STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 52
In reference to the release of the fire paramedic station audit, Councillor Havixbeck questioned what the Chair meant when he stepped out of the meeting room on two occasions and publicly stated that it was politically motivated.

Councillor Swandel replied that by "politically motivated", he meant that when you stand up and spew off half-truths, innuendos, assertions, take things out of context, do not refer to time lines, do not read administrative responses, the only reason left to do that is because you are looking for a little bit of press time and have political motivation.

Councillor Havixbeck noted that in July it was realized that spending on roadwork was 7.2 million under budget from the tenders that had gone out and asked if the 7.2 million had been allocated and spent in contracts awarded to new projects.

Councillor Swandel replied that he was not sure but understood that is usually what happens and that the 7.2 million, especially on regional streets, would be rolled into future projects.

Councillor Eadie suggested that they recently voted on a motion that clearly defined where the money was to be allocated and the question was if the construction season was long enough to spend that money.

Councillor Swandel stated that he was sure the money was spent wisely and not only is there the construction season but there is also the detailed design that needs to be done. He added that the allocation of the dollars is key in order to be able to get the tender process moving.

His Worship Mayor Katz questioned if the Chair was aware that because of preparing early, getting the work out to tender, resulted in 7.2 million and that the Administration did address doing more TBO's addressing some streets and a complete and thorough list was issued by Public Works for that 7.2 million, which meant a lot more infrastructure work was done.

Councillor Swandel acknowledged that he was aware and added that some urgent riverbank stabilization work was required and a large chunk of that money went to that.