl/Warren). Is there any items uh to be added uh deleted or anything uh Council wants to uh uh make note of on the agenda. And there's none **at this point here** if Council is uh good with the agenda we can uh proceed on to uh Approval of the Minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Committee of the Whole – January 9, 2024 - Mayor Therrien –Can I get a mover and a seconder for that as well. Uh Andy and uh Melinda. Any uh questions **with regards to** the uh Committee of the Whole uh Minutes for uh January the 9th uh 2024? Uh Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Uh Mrs. Nylen asked for Reports from Stantec. Uh did Mrs. Nylen re...receive those Reports. **Colleen Draper, CAO** – Uh we reviewed the Reports that are on line and those are public Reports and they were in their entirety on line. Uh the other Reports that were referred to, they were never provided to Council as a public document. So everything that's public is posted on the Website and available. **Councillor Kuczynski** –So even Council cannot receive those Reports? **CAO Draper** – Uh we can review them with Council but uh they were never accepted as Information by Council, they were just used for staff uh um information uh for our project planning. **NOTE: Reports requested by Council during a public meeting are to be made available to the public, usually at the first meeting following receipt of the reports when they are to be tabled by the CAO and I believe also the Mayor.** **Councillor Kuczynski** –But in the last meeting uh Mr. Public mentioned that and he's bringing that to the public so they should be available to the public. **CAO Draper** – Ya, he referenced the Reports as part of our planning information but they were never brought to Council and were never given as public information **NOTE: It is not the CAO's responsibility or authority to REVIEW information and decide whether Council should see it or not. The responsibility of the CAO is to do manage staff and accommodate Council by providing them with ALL relevant information in a timely fashion in order for them to be able to serve their constituents properly. The decision as to relevance lies with Council, not the CAO who is not an elected official, merely contracted by Council to manage staff and serve Council in all ways necessary.** so um we can review them with Council and if we decide they're, you know, worth putting out but they are outdated Reports at this time so they would just confuse the situation. I think if people were to review those and in respect to the project that we're planning for the Water Treatment Plant so... **Councillor Kuczynski** –But I as a Councillor would like to see them so I would appreciate if we could have them presented at least to the Council. **CAO Draper** – Ya we can review them with Council. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ok, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – If there's nothing else, uh **with regards to** that, can I get a show of hands, those in support of the Approval of the Minutes. Unanimous and it's carried.

5. QUESTION PERIOD - Mayor Therrien –Uh we will now carry on to Question Period, Item No. 5. Any questions uh on line? I.... uh Janet. **Janet Nylen** – I hope you can hear me now. (yep) Ok. Thank you. And I thank Councillor Kuczynski for um bringing that up because that's one of my questions, it's about point 3, the Minutes, 10.6.2 the Utility Capacity discussions. And so I have not received any response back and I believe your Procedure Bylaw says there should be a response to questions in 30 days. Um I find it very unusual what the CAO just said that you're using Reports for your recommendations to Council and yet you're calling them outdated. You're basing decisions on Reports that you say will confuse the public whereas those reports would probably help the public understand better what's going on. So um the 7 Reports that are on line are...most of them I think 5 of them anyway are older than the last Report so I don't know why you're suggesting that those Reports are outdated and so if you won't provide them to the public, like I think Council has the power to make them public documents, then are you expecting the public to um get them under Freedom of Information and go through that whole process. This is not transparent and I, I.... you're relying on those to make your decisions so why aren't they public. I just don't understand the logic. **Mayor Therrien** – You know, I don't quite understand that Councillor Kuczynski was just asking a question about this and I'm at a loss how you're here in person, why weren't you asking that question instead of Councillor Kuczynski? **Janet Nylen** – Well I am. I didn't know he was going to ask that. Like I, I... I mean, it's in your Minutes. I'm here at your Committee of the Whole meeting, it's on your agenda from the last meeting that this Report was brought up at that time, that's more than 30 days ago, I asked for these Reports. I have not received them. I have not heard back about them. That's why I'm here. The fact that Councillor Kuczynski picked up on it, I appreciate it because I did write to him and ask him to get the Reports for me. So you're ...you know... you're not being transparent and you're not and I think your staff, I don't know if they're protecting something that they don't want the public to know or Council to know.... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – Well, you're making ... you're making the uh uh a comment there that uh ... **CAO Draper** - Uh clarify. **Mayor Therrien continuing** – ... doesn't require any uh clarification on that. When we uh... **Janet Nylen** – No, It does. It does. Your CAO just said Council had not seen that. **Mayor Therrien interrupting** –You're, you're insinuating that we're holding something back. **Janet Nylen** – No I'm telling you, I'm repeating back what the CAO said that Council had not even seen them and that she has to review them before Council can review them with her and you can decide if they're public. These are Reports paid for by public funds on a project that you have used as the basis, like you use them, you rely on them for your DOWS project, why aren't they public? **CAO Draper** –Well, I'm not sure that we said we were reliant on those studies for this project but they are outdated in regards to population and capacity required, they're outdated on the location of where expansion should take place so, so I agree that you know as a 2017 Report, that most of this Council has not seen so I'm willing to review that Report with Council and explain what portions that we did take into account and what portion we didn't and if Council agrees, then that can be public and we can post it on the Website for everyone to see but I'm not about to send that to the public without Council's having seen it first. **Janet Nylen** –But I asked for this 30 days ago and Council has not even ... like if you had done that in the 30 days, I might be satisfied with that answer. But it does... we're in ... you know that you gave First Reading to the Bylaw. Like time is of the essence. To hold that longer, if I have to wait for FIPPA, it's almost going to be too late. So, please, Mr. um

Mayor, can you look into this personally and we what is in those Reports that's so confidential that the public can't see. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok, I... **Janet Nysten** – Like, you seem to swing the power. **Colleen Draper** – That's not confidential. It's just outdated and we would rather explain that in person before we just release the Reports and get people upset about using that Report for things that don't really ... aren't in effect any more. **Janet Nysten** – And my last comment is then your Manager of Water & Waste shouldn't have referred to that in his Report that he presented as the rationale for this project when he went and did the uh the REU Capacity and Allocation Report. You can't rely on an outdated document for part of it and then say that it's not, not consistent, it's either you were given the wrong information on the REUs added and so all of it's outdated. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, all I can say is that he's an engineer, he's highly qualified, um and I'm sure he's done his homework **with regards to this**. We'll look at the 2017 Report and then uh we'll uh determine whether we're going to make it uh public or not but Council should see it first. **NOTE: They should already have seen it if the CAO was doing her job properly.** I agree with that... our CAO. Andy? **Janet Nysten** – Of course you would but there's 3 Reports. One is the Stantec Report on September 16th called the Springfield Water Supply Storage and Distribution System Master Plan and the other is the WSP's November 2018 Report on the Dugald Water Tr...uh Water Treatment Plant Final Report that was audited by Associated Engineering on August 2022 in their technical memorandum. So those are the Reports, please. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you. Uh Karen or uh go ahead, Andy. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ya, I want to point out that I have the Minutes from January 9 meeting and I make the comments here so that's why I brought it up, you know, ok. Thank you. I just want to clarify that, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Karen. Does this pertain to the uh agenda though, Karen. **Karen Lalonde** – Yes. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. **Karen Lalonde** – Karen Lalonde, Oakbank. I um, I know this request has come forward before that we requested that the Question Period be put towards the end and because of this agenda, we have no idea what is going to be discussed at the Delegation so it would be great to have the Question Period at the end so that, you know, there's other questions that we might not even know we have until we hear a presentation or whatever. So I was just wondering if Council could vote now or at the next meeting that we change the Question Period towards the end. **Mayor Therrien** – I, I think we've discussed that many times uh Mrs. Lalonde and we're just going to keep with the um the, the procedure that we have now. **NOTE: There has been no public discussion and no vote from Council on this. It appears the decision is that of the Mayor, and only the Mayor. That is autocratic, not democratic.** **Karen Lalonde** – And why is that? **Mayor Therrien** – Then you could...if you have any questions tonight from the delegation uh **there** then you can bring it up and **Karen Lalonde** – So why would you not, why would you not put it at the end. I don't think it ... **Mayor Therrien interrupting** – Because we discussed this uh several times uh Mrs. Lalonde. **Karen Lalonde** – There has to be a reason though. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, yes there is. We have a certain uh plan uh to go through the agenda and this isn't part of the agenda. **Karen Lalonde** – Well, I know. What difference does it make putting it at the end rather than where it is? When you hear all the presentations. **Mayor Therrien** – We've had like this uh forever and uh we'll still be discussing Question Period later on uh come Fall whether we're still going to keep it or not. **Karen Lalonde** – There's always changes, I, I just don't understand, it's such a simple change. **Mayor Therrien** – I know but we, we've discussed it many times and we've...we're going to stick to the agenda. **Karen Lalonde** – I haven't been given an answer **NOTE: Ms. Lalonde is quite correct. The Mayor did not answer her question why it could not be changed. Frankly, there is no answer to that question because CHANGE IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND IN FACT INEVITABLE but not in an autocracy when the dictator does not want it to change and has the final word....in his own words.** **Karen Lalonde** – That's a subject in itself. I'd appreciate it if you would discuss it again. Thank you. **Mayor Therrien** – Any other questions on line or in the audience? Darryl? **Darryl Speer** – Darryl Speer, Springfield. Uh my request is following up on what uh Karen Lalonde said is we have no way of knowing what questions to ask until we've had the presentation from the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. This is at the request of Mr. Kuczynski and I believe uh Mr. Miller, both councillors. I think it's only reasonable on this occasion since there's so many questions out there, that we should have the opportunity to ask questions once they've done their delegation as it relates to perhaps these questions that are already answered or they may raise more questions. So that's my request that Council consider it now to redesignate the Question Period subsequent to the delegation. **Mayor Therrien** – Yes, and we're not uh going to change it. We'll discuss it as a Council somewhere down the line but not today. **Darryl Speer** – The only item on the agenda major point is Metropolitan Region. **Mayor Therrien** – Yes. **Darryl Speer** – So it's only reasonable to grant that request. Reasonable. **Mayor Therrien** – No, we're not, we're not going to change it. **NOTE: Who is we?** **Darryl Speer** – Ok then I'll proceed with my question. **Mayor Therrien** – I thought that was your question. **Darryl Speer** – Excuse me. **Mayor Therrien** – I thought that was your question. **Darryl Speer** – I have more than one question. **Mayor Therrien** – Then go ahead. **NOTE: The Mayor's civility seems to be wearing thin judging by his tone.** **Darryl Speer** – Uh everybody with me here. **Mayor Therrien** – Darryl. **Darryl Speer** – Do you understand what's going on here? **Mayor Therrien** – Darryl, address the Chair, address the Chair. Go ahead. You got a question? **Darryl Speer** – Yes, why am I being treated this way? **Mayor Therrien** – Like... **CAO Draper** – If I could just clarify, this is just a Committee of the Whole. No decisions are being made today. Council is hearing the WMR information at the same time that the public is so the point of Committee of the Whole is not for Question Period, and a presentation we're just hearing from for the first time. Eventually we know that the Mayor has already given notice to rescind the resolution that was passed. When that comes back to a Council meeting where a decision is made, you will have all the time in the world to ask your questions at that meeting but it's not appropriate this question...or at this meeting. We haven't heard the information yet. So there, there will still be time to ask questions and have the answers received at a later date. We're just hearing the information for the first time along with you. **Darryl Speer** – Not the first time. I attended the sessions that were in Winnipeg. Ok, so I have some questions that come out of that. So it's only reasonable that I should be able to ask the questions. **CAO Draper** – So at the request of the CAO and the Mayor, we've asked WMR to come to this meeting to provide an overview of what they do in response to some of the questions that Council didn't have the information to so this is that overview presentation today. So you're saying I can't ask any questions related to 6.1? **Mayor Therrien** – It's going to be on our agenda, is it the 20th? **CAO Draper** – The 20th will be um adding that reconsideration of the vote but at this point, we've not prepared the presenters to take questions from the public and I don't think it's appropriate to do that now. **Darryl Speer** – I did present questions to them and I never received an answer. **CAO Draper** – To who, sorry? **Darryl Speer** – The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. **CAO Draper** – You posed questions to them? **Darryl Speer** – Yep. **CAO Draper** – At Open Houses in the past or? **Darryl Speer** – Yes. Yes. The last ones. **Mayor Therrien** – Then why don't you follow up tomorrow with a phone call then? **Darryl Speer** – I think everyone should have the answers to the questions. **Mayor Therrien** – Well, then you can bring it up uh on the 20th. **Darryl Speer** – Thanks for non-transparency. Ok.

6. DELEGATION

1:15 p.m. Jennifer Freeman – Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Executive Director- **Mayor Therrien** – You're welcome, Darryl. Any other questions at all? I don't see uh any uh then we're ready for the delegation **there** if you uh ... **Long pause in audio**. If you want to come up

there, uh Jennifer. Just state your name uh **there**. I appreciate you coming down here. I know you're quite busy uh **there** so uh even 15 minutes is uh the time ... a long time for you to have so whenever you're ready to start, uh please introduce yourself. **Jennifer Freeman** - So hello everybody. My name is Jennifer Freeman and I am the uh Executive Director of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. I've been working there for 4 years now and I'm new to the position of Executive Director. I'm very excited to be here today. I'm also here with Fernando and Ellen Ens from the Province of Manitoba um and perhaps they can help me toward the end with respect to um some of the things that I'll be discussing with respect to the Planning Act. So today I'm going to...is this how I advance it? ... Ok sure. Ok so today I'm going to be doing a very brief uh presentation on the history of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. I'm going to present on the significance of the regional planning and the work that we do um at the WMR and Plan 2050 which is the first regional plan for our region. I'm also going to discuss the establishment of the Capital Planning Region, our mandate, our role and our responsibilities. **NOTE: No mention of goals.** Ok...ok. And is Natalie, our Senior Planner, on the phone? Ok. **NOTE: Long period of silence on the audio file.** **Mayor Therrien** - You've got to love technology, eh. (laughing). I forgot to mention **there** people uh if you have cell phones, please turn them off or on vibrate as well. **Jennifer Freeman** - Ok, here we go. So the Capital Planning Region operating as the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region is a statutory corporation that is established in the Planning Act and the Capital Planning Region Regulations um details the roles and responsibilities of our organization and our Board. So the geography, the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region is 18 municipalities and there you see the arrow on Springfield... um is the economic engine of the Province, accounting for 65% of the population and 66% of the GDP. So as you know, the RM of Springfield is one of our newest municipalities. So with respect to our history, since 1998 local leaders from across the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region have worked together to develop strong partnerships and strengthen our community. In 2006 the Capital Region Partnership Act was passed and it formalized the Regional collaboration of organization. At that time we changed our name to the Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region. In 2016 our name changed to the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Incorporated which is consistent with the naming of other regional planning organizations across Canada. And we are now, as I mentioned before, the Capital Planning Region operating as the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region so I'll refer to us as the WMR or Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. So the current state of our region is presently our planning efforts in the region are very fragmented, leading to inefficiencies and disparities across the municipalities. So this fragmentation as you can see on the slide here has resulted in multiple land use designations, climate plans and service facilities which really hinders coordinated growth and development. We have no integrated servicing strategy, no wastewater management strategy, and no agricultural master plans that are in place. So in 2015 we consulted economists Jeremy High and Gregg Wasmansdorf. They reviewed the Region's 106 economic development plan strategies and reports and they advised that there was critical need for a better organization and planning in our region. They stated the way that we were planning was leaving us uncompetitive. So these economists also told us that the WMR must organize a more formal and cohesive region. So what is the importance of regional planning. Regional planning helps organize how land is used and how infrastructure is built. It makes sure that money is spent wisely and that everybody benefits from these projects. It ensures policy, structure, and consistency and it helps business investors make smart decisions and that's definitely something that we want. We want investors seeing that we are somebody on the global stage. We want to be on the global stage. So with respect to future growth, by 2050 the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region is projected to reach 1.1 million residents which requires adequate housing, jobs and infrastructure. So a regional plan is essential to support the sustainable growth and address the evolving needs of the population so that is why we're looking at Plan 2050, we're looking into the future so that for future progress. So while regional planning is not new, our metropolitan...other metropolitan areas from across Canada and globally have successfully implemented regional plans to support growth and its competitiveness and quite frankly the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region is lagging behind and we need to catch up to remain competitive in the global market as we're one of the last regions in Canada to have a regional plan. So you're looking like on this screen here, so you're looking at Metro Vancouver, Calgary Metropolitan Region and Edmonton Metropolitan Region. And so definitely we're looking to them for best, best practice when we were creating the Plan. In 2019 the Province of Manitoba mandated the WMR to develop the first regional plan and emphasizing cooperation and coordination in planning. In 2019 we began our work on Plan 2050. To begin developing the Plan, we gathered a team of experts, we engaged the leading people in the planning process. The Plan has gone through extensive consultations so um you just mentioned uh consultations that we had in November, so November 23 we had consultation. I do remember you there. Um you had sent a few emails. Um your emails have now become part of the feedback that we are going to be providing to the public. Some of the issues that you um were, were uh speaking of are really not part of our scope when it comes to the regional planning. But if you do have further concerns, you have my direct number, you have my email address, please send me an email because if this warrants further discussion, we definitely don't want you feeling like we're neglecting you. But I will let you know that we have all the municipalities that are coming to us, we have all of their plans, their CAOs, we have stakeholders and then we have the public that are coming to us for, for answers and we compiled all of that information and put it into our summary report so your concerns have not been ignored but if you feel like they have been, please reach out to me again so that we can have a further conversation because I may be able to put you in, in contact with um our planners from may be able to get at the heart of the issue but please understand that some of the things are out of our scope and not part of the region. Ok. Ok. So ok Plan 2050. So the background on the first regional plan, Plan 2050, Plan 2050 is a long term regional plan. It's a policy framework that is going to guide growth and development to support the efficient and effective provision of infrastructure and services. Its goal is to enhance economic competitiveness and to attract investors um to our region. The plan has 5 policies. So the 5 policy areas are Integrated Communities and Infrastructure so that's aligning growth with infrastructure, um as well as Investment and Employment which is supporting economic development, One Environment so that is climate resiliency and Water Protection, Resource Management and Collaborative Government. So that's building and strengthening partnerships through a collaborative governance approach. So the Adoption Process. The plan is now in the final stages of the adoption process and Springfield has played a crucial role in the adoption process, contributing to the development of a comprehensive and inclusive plan. Feedback from Springfield Planners was received on December 23rd um and has been instrumental in shaping the final draft of Plan 2050 and once again, the feedback that we received at our consultation sessions is going to be part of the summary report. So now with respect to the Capital Planning Region and the mandate and our responsibilities. So the mandate of the Capital Planning Region is to enhance economic and social development by improving and coordinating sustainable land use and development in the region. And at the top of the list of what we are tasked to do is to adopt a Regional Plan and we have to do this by January 1st, 2025. So um we were established in Regulation in January 2023 and April of 2023 the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Board took on the roles and responsibilities of the Capital Planning Region. Now on our Board, our newly established Board, uh we have 18 uh member municipalities and we have 3 Provincially appointed members. Uh the newest members to the Board our our Chair, Michael More, Vice-Chair Elizabeth Saftiuk, and we have our newest member, Chief Gordon Bluesky. Um as well uh with the other Board of Directors that are Mayors and Reeves, we have Mayor Patrick Therrien um and I would like to thank you for your support and your participation in all of

the Board meetings. You having a seat at the table is very critical during this time when, when we're creating this regional plan. So you definitely don't want to miss that opportunity to have your say. So ...for ease of reference here, I have an excerpt from the Planning Act for the establishment of the Capital Planning Region. You'll see un included with the municipalities and boundaries here, we have Springfield who is part of the Capital Planning Region and then um as well, after listening to your I believe it was the January 15th uh meeting that you had of Council, I know there were questions about financial contributions so you see here um in the Regulations when it is talking about the financial contributions um this slide lays out the language that is used in the Regulation and as per the Regulation, Springfield was invoiced a minimum contribution B which is based on the population of the Municipality so for the Regulation, you're going to find that article 13 on the last page of the Regulation. Um so that is actually my very brief uh presentation. I wanted to come here, as I said, I listened to your last Council meeting and I know there were questions and concerns. I was hoping I could come here even for a brief moment to address some of those uh um concerns that I heard from that meeting. Um I actually have another meeting in Winnipeg that I have to get to so I don't have much time but I do want to let you know that I'm very excited for your participation in the Regional Plan. Um I also want to let you know that I'm happy to be invited here and that there's interest in what we are doing at the Capital Planning Region because regional planning really is essential for the future of our region for our future competitiveness as well. Um and your participation and support is very critical. **NOTE: Yes, \$17,000. worth.** So for more information, um if you wanted to reach out to us, just e-mail Info@WMRegion.ca. If you want to know more about Plan 2050 and that slide isn't correct, it's 220 to 2250.C. Thank you very much. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much uh Mrs. Freeman. Any questions uh from uh Council at all. Have you got a second uh Jennifer, are you going to answer a question **there**. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Hi, Jennifer. Thank you for the presentation. Now first of all, I want to ask, uh financial support from municipalities, what is this money going to be used for? **Jennifer Freeman** – So this money ... and sorry, sorry, did you want to uh come and speak to this? Ok. So I'll get the Province of Manitoba uh Fernando, you can introduce yourself as well. **Fernando Alado???** – As mentioned, I'm Fernando Alado???, and I work with the Province of Manitoba, the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations and I've been involved with the work we have been doing alongside with all the WMR and in regional planning so and like the funds that will be or like the contributions that the municipalities, like the RM of Springfield will make uh is intended to be used for just the core of the operations stuff of the WMR so there's the pamphlets at the door here ...and part of the budget is the contribution from the Province uh and then there is a contribution that is made by the member municipalities so that includes Springfield and all the others uh other 17 municipalities, ya and it's just intended to cover expenses like operational expenses of the WMR so that includes some of the work they've been doing for um the adoption of the regional plan and as well as like uh staffing costs or the cost of having the ...undergoing the process for um the consultation ... the consultation for the regional plan and as well as upcoming events that are mandated by the Capital Planning Regional Regulations in regards to holding public hearings with your representations from anyone that wishes to uh to say something in regards to the content of the Regional Plan. **Councillor Kuczynski** – So how much money did the Province contribute to your organization? **Fernando Alado???** – Ya so ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – On an annual basis ... **Fernando Alado???** – So it's roughly like a 2/3, 1/3 like 2/3 is uh a Provincial contribution and then there's roughly about 1/3 of the pot that is made by the member municipalities so.... **Councillor Kuczynski** – So how much money has the Municipality of Springfield contributed since 1998 to the Capital Region? **Fernando Alado???** – I wouldn't know like going back that far back uh but uh kind of like there was a difference, the way that the contributions were made previously or like before the Capital Planning Region regulations was enacted but it's different from what it was so right now the contribution is based on your population uh on the latest census like uh Stats Canada census so we are thinking it would be the 2021 census and like concerns, that you are currently uh just over 16,000 like your contribution would be uh would be \$1,700 uh or \$17,100 and that will vary like as your population uh increases or changes so ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – So what benefits did we get for this money, what we have contributed so far? **Jennifer Freeman** – Well, it's a regional plan so you have a seat at the table. **NOTE: Pretty expensive "meal" at that table!** Your Mayor has a seat at the table as we work towards a regional plan. So I do remember from the last uh meeting that you asked that same question and you're looking for something very tangible. Right now, until we have a regional plan in place, you're...you're not going to see those things so it's like building a house, you have to understand what are the plans before we just start now hammering away and constructing this house. **NOTE: Wow, 20 years and still no plan. We'd all be living in rentals for our lifespan at that rate.** So we're doing some work that's required before, we're doing the Reports, we're doing the Study, and now we're creating the Regional Plan. After that, once the Regional Plan is in place, we need that support from the municipalities that are part of the Capital Planning Region, we need their financial support as we now move the Plan forward and start working with the municipalities to bring them into alignment with the regional plan. **NOTE: In short, control over our planning is being ceded to this Regional entity at great cost to our ratepayers.** **Councillor Kuczynski** – When are you going to have a complete plan that is going to be presented. **Jennifer Freeman** – January 1st, 2025. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Another year from now. Well, so.... **Jennifer Freeman** – We have to go through a whole process. Do you understand that process? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Yes, but that's 25 years already since 1998 and then we don't have a plan yet. **NOTE: Ms. Freeman is talking at the same time Councillor Kuczynski so I can't hear what she is saying.** **Jennifer Freeman** – ... you know, we were mandated by the Province of Manitoba in 2019 to create a regional plan. We started that work in 2019 and then, as you know as well, there was COVID which delayed the process a little bit because consultations over, all of the public consultations that we had, we began those public consultations in 2020. **NOTE: What were they doing between 1998 and 2019? That's 20 years of no demonstrable results other than the formation of the organization.** Once COVID hit, we had to take all of the consultation on line which is extremely difficult. (ok) And then we had the first draft of the plan that was released to the public, we have the second draft of the plan that was released to the public. Now under the Capital Plan new region regulations, we have to do another round of consultations, we have to have a first uh reading, we have to have two hearings and that takes time, that, that, that requires time. And that's a totally transparent process that's in the regulations and that's something that I'm sure that you would appreciate, that going through this process, that it has a transparent process that it's going through before it hits the Minister's desk. **Councillor Kuczynski** – So you're saying that 1.1 million people are going to be in the Metropolitan Capital Region. Now where are those people going to come from. Do we have ? study that we are going to achieve that number and what does this number...when is this number going to be achieved by, 1.1 million people? **Jennifer Freeman** – Um in the Plan we have populations uh forecasts so you can look at the Plan , refer to the Plan for the population forecast. **Councillor Kuczynski** – And what is the population now in the Winnipeg Capital Region? **Jennifer Freeman** – The population ... Natalie, on you on line there? What is the current population of the uh Capital Planning ... **Natalie** – I don't have the exact number on me. Hold on one second ... But it is going to um.... 1.1 by 2050, the anticipated...it's expected...it's expected to receive uh inward migration from other Provinces and migration in general um as we move toward that as well as uh uh from within the Province. So I'm getting that number right now. **Mayor Therrien** – Have you got another question, then, Andy while she's getting that, then, now. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ya, the next question, it's un infrastructure, like we need a lot of infrastructure in our Municipality going to Winnipeg, like Highway

15 and Highway 213. When are those projects going to be done so we can expect because right now those roads are so highly, highly used that you know we're just looking for trouble? When, when are you having any plans to do that infrastructure for us. **Mayor Therrien** –I, I don't think that's a Winnipeg Metropolitan Region question, that's more of an MTI question, Manitoba Transportation ... **Councillor Kuczynski** –... well... **Mayor Therrien** –... um they're going to look at that uh **there**. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Well, it's all put together. You know, they all work together, you know, it's not as if the Departments are separate. **Fernando Alado** – Well, and I mean I, I will go through that quickly. Like um, like the regional planning itself, like kind of the purpose of like, will allow you to have the arguments you made. Like if you know where your going and like when are you going to get there through ...to warrant the like the investment in construction, like I think the Capital Region is the ones that will be acting on behalf of like the member municipality for uh to advocate for that kind of investment. I think that's...when you're asked about the ...what benefits do you get uh from being a member of the Capital Region, that's part of that. Now it's no longer yourself but like 17 other municipalities sharing that's their ambition, like where you want to get, that's where it's uh the benefit comes. Like you're not just the RM of Springfield, you're the RM of Springfield and 17 other municipalities, so ya.... **Mayor Therrien** –If I could interject ... **Councillor Kuczynski** – I'm representing this part of Springfield. I want to know what is going to be done for Springfield and I don't want to have to situation like what we have in the City of Winnipeg with Route 90 that we expanded south and we don't have a route going to the downtown or you know, it's congested that you cannot move there. **Mayor Therrien** –Well that... **Councillor Kuczynski** – We don't want to have the same, same situation here. **Mayor Therrien** –That's the whole idea behind this, Andy, is that essentially if you figure uh we're in a round circle here and it's, it's a perfectly round circle, there's 18 of these RMs there uh with the City of uh Winnipeg, uh uh we know when talking to each other **therewhere** that was and if we didn't have this, then uh they would have a ...you know, the City of Winnipeg could have a street coming out here, not knowing that it uh the RM of Springfield is planning on doing the same thing so they're going to be working together instead of just having uh living in a bubble. Uh the City of Winnipeg uh **there**, it's the big brother on the block of course so we, we've got the Plan uh **there**, we're uh Chief Peguis is going to come across, we're eventually going to have that Cedar Lake Corridor coming across uh here and that's going to, one of those plans, they're all looking together uh all the Reeves and the Mayors are there with uh the City of Winnipeg so everybody knows how the plans are going to be working and what the long term objectives are. **NOTE: All that was known years ago. The City of Winnipeg I believe was the last to join the Capital Region and that's when it became the Winnipeg Capital Region. For years, residential development has been discouraged on Cedar Lake Road because that idea was always being considered.** It's not so much reading the whole thousands of pages. Now we're sitting at the table, we're able to get the insight of what the RM of Rosser is going to be doing and how that's going to impact uh Headingley and so on like that so everybody at the table, we all interact and then knowing what the Master Plans are so ... but there's not just the one street that's going to end off the Perimeter, it's not doing any good so that Cedar Lake corridor is a prime example of how that's going to benefit uh the RM of Springfield. **Jennifer Freeman** – Natalie, so do you have the population there and then as well can you add to this conversation. **Natalie** –Ya, absolutely. Uh the population for 2021 for the Metropolitan Region was 874,290. **Jennifer Freeman** – Ok and then did you hear any of the conversation with respect to uh when they're talking about uh transportation or sorry, infrastructure? **Natalie** –Ya and I would reiterate what Fernando is speaking to, that the Capital Planning Region now provides you an avenue to advocate as a group of 18 municipalities for particular projects um whether that be with the Province of Manitoba or the Federal Government. Uh we've been approached by the Federal Government for different uh potential spending streams in terms of projects that they only approach uh the regions with so if, if we didn't have a formal structure in place to uh facilitate some of those conversations, those opportunities would likely not be uh um uh provided to us and as we move forward in this process, it could be related to transportation, recreation, and um whatever the case may be, those regional opportunities become more uh uh more evident as we move forward with the regional plan. **Jennifer Freeman** – Wonderful. Thank you, Natalie. **NOTE: So why doesn't this organization share more information with the Council's of the municipalities involved? This is the first time I have ever heard that the Federal Government has been in conversation with WMC. Perhaps if that were true, there would not be so much resistance to the idea. Further, \$17,000 annually is a very large amount to expend going forward when one can see no appreciable benefit to this RM.** **Mayor Therrien** – I know you said you have to go, **there** Jennifer. Um I appreciate uh your time. Uh any other questions? Uh maybe we have time for one more. **Councillor Kuczynski** –Ya maybe, maybe right from the beginning we should, we should work on infrastructure before we, we make another step like and we should go in baby steps. Infrastructure should come first to us. **Jennifer Freeman** –Ok and so that's noted. That... ya. **Councillor Kuczynski** – We need, we need infrastructure, we need roads, we need our sewer and water, we need uh schools, we need facilities for the aging population, so those are the first points that we should concentrate on before we start bringing people here if we don't have those 4 feelers from the beginning then we're not going anywhere. We're just going to create more problems than, than solve the problem. **Jennifer Freeman** –And that's definitely something that we're, we're working to not um have occur, right, with this Plan, that's why we're planning ahead. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Ya, thank you very much. **Jennifer Freeman** – You're welcome. Thank you very much for having me um as well as I said uh if you have any further questions, you can send them my way info@wmregion.ca, more information on the Plan is 20T050.ca so thank you very much for having me. **Mayor Therrien** –Thank you, uh Jennifer. Hope you know how to get out of here, do you? (laughing) **Jennifer Freeman** –Yes, I do. I .. I do, I do and you know what, I'm here ... with my father, he's a Pine Ridge golfer so ... **Mayor Therrien** – Is that right? **Jennifer Freeman** – I know this municipality very well. **Mayor Therrien** – Thank you very much, uh Jennifer.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Fleet Management Discussion - Mayor Therrien –Um then we can get to uh the New Business uh here, um uh, we'll have uh Crash Moffat coming up here (laughing). **NOTE: The Mayor is the only one on Council that seems to find Municipal business amusing as he is always the only one laughing.** Did you want to sit down for this uh Blaine? **Blaine Moffat** – No, I've been sitting long enough. I need to stand here. **Mayor Therrien** –And uh Fleet Management uh discussion uh, I'll let you start it off uh **there**. **Blaine Moffat** –Ya so uh good evening uh Council. It's been a while since I've been in front of you so um ya so just kind of want to do a little bit of discussion, some of our concerns that we have coming up. There not so much concerns, just some information going forward on our Fleet Capital. Um we've had some discussions in the past about, you know, the increased costs on, on some of the equipment um which has been a certainly a concern of ours and figuring out how we're going to stretch that uh make it happen so we can uh get the equipment that's needed and required to maintain our infrastructure. Um along with that though we have build concerns um that's taking so much time to get these um certain pieces of heavy equipment uh built. And another one is concern we have is um the companies that are willing to partake in the, in the tendering process uh we've had some struggles with as well. So looking forward at uh I know we haven't sat down with Capital Budget yet uh too much with uh the efforts we, 2024 but uh,

one of the concerns we see is the uh Fire apparatuses, we're looking at some fairly high costs that uh to build a ...what we have, I brought ... Brian's here with me so we ...so jump in if I get the information a little off but um the two apparatuses that we're looking at are uh....there's ...one is a 22 uh 2004, 2000 or 1996 um engine uh apparatuses. Uh the concern that comes with us is at minimum two years building those outfits uh pieces of equipment so what we're, what we're trying to achieve to lighten the blow to the uh, to the budget is uh piecing that uh together over the, over the course of those two year build so, I know one of the officers is looking at purchasing chassis up, up front so then we can get those chassis uh in the queue, uh I think those are probably at least a 6 month uh uh turnaround in the factory um and once you get those in, you can build the bodies up so you know, we can spread that out over, over a good couple of years uh with the budget so and these are just options that we're looking at right now. It's not saying we're going one way or the other, it's just something that we're looking at to uh again lessen the impact on, on some of the budgets here. So um I think what we're going to be looking at with Council's blessings maybe putting that report forward to proceed at least with the chassis for now so we can get them in the queue, get them uh a serial number once we get those done and uh what have you and tender out for the body builds on these. And then you know we can add 2026 or 5 ... because we wait now to get those apparatuses and we don't uh tender out anything until August of this year, by the time everything I guess worked through and uh it's just going to prolong that by the time we get it in the Firehall so. So that's, that's for if Council wants to see what that looks like um we can put that forward, that would be something that we would be looking forward at getting um maybe prior to finalizing approval of the overall budget, if that's advantageous. Uh in our eyes it is but uh this is information we can bring back to Council for you know recognition.

Mayor Therrien – Is that unusual, maybe Brian uh can answer or you maybe but uh is that unusual that we'll buy a chassis and uh have it uh sitting idle for uh two years and then putting the components on it. Is that ...would you say that's more a phased in approach? **Blaine Moffat** – Well, it only seems...well, it's only phased in because that's how long it takes to get the bodies built so you have 6 months probably by the time we order the chassis today, there's 6 months minimum by the time you actually can get that. Once you get it here, and then those bodies, those chassis need to get sent out to whoever's going to be doing the build whether it's a sole year or other so now that takes almost you know another year and a half, up to 2 years before you get that final body put on that chassis and everything's you know uh handed over with the keys kind of into our, our possession. So it's...what we've done in the past, we've done the whole build all at once, we've done the whole tender, the chassis, the whole nine yards so it takes...you budget the money today so let's just say for uh if it's a \$800,000 piece of equipment and you budget all in this year, but you're not going to finish paying for it until 2026 so the way we look at it is well why don't we just budget what we can purchase this year and then put the rest of the money in the budget over the next two years so again it lessens the blow to the overall budget. So that's one way we're looking at it and it's effect on the fire apparatuses. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Um Brian, those two uh fire trucks that we ordered uh um one's in the States right? Um is that on back um what do you call it, delayed or.... **Brian Seaton, Fire Chief** – No. So that's actually ??? ... **Mayor Therrien** – Oh ok. **Brian Seaton** – So I've actually been making the pre-arrangement for this truck right now and the rebuild units on that. Uh that truck was exactly a year that you approved that truck last March. (ya) ... a year exactly uh to come up until today. **Mayor Therrien** –And there was a second unit, was there? **Brian Seaton** –We're uh so that second unit ... we're uh ... **Mayor Therrien** –So this is the one we're talking about, a backup... **Brian Seaton** –No this is completely different. **Mayor Therrien** – Oh ok. **Brian Seaton** –So the one that you're talking about, the second one is the ... truck, that's what this from 6 to 8 months that should be turned out. We had some developed to two tenders and what had happened, we only got one uh application back on that tender and we weren't really happy with that decision so now we went out and sole sourced it ... sole searched it and we found a company actually in Saskatchewan that will actually build this new truck. So we're just waiting for that one to um uh to be brought to Council and then we can agree on what ... and that we're happy with that decision and then we can just say we've been given the go ahead so we've done all... respectfully talked to the representatives of the company and got everything in place that we need and of course...it's just a matter of ... so for a resolution so to add to what Blaine had said is that what's happening right now apparently is that with the chassis that we would like to purchase, it's ... um we've got more stricter uh um guidelines in Canada because the environmental so the chassis that we currently bought in the United States wasn't actually going to meet the emissions but they happened to have 2 chassis on site May 31st of 2023 and uh longer, they made the emissions for Canada where anything that's going to be anything after February 1st 2023, it would not make emissions so the L9 Engine will not make the emissions in Canada so we're having a lot of issues with tendering, a lot of issues with getting chassis that are actually meet the emissions and we're having issues just trying to get a builder that will build ... I won't mention the company's name but coming out of Quebec, they are not building fire trucks in Quebec or not accepting any more applications for 2026 so ... so that's where it pushes us way behind so to back Blaine's decision, this is where I came up with why are we putting all our peanuts in one basket when we stretch it over a period of time because this build is two years out anyways so do we want to build it and pay for it in 2 years or are we going to build it over a period of time so that's why it stretches over a period of time. So at least we can know that we're going to keep two chassis that we can build because it's the one next door is for Engine 1 which you are all well aware that we spent a lot of money on the engine repairs and all that stuff, ya so that one has to be replaced because I don't want it to fail on us on scene and the second one will be out in uh Anola. That one there was another engine that they want. It's going to be an engine uh slash rescue and that one there is going to help them with more vehicle accidents and stuff so it's going to have a pump on it and it's going to be identical to the one that's going to be replaced here so that's why we're looking at for two trucks like that. **Mayor Therrien** – I was just thinking uh as you're saying that, are we able to take the box of this unit here, put it on a new chassis? **Brian Seaton** –What happens over a period of time is that most of your trucks are rusted out so whether or not they sit in a bay station and they, they basically weaken over time by not being used or we drive them into the ground, that's your two options. So with those two, they're going to have issues with that, whether or not they pass the safety because once a year we have to have those trucks uh safetied so currently we have a fleet of 12 and each truck, not all of the trucks but the majority of the trucks over 10,000 lbs. have to be safetied. So that's on an average of \$1,000 a truck. **Mayor Therrien** – Now is that safety, is that the uh.... **Brian Seaton** –Manitoba. **Mayor Therrien** –The working mechanics of it there or ... **Brian Seaton** –Ya. **Mayor Therrien** –... the chassis. **Brian Seaton** –Ya, the Province will go over the past safety, make sure the brakes and tires, all lights working, all ... passes. If it passes the safety, it's fantastic. If it doesn't pass the safety, we need to get the work done so we say, new brakes or the air, the air brakes have gone, the system so we have to replace that or they've got um wear on the inside of the tire uh that they have to fix the ... on the tire and then they also have to buy tires so.... **Mayor Therrien** –So that's the chassis, the mechanics, but to take the box of this, is that not done uh at all. **Brian Seaton** –No cause they will sell it as a whole so we'll resell it to another Province or somebody else that would want that, that chassis so we may get a few dollars off of the chassis if we leave them alone. The current one that we have right now, that one there uh the 1996 um that one there will sell quicker than the 2004 so the 1996 um is a good pump, it's operating, it's uh pretty proficient but to uh sell it to somewhere else, it would still do the job as long as it passes the safety. **Mayor Therrien** –Ok now when do they time out? Uh 25 years or something like that? **Brian Seaton** –Uh 15 years and an extension of 5 years after that and as long as

we maintain that safety. **Mayor Therrien** – Like fire trucks are exceptionally well taken care of here and most fire departments are, they are as well (yep) like and they probably don't have like a huge amount of hours uh maybe hours and miles probably not a huge amount um so are we getting a good bang for these uh older units for selling them, do we consign it or something? **Brian Seaton** – For the older ones that we sell them, that I am not aware of because I haven't sold one yet, I've only right now just purchased the first one so I haven't essentially sold one. The only one that we're looking at selling, we're not sure, again we haven't talked about it because it's kind of got an anti-theft in it and it's a 5-speed so not a lot of people can drive it nowadays so with that grass cart that's in uh Anola at the present time, so we don't know whether or not anyone wants to take that on, take the deck off cause that's where the rusted part of it is and see or just sell it as a whole piece cause I know there's places in Saskatchewan will take that on, no problem whatsoever. **Blaine Moffat** – And just so Council's aware too, um quite a few times in the past uh when they've become...you know, equipment that's available to different departments, more likely the Fire Department's, we bring that into Public Works and we repurpose it into another vehicle that uh you know is of benefit to the fleet so um in one of them here, we had a 5-ton chassis which was a uh I think that was an old engine or an old pumper and we stripped it down to the deck and we use that today to pull our hydro seeder around which has all the seed and fertilizer. Um we've had other trucks that we outfitted for summer time as a fuel truck, uh then stripped it down, put a deck on it, put fuel on there for summer, we're uh springtime has a uh steamer on it so we have a mobile steamer so again and we're looking at one of the rescues here possibly that's going to help us out in our fleet somewhere so we don't, again we can repurpose it and it becomes beneficial to us without having to **Mayor Therrien** – Ya well like that's probably a damn good vehicle uh uh good hours, good engines and all that so just not good enough for a fire truck so... **Blaine Moffat** – That's right. **Mayor Therrien** – ... that makes sense. Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Are we rust proofing our equipment or not when they come here? **Brian Seaton** – Manufacturers say that we should rust-proof it once a year uh with respect to our weather. Uh the City of Winnipeg does not rust-proof it. I brought that up because I also detail on the side so I brought up the matter of detailing the vehicles uh with our conditions of our environment, it should be detailed at least once every 6 months and actually sprayed underneath uh once a year. So uh with the City of Winnipeg, I know for a fact that they don't do that, they only wash the outsides. **Councillor Kuczynski** – My other question is, a fire truck, maybe that doesn't have a lot of hours but you just go once on a salty road and you know, we know through our vehicles what's happening, ya. And there is so many more components. How are we preventing, are we washing these trucks from underneath every trip? **Brian Seaton** – Yep, like they've got to be washed. Um once again, we're representing the RM so the trucks must be washed. Um that's... **Councillor Kuczynski** – No but underneath like? **Brian Seaton** – Yes, spray washed and they go underneath as well and spray it and rinse off as much as we can. **Mayor Therrien** – Is that like a hand one, Brian, uh? **Brian Seaton** – Yes, yep, all halls have got pressure washers in them and they're able to actually go underneath them and spray underneath as much as we can to reduce um like again the rusting and stuff like this. So to answer your question again, it's 15 years for an engine, for an engine, we get 5 years out of it on top of that so 20 years is what they want to max out ... and then right now our truck at uh Blaine was talking about, like the 2004 so currently right now as long as it's going to pass safety, we should be ok, we can stretch it out a little bit but it's going to be at least a minimum of 2 years to go. **Mayor Therrien** – Ok. Any other questions from Council? Andy? **Councillor Kuczynski** – Can we, can we put this thing on the paper so we know, as a Council, to everybody you know what we have to do and timing and everything so you know we have to replace that piece of equipment, I guess we have no choice, ya? So, so that, that's safety for our community so ... **Blaine Moffat** – I think what we're looking at is feedback from Council cause some time we want to follow up with a report, make one on the uh on the chassis and how that looks and costs and what have you. Secondly the report on that uh sole sourcing for the wildland fire truck uh again just as Brian was saying, we tendered that twice. It didn't, it didn't come close to meeting the specifications that were required. Hence we had to go for sole sourcing so we're looking to bring that report forward and thirdly there's **Councillor Fuhl** – I'm going to add to that, that fleet management is not just fire, we have public works also and other departments so I think we need to bring the fleet management with the whole so that we don't have everything all on one line that is spending in one year. We need to take that out and over the years, right so it's economically available to do these things. **NOTE: Again repeating what has been said over the last almost hour for no apparent reason other than campaigning.** **Brian Seaton** – And that why I was trying to explain to Blaine um is that if I got the chassis for this year, it gives you a little bit of a deposit on a company that's going to manufacture that because next year he has the complete fleet allowance built, maybe he needs you know a couple of graders or a front end loader so we kind of stretch it out a little bit, this way, you know, I'm not saying this is your year, my year type of thing but it kind of stretches out for the ratepayer that we're not paying this all at once **Councillor Fuhl** – Correct. **Brian Seaton** – ... so that's why I looked at it this way and then of course we can weigh the options cause if we both go ...if I need an engine at eight hundred to nine hundred thousand dollars and now he's telling me that a grader is \$150,000. from what it used to be, I mean we come to Council and we're looking like for a couple or few pieces of equipment, well that's not fair so that's why I'm trying to stretch this out in a different direction and Blaine's...we've been both working half way together to say, ya this is you know working well and I think this would be the better way to have a look at it. We're not stoned to this idea but it's just an idea for bringing to the table to see whether or not this would be better. If you have a better idea, then that's **Councillor Fuhl** – laughing. **Blaine Moffat** – And you're right, Brian. We're not ... this is not just on these fire apparatus, we are also looking at the old well program for the placement and getting new acquisitions. Um so we're looking forward. We do have a uh multi-year plan, a ten-year plan in place but it's a living document, it's always moving. It ... you know, you've got to follow the trends of what's ... and again graders and heavy equipment has gone up in price so we say we have a multi, a multi-year plan but it changes now when you look at the time we need to buy a grader or two and other fire apparatus and other vehicles and equipment. We've got to look at it in a way that's uh uh beneficial to the budget so it's not going to tax us millions of dollars um but we also have to be respectful that how that equipment can't ever be replaced either so that was my third part in this that we'd like to come back on the overall discussions of this and some other plans that will give us for example for our motor graders, give us a multi-year uh plan or option to look at that it's not going to task the budget as much but it's going to be economically more feasible for us to um to look at one to five and ten years plan that secures our needs to maintain our inventory so. **Mayor Therrien** – That makes sense. **Blaine Moffat** – Ya and that's why when we have to look at that on ...in all respects on not just the fleet management side of it but just in structure but uh the operation side of things so things are changing constantly and so we've got to be a little bit uh more adaptable and ...uh find creative ways to, to get what we need, not what we want but what we need um to stay on top of our level of service so... **Mayor Therrien** – Uh maybe creative but uh put one of the plows uh on the front of the fire trucks there. **Blaine Moffat** – Well, we had that about fund raising so we thought that would be ok... **Mayor Therrien** – laughing. **Councillor Kuczynski** – Are we putting our money into reserve for Fleet Management? **Blaine Moffat** – Ya, I believe there's a certain...I can't talk to the exact amount but there's an amount that goes into Reserve each year. Like I said, I know Colleen and myself and Amram have discussion about, you know, again realizing that we need to put more into where we get to how to ...how we're going to look at uh because you know, you go back a few years ago we had a ...and I had it broken down to how much per year on average we

need over the next 10 years but the existing fleet, that's not in place with our new acquisitions um so that was pre COVID, now you're looking at when we buy a grader at 350, now it's 750 so we had to adjust those numbers. Now of course it must be again whether it's creative or find ways to lessen the blow so we've got to reduce that average cost. **Councillor Kuczynski** –And we as a Council have to know these numbers. **Blaine Moffat** –Oh and you will just, I just wanted to make sure that...today's more just informational, it's just to start thinking about it. (ya) We've got the numbers uh, we've got some ideas, we've got some options um and I look forward to sitting down with Council and discussing all that so you get a better understanding of uh you know why we need, when we need or you know, we have an expanding municipality that we're all aware of and uh an aging fleet so**Councillor Kuczynski** –Ya, thank you. **Mayor Therrien** –Any other questions, uh from Council? Thank you very much, guys. I appreciate that. Uh then I'm prepared to uh adjourn uh if Council's in agreement, can I get a show of hands uh for adjournment? It's unanimous and we'll adjourn this meeting at uh uh 2:07 p.m. Thank you.

8. ADJOURNMENT