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City Councillor Makes Citizen Cry ...



City councillor Bob Hawkins (center left)

During the Regina Farmers' Market in Regina, Sask. on Saturday Aug. 24, 2013 ...

Deron Staffen and Tamara Harder stopped at the city booth - and left in frustration. They took issue with Flegel referencing the project as being strictly about sewage - "it's wastewater, and there's grey water that goes in there too," explained Staffen - and quizzed him further on the numbers and labour issues.

"It was a good discussion, asking these questions," said Harder. "And then out of nowhere, Bob Hawkins came up and interjected," she said, adding that **he accused her of lying.**

"It upset me so much that I started crying because ... we were asking questions to make an informed decision, and he basically said, 'I don't have your vote anyway.' And then he walked away."

On her Twitter account - where Harder describes herself as "a disenchanted member of the NDP and (I) am not afraid to speak my mind" - she said she felt "**bullied.**"

Hawkins said he hadn't realized Harder was reduced to tears and added "that's unfortunate."

KEEP REGINA TAXPAYER\$ MONEY IN REGINA

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WATER RESOURCES

PUBLIC ... VOTE

YES!

Waste Water Treatment Plant Referendum Is Heating Up!!!

We all share responsibility for our water resources. P3 privatization is a short-sighted, 30-year secret deal that puts corporate profit ahead of public accountability. Vote YES to keep Regina's entire water system public for future generations. Get the facts at ReginaWaterWatch.ca or call (306) 988-1754 Here's why P3 privatization will cost more

The city won't say what private sector borrowing will cost or what profit margin the private corporation will receive. Because we can't get these numbers, economist Hugh Mackenzie has made a number of calculations about the possible cost of private borrowing. His most conservative assumption is that private financing under P3 privatization will cost \$95.9 million more than public financing, before federal funding. Even after receiving the \$58.5 million federal P3 grant*, the cost will be a whopping \$37.4 million more for private financing.

Mackenzie also made calculations based on assumptions of PPP Canada, the federal agency that promotes P3s. Using PPP Canada's own assumptions, the P3 privatization model is even more expensive: \$135.7 million more before the P3 Canada grant and \$77.2 million after taking the federal grant into account.

In other words, it would be significantly cheaper to say "no thanks" to the federal grant and keep the wastewater treatment plant public, saving taxpayers \$37.4 to \$77.2 million.

*In nominal dollars. Mackenzie's original calculations in the report "Flushing Money Away" were based on net present value figures in the Deloitte summary report which showed the value of the P3 Canada grant as \$44.3 million. The city of Regina is using the nominal figure of \$58.5 million for the federal grant, so Mackenzie has revised his analysis to show his calculations in nominal dollars.

September 25th - Keep water public! - Vote **YES**

Vote YES!
SEPTEMBER 25
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| The Process | Regina Water Watch (Public) | City of Regina (P3 Privatization) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Design | Consulting engineer | P3 corporation* |
| Construction | Private construction | P3 corporation |
| Finance | City | P3 corporation |
| Operation | City control | P3 corporation (30 years) |
| Maintenance | City | P3 corporation (30 years) |
| Ownership | City | City |

**Over the course of these long term contracts, projects often go to a consortium and change hands several times.*

**For more information
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Canadian Auditor Generals on P3s

When the Ontario provincial government cancelled a private corporate deal for the Mississauga gas plant project, Ontario's Auditor General found that cancelling the project cost the province over \$275 million – almost four times the actual construction cost. In part this was because the project was privately financed paying 14% rates of interest to hedge funds, based in the United States and the Cayman Islands tax haven.

In Quebec, not only did the provincial auditor find the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) P3 cost more than the public option, but a number of the key people involved have been charged with corruption associated with this project.

And closer to home, BC's most-respected forensic accountant, Ron Parks, found that P3 privatization projects have higher costs, bias and secrecy. Parks evaluated four P3 projects: the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre, the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement, the Academic Ambulatory Care Centre (Diamond Centre) and the Canada Line. Developing the projects as P3s was more expensive than if done publicly. In fact, the actual nominal cost of the Diamond Centre was more than double that of a publicly-procured project.

“Let's not burden our children and grandchildren with the high cost of paying corporate profits for 30 years. Future generations will end up paying for this secret P3 deal.”

Edith M., Regina grandmother

There are a lot of numbers going around about Regina's waste water treatment plant. As a voter, you're entitled to the facts.

Claim: The City of Regina is claiming that a P3 privatization model will save money.

Fact: Private financing costs more than public sector borrowing.

How can it be cheaper to pay a private company to borrow money at a much higher cost than it would cost the city to borrow the money? The city admits that private financing is more expensive but refuses to reveal how much higher private financing would be.

Referendum Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Regular polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the locations listed.

ADVANCE POLLS: Advance polls will be open on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the following locations for electors who are physically disabled, have been appointed as referendum officials, or who anticipate being unable to vote on the day of the referendum:

ADVANCE:

- Golden Mile Shopping Centre 3806 Albert Street
- Normanview Crossing McCarthy Boulevard and 9th Avenue North
- Northgate Mall 489 Albert Street
- Victoria Square Mall 2223 E Victoria Avenue

MAIL-IN BALLOT: Refer to **ReginaReferendum.ca** for application information

Ward Number & Polling Place, Name and Location

- 1 St. Matthew School – 4710 Castle Road
- 1 St. Anne's Catholic Church – 1701 Cowan Crescent
- 1 Douglas Park Elementary School – 635 E. Douglas Avenue
 - 2 Dr. A.E. Perry School – 93 Lincoln Drive
- 2 Deshaye Catholic School – 37 Cameron Crescent
 - 2 St. Pius X School – 3301 Garnet Street
- 3 Connaught School – 2124 Elphinstone Street
 - 3 YMCA – 2400 13th Avenue
- 3 Trinity Evangelical Church – 1909 Ottawa Street
- 4 Wilfred Walker School – 2102 E. Wagman Drive
- 4 W.S. Hawrylak School – 2530 Assiniboine Avenue East
- 4 Jack MacKenzie School – 3838 Buckingham Drive East
 - 5 F.W. Johnson Collegiate – 400 Fines Drive
 - 5 St. Theresa School – 2707 7th Avenue East
- 5 Glen Elm Church of Christ – 1825 Rothwell Street
- 6 Core/Ritchie Neighbourhood Centre – 445 14th Avenue
 - 6 Albert Community School – 1340 Robinson Street
 - 6 Albert Scott Community Centre – 1264 Athol Street
- 7 Imperial School – 200 Broad Street
 - 7 Gladys McDonald School – 335 N. Garnet Street
 - 7 Elsie Mironuck School – 18 Wakefield Crescent
- 8 Martin Collegiate – 1100 McIntosh Street
 - 8 St. Francis School – 45 Mikkelson Drive
 - 8 St. Joan of Arc School – 10 Dempsey Avenue
- 9 St. Josaphat School – 140 Greenwood Crescent
- 9 Northwest Leisure Centre – 1127 N Arnason Street
- 9 Holy Family Parish – 1021 McCarthy Boulevard N.
 - 10 Henry Janzen School – 222 Rink Avenue
 - 10 St. Timothy School – 280 Sangster Boulevard
 - 10 St. Gregory School – 302 Upland Drive