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VITAL FOR RESIDENTS TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S RM SPRINGFIELD SPECIAL MEETING

RM Springfield Council deferred voting on the Sio Silica zoning amendment to the RM's Zoning Bylaw 08-01 and the Development Agreement for the Sio Silica processing facility and rail infrastructure on June 6, 2023, in response to Councilor Kuczynski's questions - the improper procedure the RM was using to amend the zoning bylaw and the lack of public input in developing the RM's Development Agreement for the Sio Silica Facility. It was during this meeting that Mayor Therrien committed to hearing public concerns on the Processing Facility and Rail infrastructure before the RM signs the latest revision to the Agreement.

Late Friday, June 9, 2023, the RM cancelled the regular Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Today, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, @ 6pm and replaced it with a Special Meeting. Council has deferred the Sio Silica issues to this Special Meeting!!! This Special Meeting does not allow for public question period, public input or to appear as a delegation.

Sio Silica amendment to Zoning Bylaw 08-01 with their MRP Industrial Resource Processing Zone w/attached Planning Report and the Development Agreement for the Sand Processing Facility and Rail Infrastructure w/o an attached Planning Report are slated under New Business with **NO ABILITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT**. A Planning Report is a document from the RM's Planning department that provides guidance for Council to vote on items. Council has yet to confirm if voting will take place for the Agreement or if the Agreement will be included in Council's vote on amending Zoning Bylaw 08-01.

Some members of Council are of the opinion that the Municipal Board hearing held October of last year provided for public input. However, that hearing was on Sio Silica's proposed zoning amendment and **NOT** a hearing for a Development Agreement on the sand processing Facility and Rail Infrastructure.

Page 28 paragraph 4 of the Board's Decision and Order states "The issue of a development agreement being required as part of the Proposed Zoning Amendment was also considered. The Board is of the opinion that a development agreement should be required to address the issues that may still be of concern to the Municipality, the Applicant and the **COMMUNITY AT LARGE**."

How can the RM know what issues the community has with the development - sand processing and rail operations - if they do not consult with the public??? Currently, the RM is only in consultation with Sio Silica in establishing the Development Agreement!!! Why not the public who have to live with this project and its impacts?

The Mayor was correct in committing Council to hearing public concerns. If the Agreement is pushed through during this Special Meeting, whomever is advising the Mayor to eliminate the public's voice in the Development Agreement process, must resign.

It is URGENT that citizens pack the RM Chambers this evening @ 6pm or via zoom.

It is IMPERATIVE TO WRITE TO COUNCIL.

Especially to the Councilor for the area: COUNCILLOR WARREN
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REQUEST THAT SHE COMMIT TO HEARING PUBLIC CONCERNS ON THE DEVELOPMENT.

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It is VITAL that Council understand that TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THEIR CONSTITUENTS, THEY MUST CONSULT.

We elected them to represent us and protect our well-being, NOT TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING RESIDENTS.

We have to live with the sand processing and rail operations; at the very least we should be engaged in the Development Agreement.

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