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I plan to take part from home.

#8 While I support the idea of discounts for early payments of taxes, there are 2 factors not mentioned in the staff report.
1. Paying early spreads out the work of staff handling these payments. Avoiding overtime costs, and the personal stress on staff (at tax time) have substantial value to the hardworking folks handling these payments.
2. The city is not a mythical millionaire potentate, with piles of gold and jewels everywhere. The city is in debt. If income arrives early, the value of that money should be considered against the cost of an incremental $ borrowed, not one invested.
3. The city should provide an interest rate much higher than the 0.15% a r suggested.

#9: EPC and many councilors have been very emphatic about fighting any activity which increases GHG. Support for an event which involves 10s of thousands of non-essential airline trips makes a mockery of the city's fossil fuel reduction plans.

#10 I am in favor of any change which reduces wasting fuel, and time, and which reduces the spread of covid or any other disease. Continuing the telepresence option is very welcome. Thank you. I support city hall doing all it can to protect the health of its 'elected' and its workers. With the huge rise in covid infection among the fully vaccinated, I would ask you to ask staff to screen all those in the building for elevated face temps. Manitoba data shows that half the people on the street who are spewing covid germs are fully vaccinated. Letting them walk among you, unscreened, presents an undue risk to you all. This screening takes only seconds. The tools are very inexpensive and reliable. This has been very successful around the world. Anyone who visited a dentist or other cautious workplace in 2020 has seen how easy this is.

#15 I strongly support the initiative, asking for staff to provide sustainable funding for the WPS. This is an essential service for all of us. Everyone here should be ashamed that those managing this service would work year after year with the fear of budget disaster hanging over their heads. As I have said for so many years now, you should remove what many feel is a conflict of interest from those enforcing our laws. Fund WPS from city coffers 100%. While the pensions of many are enriched as they help fund the WPS with extra ticketing, the conflict is mostly not a personal one, as Sherry pointed out last month. Fund directly, and no one can (mistakenly?) claim that you enforce the law to pay your police.