

## TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD JUDICIAL INQUIRY

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Associate Chief Justice Frank Marrocco

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5 --- Upon commencing at 9:01 a.m. 2 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Good morning, everybody. Mr. McDowell...? 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Good morning. 6 ED HOUGHTON, Previously Sworn CONTINUED EXAMINATION BY MS. KATE MCGRANN: 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Good morning, Mr. 11 Houghton. MR. ED HOUGHTON: Good morning. 12 13 MS. KATE MCGRANN: To your knowledge, 14 before August 27th, 2012, did the Deputy Mayor know 15 that Mr. Bonwick was working with BLT? 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: To my knowledge, I -- I thought he did. I don't have definitive evidence 17 18 of that, but I thought he did. It was always my 19 understanding he did. 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Where did that understanding come from? 21 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Basically the 23 actions, comments. I just... 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you be more 25 specific?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. It was a
- 2 feeling I had. So again, comments and actions gave me
- 3 the feeling that I thought he had. I thought -- I
- 4 thought he did know.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you ever have
- 6 any discussions with the Deputy Mayor about Mr.
- 7 Bonwick's work for BLT?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't believe that
- 9 I had specific conversations with him about it, no. I
- 10 -- I'm -- I -- I'm almost positive he knew that
- 11 Abby by was working for BLT.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Why are you almost
- 13 positive that he knew that Ms. Stec was working for
- 14 BLT?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: It's my recollection
- 16 that we had a conversation about it sometime after the
- 17 3rd of August or thereabouts, and that the -- when I
- 18 was going over all of the items that were proposed to
- 19 be the components within the buildings, I had said
- 20 that I needed to get this to BLT for them to be able
- 21 to provide the information, and it's my recollection,
- 22 and it's only putting pieces together looking in the
- 23 court book, thinking about it -- I'm -- I think that
- 24 the Deputy Mayor took that to -- to Ms. Stec.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You believe that

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the Deputy Mayor took that information to Ms. Stec?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON: In a hard copy, yes.
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up
   CJI7092, please?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we scroll down,
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   please?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up
14 CJI6583, please?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: This is a memo
19 dated August 2nd, 2012. The subject is "Scope of
20 work-Pool/ -- or, arena."
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                  We'd scroll down -- give you an
22 opportunity to review this.
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                  We've compared this memo to documents
24 prepared by members of Town staff on August 1st and
   2nd. The information in this memo is not identical,
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- 1 but it's substantially similar.
- Is this what you're referring to when
- 3 you say that the Deputy Mayor took scope of work
- 4 information to Ms. Stec?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. I'm off by a
- 6 day.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could you please
- 8 tell me everything you remember about the conversation
- 9 you had with Rick Lloyd that led to him delivering
- 10 this information to Ms. Stec?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: We -- we -- he -- he
- 12 had stopped by my office. We were going over the
- 13 components that we had talked about for the pool, and
- 14 I had said that I needed to get this to BLT. I was
- 15 going to get this to Abby, and he said that he has to
- 16 go downtown, he could drop it off for me.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you know where
- 18 he dropped it off?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would assume at
- 20 the office, but...
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, there's a
- 22 meeting on August 3rd between Sprung and
- 23 representatives of the Town. We've heard evidence
- 24 that there was discussion about design components for
- 25 the arena and pool at that meeting.

- 1 Mr. Tom Lloyd gave evidence that it was
- 2 decided in or around this time that the Town didn't
- 3 need to go to an independent architect for assistance
- 4 coming up with a design for the arena and pool.
- 5 Do you remember any discussions like
- 6 that?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: You're suggesting
- 8 Mr. Lloyd said that we didn't need a --
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. Tom Lloyd's
- 10 evidence was that in or around this time, a decision
- 11 was made between Sprung and the Town that the Town
- 12 didn't need to retain an independent architect to
- 13 assist it with scoping out the design for the arena
- 14 and pool, that it could just do that working together
- 15 with Sprung.
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't
- 17 think I recall that exactly. I know we had a
- 18 conversation -- the EMC and myself had a conversation
- 19 with a -- sort of an arena specialist, and the only
- 20 recollection I have of that is actually reading it in
- 21 the court book, but I -- I can't -- I don't have a
- 22 specific recall of that conversation in that meeting.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who was the arena
- 24 specialist?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: It was a sports

- 1 specialist. That's what I'm think -- it was Gorts
- 2 (phonetic) or something. It was a -- it was an odd
- 3 name, and I have no recollection of the discussion but
- 4 I just see that there was information in the -- in
- 5 that we -- we called him at one point in time. I
- 6 don't recollect the conversation, but it appeared like
- 7 we had a call with this gentleman.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who put you in
- 9 touch with him?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That I don't know
- 11 either. Like, I don't -- I don't have a specific
- 12 recollection. The only thing I see is in the court
- 13 books there and -- and it's one of those items that I
- 14 do not specifically recall.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: At any rate, you
- 16 don't have any recollection -- do you have a
- 17 recollection of considering whether the Town needed a
- 18 consultant working in its interest to assist in
- 19 preparing components and the design to give to
- 20 Sprung/BLT for the arena and pool?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: From the components'
- 22 perspective, I think we were relying on our own
- 23 internal staff.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you remember
- 25 considering whether you needed the assistance of a

- 1 consultant to assist in preparing the components and
- 2 design?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't know if any
- 4 of us had that consideration, no.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. John Scott
- 6 appeared at your request and gave evidence at the
- 7 Inquiry, and one of the things that he said is that a
- 8 risk associated with design build contracts is that
- 9 the design build contractor may bid the bare minimum,
- 10 with the intent of earning profit from change orders.
- 11 And his evidence was that contractors will take that
- 12 approach, no matter the form of procurement process,
- 13 so RFP, sole source. That is a risk that exists for
- 14 owners when you're dealing with design bid contracts.
- 15 Mr. Scott also said that owners can
- 16 protect themselves against that through thorough and
- 17 careful negotiation at the outset.
- 18 What steps did you take to protect the
- 19 Town against the risk that Sprung and BLT may put
- 20 together the bare minimum and then seek to make profit
- 21 on later change orders?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think the fact
- 23 that Sprung itself, and their partner BLT, were very
- 24 interested in having this as a showcase for -- for --
- 25 you know, showcase in Collingwood for their potential

- 1 future clients and things, I didn't, and I don't know
- 2 if any of the other people on the -- the team were
- 3 considering that -- that BLT/Sprung was going to give
- 4 us the bare minimum. I don't think that -- I don't
- 5 think that was the thought and I don't think that was
- 6 the end result either.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So I take it you
- 8 didn't take any steps to protect the Town against that
- 9 risk in your dealings with Sprung and BLT?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't think that I
- 11 viewed it as a risk that that would happen.
- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could we turn to
- 13 paragraph 608 of the Foundation Document?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 18 describes, amongst other things, an email sent that
- 19 Nancy Farrer -- Planner for the Town, I understand?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Sent to you on
- 22 August 7th, 2012. In her email, Ms. Farrer had
- 23 written:
- 24 "Ed, Both of these properties are in
- 25 the recreation zone."

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                   She talks about setbacks -- scroll down
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   -- and other applicable zoning bylaws.
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                   See notes:
                      "In addition, we would need to look
                      at the parking section of the bylaw
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                      and determine how many spaces will
                      be required based on the size of the
                      proposed building."
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                   She says:
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                      "For this type of municipal
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                      building, we have traditionally run
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                      the proposal through Development
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                      Committee who identify any issues
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                      from any department."
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                   Scroll down.
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                      "Please let me know when there is
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                      more information about the size and
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                      location of these buildings and we
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                      will start whatever process is
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                      required ASAP."
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                   Do you remember receiving this email on
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   August 7th?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't actually.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: I take it you
   didn't take any steps to run the two (2) buildings,
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- 1 the arena and pool, through the Development Committee
- 2 before the Town signed the contract on August 30th?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: As I mentioned a
- 4 number of times, I had a very focused -- my focus was
- 5 also Collus PowerStream and the other jobs that I had.
- 6 I couldn't possibly take credit or blame for
- 7 everything that went on.
- 8 I would expect that if -- if this was
- 9 brought up at a department heads meeting, we could
- 10 have easily done that.
- 11 I'm not sure whether other municipal
- 12 projects have gone through Development Committee
- 13 before, but I don't recollect that, but I see what you
- 14 say.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You didn't take any
- 16 steps to run those buildings through the Development
- 17 Committee before the contract was signed?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would have relied
- 19 on -- on Ms. Farr -- Farrer, who -- who runs
- 20 Development Committee, if she felt that that was
- 21 required to -- to be able to put that through
- 22 Development Committee.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You didn't assign
- 24 anyone to take on responsibility for running these
- 25 proposals through Development Committee before the

- 1 contract was signed?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I think that
- 3 Ms. Farrer in her professional capacity, if she felt
- 4 that she needed to do that, could have done that, yes.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, we've heard
- 6 evidence from Ms. Leonard and Mr. McNalty about the
- 7 research that they did in the fabric buildings,
- 8 competitors for Sprung, and we've heard evidence from
- 9 you on that point.
- 10 Other than the work that Ms. Leonard,
- 11 Mr. McNalty, and you did, as you described to us
- 12 yesterday, are you aware of any other work that Town
- 13 staff did to research fabric buildings?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I also heard that
- 15 Ms. Almas said that she didn't do it, but I would have
- 16 expected that -- that she might have looked at it. I
- 17 know that probably Mr. Irwin did a bit of review,
- 18 because he's very good at computers and things.
- 19 I think that really the -- the people
- 20 that were involved were McNalty, Ms. Leonard, myself.
- 21 We did do that, yes. I'm not sure if there -- others
- 22 did or didn't.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: The evidence that
- 24 we've heard is that Mr. Bonwick started discussing the
- 25 possibility of sole sourcing the contracts with the

- 1 Town at the meeting that Green Leaf had with BLT and
- 2 Sprung on July 26th, 2012.
- 3 When do you first recall discussing the
- 4 concept of a sole-sourced contract for those two (2)
- 5 buildings with anyone?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think the only
- 7 time sole source really came out was the evening of
- 8 the 23rd.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You don't recall
- 10 having any discussions with anybody at all about
- 11 procurement for those two (2) buildings before August
- 12 23rd, sole source?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't recollect
- 14 having any other conversations.
- 15 MS. KATE MCGRANN: After the
- 16 conversation that you had with Ms. Leonard on August
- 17 23rd -- I'm quessing that's what you're referring to
- 18 when you say discussing sole source on the 23rd?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you discuss it
- 21 with anybody before you spoke to her?
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't recall.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you discuss it
- 2 with anyone other than Ms. Leonard and the EMC before
- 3 the August 27th Council presentation?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Oh, before the
- 5 Council presentation on the 27th?
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yes.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would expect there
- 8 was a conversation between myself, the Deputy Mayor,
- 9 the Mayor, and I think Councillor Lloyd. It may have
- 10 been discussed at that point in time.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Anybody else? Did
- 12 you discuss it with anybody else?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Like I said a minute
- 14 ago, I don't think I recall.
- 15 MS. KATE MCGRANN: In terms of the
- 16 conversation that you had with the Deputy Mayor, the
- 17 Mayor, and Councillor Kevin Lloyd, what do you recall
- 18 about that conversation?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I actually don't.
- 20 I'm just saying we may have spoke about it because it
- 21 was before -- I -- I -- I can't tell you we had a
- 22 conversation about it or didn't. It's just we had an
- 23 opportunity to talk about it and at that point in time
- 24 it appeared like -- I think the staff report had
- 25 already gone in, so I'm sure that we were discussing

- 1 the staff report. So just by elimination, I'm sure
- 2 that we had that conversation.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could we look at
- 4 paragraph 372 of the Foundation Document?

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We saw that you
- 9 forwarded the first draft of the staff report that Ms.
- 10 Leonard circulated on to Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd, and
- 11 he provided you with comments. It appears that some
- 12 of those comments show up in Mr. McNalty's first
- 13 revisions of that draft. We've heard your evidence on
- 14 that.
- 15 If you look at this paragraph, it
- 16 describes that Ms. Leonard sends a further draft
- 17 around 4:36 p.m. on August 27th. Then you forward
- 18 that draft on to Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd with no
- 19 comment.
- Do you remember if you had any
- 21 discussions with him about Ms. Leonard's August 21st
- 22 draft?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't believe I
- 24 did, no.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up

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   CJI11327, please?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could you scroll to
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   lines 1001 and 1002, please?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: So we see that you
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   forwarded that draft on to Mr. Lloyd around 4:30, I
   think, in the afternoon. Just before 5:00, Mr. Lloyd
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   and Mr. Bonwick have a phone call, just under three
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    (3) minutes, and just around 7:00, you and Mr. Bonwick
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   have a telephone call for about four and a half (4
   1/2) minutes.
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                   Do you remember if you discussed the
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  contents of the draft staff report with either Mr.
19
   Lloyd or Mr. Bonwick on the date of August 21st?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm -- I'm a hundred
   percent positive I didn't speak to Mr. Bonwick about
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   it. I may have spoken to the Deputy Mayor, I don't
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   know, but I'm a hundred percent positive I didn't
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   speak to Mr. Bonwick about it.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: And why wouldn't
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- 1 you speak to Mr. Bonwick about it? He's working for
- 2 BLT. He's interested in getting the contract with the
- 3 Town. You're interested in making sure the staff
- 4 report is accurate, I take it.
- 5 Why wouldn't you speak with him about
- 6 the contents of the staff report?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I just didn't.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Had you made a
- 9 decision in your mind that you wouldn't discuss the
- 10 contents of any of the draft staff reports with Mr.
- 11 Bonwick?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I just didn't
- 13 speak to him about it.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Stepping back
- 15 generally, did you speak about the contents of any of
- 16 the draft staff reports with Mr. Bonwick?
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't believe I
- 18 did, no.
- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Any reason why not?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Just didn't.
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- 22 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 25 paragraph 381 of the Foundation Document, please?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 4 describes that on August 22nd 1:39 p.m. Mr. Barrow
- 5 emailed you writing:
- 6 "Here are final numbers for the pool
- 7 and arena buildings. Please review
- 8 and let me know."
- 9 This paragraph describes what's entile
- 10 -- what's included in the budgets. If you look down
- 11 to paragraph 382, you respond to Mr. Barrow. And you
- 12 say, "Thanks, Dave, can you get me the totals." And
- 13 then you explain what you're looking for.
- 14 Mr. Barrow responds at 2:00 p.m., "I
- 15 will do this right away." At this point in time,
- 16 you're dealing directly with Mr. Barrow and not Green
- 17 Leaf. Do you remember why that was?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Because he sent me
- 19 the email, so I just replied to his email.
- 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: If you look at
- 21 paragraph 384, just before 3:00 p.m. on August 22nd
- 22 Mr. Barrow sends you the pool and arena budgets. And
- 23 this describes what the budgets were.
- I have one (1) question about the
- 25 budget that you received for the arena, so let's take

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1 a look at that. It's at TOC202990.
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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, this is the
- 6 budget that you received for the arena. And if you
- 7 can scroll to the section titled, "Options." I think
- 8 it's on page 4.
- 9 So, based on our review, it looks like
- 10 the second floor mezzanine for the arena has been
- 11 included in the basic design component since August
- 12 3rd. And when I say it's been included in the basic
- 13 design components, I mean as opposed to an option, as
- 14 part of the base building.
- One (1) of the things we see here at
- 16 line 17-111 is an elevator. So, you've got a second
- 17 floor in the base design but the elevator is an
- 18 option.
- 19 When Dave Barrow appeared and gave
- 20 evidence, his evidence was that he was instructed to
- 21 include the elevator as an option in this budget. Did
- 22 you give him those instructions?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. But I think
- 24 that His Honour had made a comment about it would make
- 25 sense that you would have an elevator, and it did, so

- 1 I'm not sure why it was an option. I -- I can't
- 2 answer that.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. So, you get
- 4 the final numbers from BLT late in the afternoon on
- 5 the 22nd. If we could turn back to CJI11327.

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: While that's coming
- 10 up, I'll just put the question to you. And we can
- 11 find the reference if we need it. That record shows
- 12 that you have a conference call with Rick Lloyd and
- 13 Paul Bonwick around 8:30 p.m. that lasts for about
- 14 twenty (20) minutes.
- Do you remember what that conference
- 16 call is about?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: What was the date?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: August 22nd.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That was the -- the
- 20 dis -- discussion primarily was the issue that the
- 21 deputy mayor had with a conversation that occurred
- 22 with the mayor of Wasaga Beach.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you expand on
- 24 that for me, please?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I was kind of

- 1 disjointed from the conversation because it really
- 2 didn't mean very much to me. But I know that the
- 3 deputy mayor was very upset about a conversation or a
- 4 presentation or something that went on with the mayor
- 5 of Wasaga Beach at that point in time.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You'd reviewed the
- 7 final budgets at this point in time that you received
- 8 from Sprung and BLT?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Probably not at this
- 10 point in time.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Well, we see that
- 12 you received them in the afternoon. You write back
- 13 with further requests. Quite quickly you get a
- 14 response back. Your evidence is that you hadn't
- 15 looked at the response you received back?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I for -- I think I
- 17 almost immediately forwarded it to Marjory and Marjory
- 18 forwarded it to -- to Dave McNalty.
- 19 Like, again, I didn't do everything. I
- 20 ensured that it went to who I thought was the head of
- 21 -- who took the head of purchasing, which was Marjory,
- 22 so I forwarded it to her immediately.
- 23 At that point in time, I was probably
- 24 doing a lot of other things.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you remember if

- 1 you discussed the budgets that you had received from
- 2 Sprung and BLT on the conference call that you had
- 3 with Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd and Paul Bonwick on the
- 4 evening of August 22nd?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm a hundred
- 6 percent sure I did not.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you remember if
- 8 you discussed the recreation facilities for the Town
- 9 more generally on that conference call with those two
- 10 (2) gentlemen?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: We -- as I
- 12 mentioned, the -- I think the main topic was the
- 13 recreation facilities, which was what the deputy mayor
- 14 was upset about.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you have
- 16 anything to add about your recollection from that
- 17 conversation further to the information you provided
- 18 in response to questions from your own counsel last
- 19 week?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I recollect
- 21 that at the end of the conversation he -- Mr. Bonwick
- 22 said put it in writing and I'll deal with it.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you --
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, I was
- 25 somewhat disjointed from that conversation.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Looking for
- 2 CJI11327, please. Can we scroll to line 1,021? Ten
- 3 twenty-one is a call from Mr. Bonwick to you just
- 4 about nine o'clock on the evening of August 22nd, and
- 5 you speak with him for just under twenty (20) minutes.
- 6 Do you remember what that call was
- 7 about?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Is this -- is this
- 9 the same call, the conference call?
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: No. If you look
- 11 above, you'll see lines 1,018 and 1,019, simultaneous
- 12 calls between Mr. Bonwick, yourself, and Mr. Bonwick
- 13 and Rick Lloyd at the same time for about twenty (20)
- 14 minutes. That's the conference call.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And after that, Mr.
- 17 Lloyd calls Mr. Bonwick. It looks like there's a
- 18 fifteen (15) second connection there. And after that,
- 19 just before nine o'clock, Mr. Bonwick calls you and
- 20 you speak for about twenty (20) minutes.
- 21 After that, Mr. Bonwick calls Mr.
- 22 Lloyd, and they speak for about twenty (20) minutes.
- 23 But you weren't only on that call, so I can only ask
- 24 you about the one you were on.
- Do you remember what that phone call

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1 was about?
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- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, that appears
- 3 that it's only twenty-seven (27) seconds apart.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You're right.
- 5 That's a second conference call. Do you remember --
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Oh.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- speaking to them
- 8 twice?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Do I re -- oh, I'm -
- 10 my apologies. Do I remember speaking to them twice?
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yeah. Do you
- 12 remember how --
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I remember the one
- 14 (1) conference call. I don't remember the second
- 15 conference call, and it may have been the same thing.
- 16 Who -- maybe somebody had to get off the phone or
- 17 something. I don't know. I know -- I know it was a -
- 18 it was quite an issue.
- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yeah. It looks
- 20 like you spent about forty (40) minutes on the phone
- 21 with them --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- speaking about
- 24 it.
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It was quite a --

- 1 no, I remember it was quite an issue. And I wasn't --
- 2 I don't -- I don't recollect the -- anything more than
- 3 that.
- 4 Certainly, me discussing the pricing
- 5 with Bonwick, he's part of BLT anyway. So, if he
- 6 wanted to have the pricing, I'm sure he could have got
- 7 it from BLT, so I don't -- I don't think that I would
- 8 have even spoken to Mr. Bonwick. It doesn't -- it's
- 9 not logical.
- I may have spoken to the deputy mayor
- 11 about it at some point, but I don't recall even at
- 12 this point in time if I had taken the time to even
- 13 look at all of the numbers.
- I know I had a day or so later when I
- 15 was making sure that all the items that we wanted were
- 16 in it, but...
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you say that
- 18 the presentation that Mr. Bonwick made to Cal Paterson
- 19 was quite the issue, that's what you're talking about,
- 20 right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: What was the issue?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Honestly, I don't
- 24 get it. I don't get understand it and probably was
- 25 the reason why I disconnected from that conversation

- 1 and just continued working on my computer while the
- 2 conversation was going on.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What do you
- 4 remember them saying about why it was such an issue?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I know that Rick was
- 6 amped up about for whatever reason. And I just didn't
- 7 understand it, so I didn't get involved.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We see that the
- 13 last version of the staff report that Ms. Leonard
- 14 sends around is sent around during the day on August
- 15 23rd. And then Mr. McNalty makes a series of
- 16 revisions on the evening of August 23rd and sends
- 17 around a revised draft at quarter to 12:00.
- 18 Mr. McNalty's been asked a series of
- 19 questions about the changes that were made in his
- 20 draft. And his evidence was, in general, that he
- 21 wouldn't have made changes to the contents of Ms.
- 22 Leonard's draft unless he was directed to do so by
- 23 someone else.
- 24 He changed the format and the order,
- 25 but he wouldn't make changes to the substance of the

- 1 report unless he was directed to do so by someone
- 2 else.
- Mr. McNalty had a twenty-one (21)
- 4 minute phone call with you on the evening of August
- 5 23rd that commenced around 6:00 p.m. Do you remember
- 6 that telephone call?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And Mr. McNalty's
- 9 evidence was that the only communication he had with
- 10 Ms. Leonard that night was the email that she sends to
- 11 him regarding the procurement process.
- I want to walk through the changes that
- 13 Mr. McNalty made to understand if you had any
- 14 discussions with him about any of those changes.
- So, let's start by looking at paragraph
- 16 388 of the Foundation Document.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Oh, sorry, 338, my
- 21 fault.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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25 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Scroll down.

31 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Try 346. 5 (BRIEF PAUSE) 6 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Scroll down. This is the table that's included in Mr. McNalty's draft of the report. And it's his evidence that this represents the last work that he did in terms of 10 11 adjusting the numbers, I believe. We'll come back to that in a minute. 12 13 In his report, the comparison table 14 doesn't appear. The table that looks like this that 15 sets out the various components that lead to the total cost, that's taken out of his report. 17 His evidence was that he didn't decide 18 to remove the table from the report. Did you discuss 19 removing the comparison table from the report with Mr. 20 McNalty? 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Let -- let's be 22 accurate then. The email that Mr. McNalty sent out which was the thing that prompted me to call him was 24 the same information, new format, or for whatever the 25 words he used, so I contacted him about that.

- 1 When he gave his evidence he said, I
- 2 don't even recall the conversation. And he then,
- 3 after several questions about whether he -- what he
- 4 recalled, he said, I must have then, you know, taken
- 5 instructions. And it was only after that, that he did
- 6 that.
- 7 So, I had a conversation with Dave.
- 8 And I said, Explain to me when you say same
- 9 information, new format, or whatever the word was.
- 10 And I'd -- I'd appreciate knowing what that word is,
- 11 which is the subject line of his -- his email and the
- 12 subject line of his staff report, which was also the
- 13 staff report where it stopped having any kind of
- 14 tracking, as well.
- 15 He was -- he was telling me that, you
- 16 know, he wanted to rebundle it, put it into a
- 17 different format and those kinds of things. He
- 18 explained to me about the pricing. And then he -- we
- 19 -- we talked about that. We talked about Eddie Bush
- 20 and the -- the need for Eddie Bush to be in the staff
- 21 report.
- 22 He felt that it's -- it -- we -- we at
- 23 least needed to acknowledge it within the staff report
- 24 even though it was not something that Council asked us
- 25 to do.

- 1 So, that was the conversation that we
- 2 actually had that evening. It had nothing to do with
- 3 me removing these things. But even removing these
- 4 things, the -- the concept of the pricing is still
- 5 within the existing report.
- And the \$12.3 million that Mr. Mc --
- 7 that was in the -- the ultimate report was also given
- 8 to me and the group on the Thur -- or on the Friday
- 9 morning. I wouldn't have been able to have that
- 10 number unless it was given to me from Dave and his
- 11 numbers.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you say on the
- 13 call that Mr. McNalty explained the pricing, what do
- 14 you remember about that discussion?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think he just told
- 16 me what he was -- he was working on the charts and
- 17 those things.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did he walk you
- 19 through the adjustments that he had made?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, what did he
- 22 tell you?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Basically, that he
- 24 was working through the numbers, putting them all
- 25 together. He -- he was doing -- doing a costing for a

- 1 mezzanine and -- and those things and -- or had done
- 2 the costing for the mezzanine. I'm not sure exactly
- 3 which way it went, but...
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, I take it your
- 5 evidence is that Mr. McNalty did not discuss removing
- 6 the detailed comparison chart from his draft with you?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm -- I'm not --
- 8 I'm not suggesting he didn't say he was thinking about
- 9 doing that. I don't think at this point in time I
- 10 suggested that he take it out.
- 11 And, quite frankly, it really is just a
- 12 style difference, you know, whether you include charts
- 13 like this or whether you just put bold numbers that a
- 14 Council member, when they're reading it, can actually
- 15 pick those bold numbers out of a report and so that
- 16 they understand it better.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Well, Mr. Houghton,
- 18 I think I've got to put to you that, in fact, when you
- 19 remove the charts, or when the charts are removed,
- 20 information is no longer available to Council.
- 21 And by that, I mean the information
- 22 about the various components that go into the total
- 23 numbers that made their way into the final report is
- 24 no longer available to Council.
- Would you agree with that?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think that, at
- 2 that point in time, the report was actually just
- 3 giving a comparison of a steel fabricated building
- 4 supposedly, kind of apples to apples, to a Sprung
- 5 building.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And without the
- 7 information in the comparison charts, Council is not
- 8 armed to ask questions about the various assumptions
- 9 that staff has made and the adjustments that they've
- 10 made to get to the final numbers that they're
- 11 presenting to Council, correct?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think, in your
- 13 opinion, you think that Council would read that and
- 14 ask a question about that. I'm not sure that that's
- 15 the case, but that's just a difference of opinion, a
- 16 difference of style of a re -- of a staff report that
- 17 goes to Council.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you saw Mr.
- 19 McNalty's version, you saw that the comparison chart
- 20 had been removed?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm sure I must have
- 22 noticed it, but...
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you didn't
- 24 choose to put it back in?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I didn't choose

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   to put it back in.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. McNalty's draft
   also removed references to a brick and mortar arena.
   And we can look at paragraph 408 about that.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: It does include the
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    statement:
                      "Staff is confident on the basis of
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                      the research into options for a
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                      single-pad ice arena in Central
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                      Park, that the most cost-effective
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                      and time efficient option for
                      construction is an insulated fabric
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                      membrane structure.
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                      The technology utilized in this
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                      building system is innovative and
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                      presents well for energy efficiency
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                      in the environment.
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                      The arena will not only satisfy the
22
                      immediate ice needs of the community
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                      but will also further enhance the
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                      Town's image as a leader and the
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                      adoption of new technologies."
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- 1 Did you have any discussions with Mr.
- 2 McNalty about the information in this paragraph that
- 3 was included in his draft?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't believe
- 5 so.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 7 discussions with him about removing the references to
- 8 a bricks and mortar arena?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, because,
- 10 actually, I -- I put it back in, which I just took the
- 11 -- what was out of the Central Park steering committee
- 12 and put, basically, a two (2) -- a double ice pad was
- 13 this as part of the -- or the -- the Central Park
- 14 steering committee report, so I actually put that back
- 15 in there.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, you thought
- 17 that information was important for Council to have?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I think that
- 19 they -- they were at least somewhat familiar with what
- 20 the Central Park steering committee was suggesting for
- 21 a double ice pad in that multi-use facility.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: If we look at
- 23 paragraph 409, this paragraph describes that Mr.
- 24 McNalty's draft removed the detailed staff estimates
- 25 for capital costs of the pool and arena and the

- 1 operating costs. We've talked about that already.
- 2 It also removed the site and park
- 3 development costs of a million one hundred and sixty-
- 4 four thousand two hundred and eighty-one dollars
- 5 (\$1,164,281), the design fees and permit allowance of
- 6 a hundred thousand dollars, and a 5 percent
- 7 contingency that amounted to four hundred and thirty-
- 8 four thousand nine hundred and fifty-four dollars
- 9 (\$434,954) from the cost of the insulated fabric
- 10 membrane option.
- 11 The accumulative amount of those costs
- 12 was a million six ninety-nine two thirty-five
- 13 (1,699,235). So, by taking those costs out, the cost
- 14 of the insulated fabric membrane as presented came
- 15 down by over \$1.6 million.
- 16 Did you discuss the removal of those
- 17 costs from the insulated fabric membrane option with
- 18 Mr. McNalty when you spoke to him on the evening of
- 19 the 23rd?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I think that we
- 21 -- we had a similar kind of conversation on the day of
- 22 the Friday morning. And that was one (1) of the
- 23 reasons why we put, you know, \$1.2 million variance
- 24 between 11.1 to 12.3.
- 25 The -- the 1.164 is not -- it's not a

- 1 good number for either of the -- of the -- the
- 2 options. If you look at that, there's a number of the
- 3 items within -- within that that are actually included
- 4 in the -- the BLT budget.
- 5 But, as well, they located -- WGD
- 6 located the -- the arena that they were looking at in
- 7 the top northeast corner. And instead of making
- 8 parking lots for two hundred and fifty (250) cars,
- 9 they made parking lots for four hundred and sixty
- 10 (460) cars which added a significant amount of asphalt
- 11 cost, so it wasn't really a good price for either one
- 12 (1) of them.
- 13 When we -- when we cited it at the
- 14 southeast corner, we only had to do a parking lot for
- 15 -- for the two hundred and fifty (250) cars.
- 16 The 5 percent contingency, one (1) of
- 17 the things that we were looking at was that there --
- 18 there is no need for design contingency because the
- 19 design contingency is included in the -- the BLT
- 20 budget. The contingency that -- that -- for the -- a
- 21 construction contingency afterwards -- if you have a
- 22 million dollar project and you have a 10 percent
- 23 contingency, really the budget ends up being 1.1
- 24 million.
- 25 What we were trying to do again, I was

- 1 -- "we," "I" -- we were trying to be receptive to what
- 2 we were hearing that they wanted something of -- of --
- 3 like, that would be inexpensive, and we were trying to
- 4 make sure that the numbers that we had come in were
- 5 going to be the numbers that were going to come in and
- 6 not -- not add a contingency, so people actually have
- 7 a little bit of a leeway to be able to add additional
- 8 items to the -- to the project.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, you said in
- 10 your evidence earlier that your biggest fear was
- 11 delivering numbers to Council and then having the
- 12 total costs be larger than the numbers that you
- 13 delivered to Council.
- Do you remember that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You knew that
- 17 changes to the design build contract would come with
- 18 change order costs associated with them, right?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You were aware that
- 21 there were possibility that unforeseen items could
- 22 come up after the contract had been signed, requiring
- 23 change orders and associated costs, right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You weren't aware

- 1 of that?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. Let me --
- 3 unforeseen items in a design are the responsibility of
- 4 the design build team. Additional items, as an
- 5 example, if they want to go from two hundred and fifty
- 6 (250) seats to four hundred (400) seats, that's a
- 7 client request. And then there'll be a change order
- 8 for that, an additional price.
- 9 If they're going to go from twenty-six
- 10 (26) lights to forty-six (46) lights, that's an
- 11 additional item, but that's a client choice.
- 12 We were trying to minimize doing that
- 13 because it always widens the budget, so there you go.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You were aware that
- 15 there was a possibility that the client would make
- 16 choices after the contract had been signed that would
- 17 lead to change orders with associated costs?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The -- the people
- 19 who were involved with the design of the pool and the
- 20 arena with those people who were going to have care
- 21 and control over it, i.e., Dennis Seymour, et cetera.
- 22 It would -- would have been my expectation that if
- 23 they had wanted four hundred (400) seats versus two
- 24 fifty (250), they would have done that.
- So I -- I didn't -- I had no

- 1 expectation that they were going to change the scope
- 2 of work after the fact.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: At this point in
- 4 time, we see that staff has had one (1) meeting with
- 5 Sprung on July 27th, in which you're told you need to
- 6 give them additional information so they can give
- 7 budgets, correct?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: July 27th, August
- 9 3rd, yeah.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And there's a
- 11 second meeting on August 3rd in which there's a
- 12 discussion about design components. Based on what
- 13 we've seen in the Foundation Document, it looks like
- 14 that meeting was less than two (2) hours.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Are you aware of
- 17 any other conversations that staff had with BLT about
- 18 the components for the arena?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would -- I think
- 20 what happened was we gave them the components list. I
- 21 would expect that Mr. McNalty and Mr. Seymour had many
- 22 discussions about what they wanted to have, and in
- 23 their experience -- in an arena what are you going to
- 24 have? You've got -- you know, we're getting six (6)
- 25 change rooms, two (2) referee rooms, et cetera.

- 1 So I think that they -- they would have
- 2 had those conversations, not with just BLT, they would
- 3 have them amongst themselves.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Are you aware of
- 5 any other conversations that staff had with BLT or
- 6 Sprung about the components for the arena and pool
- 7 other than the July 27th and August 3rd meetings?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not aware if
- 9 they did, no.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 11 discussions with Mr. McNalty on the evening of August
- 12 23rd about removing these three (3) items from the
- 13 draft staff report?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't believe
- 15 so.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 17 discussions with him about removing the estimated
- 18 operating costs from the draft staff report on the
- 19 evening of August 23rd?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think we had a
- 21 conversation about the operating costs, and I think
- 22 that we had kind of, amongst the group, decided that
- 23 the operating costs will be the operating costs, and
- 24 Council had pretty much said that there is an urgent
- 25 need for ice and water, and whatever the operating

- 1 costs, they were willing to -- to pay.
- I think -- I think in the -- in the
- 3 presentation though, Marjory gave an explanation of
- 4 the operating costs. So we felt that in the report,
- 5 it probably wasn't the location to do it. It would be
- 6 better in the presentation.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Why did you feel
- 8 that the operating costs should not be in the staff
- 9 report?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Why did I feel?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: M-hm.
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure if it
- 13 was just my idea but...
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Well, I just want
- 15 to know about you -- what you contributed to the
- 16 conversation. Why did you -- why were you okay with
- 17 those costs coming out of the staff report?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: As long as they were
- 19 discussed with Council, I -- I -- I was comfortable
- 20 with that.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Didn't you think
- 22 that information was important for Council to have
- 23 over the weekend while they're considering their
- 24 decision?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 2 CJI11327 for a minute again, please?

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we scroll to
- 7 line 1032?
- 8 We've been discussing a call that you
- 9 had with Mr. McNalty at about six o'clock on August
- 10 23rd. When we look at the phone records, we see you
- 11 placed a call to Mr. Bonwick on August 23rd at about
- 12 4:30, and you speak with him for just under sixteen
- 13 (16) minutes.
- 14 And then we see you placed a second
- 15 call to him at about 5:30, and you speak to him for
- 16 about twenty (20) minutes. So you get off the second
- 17 call, you got about ten (10) minutes, and then you're
- 18 speaking to Mr. McNalty on the phone.
- 19 Do you remember what you spoke with Mr.
- 20 Bonwick about in those two (2) calls on the afternoon
- 21 of August 23rd?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, but it could
- 23 have been a multitude of other things. I mean, as
- 24 we've already talked about, Mr. Bonwick was still
- 25 significantly involved with PowerStream. I'm not sure

- 1 where this sits with the Mayor's golf tournament,
- 2 which was going to be our launch.
- 3 As well, we were talking about the
- 4 branding, how we're going to do the branding, and
- 5 immediately after the -- the launch, we wanted to talk
- 6 about how are we going to get out and talk to the
- 7 members of the CHEC group and those kinds of things.
- I had many, many other jobs besides the
- 9 -- the structures, and so I'm sure that any of those
- 10 conversations could have been part of that.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: We know that you
- 12 have a call with Ms. Leonard at about 8:00 p.m. on the
- 13 evening of August 23rd. Do you know what I' talking
- 14 about?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Do I remember?
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you know what
- 17 I'm talking about, the call that you have with Ms.
- 18 Leonard at about 8:00 p.m. on August 23rd?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct, yes.
- 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You gave evidence
- 21 that you were calling her for her professional opinion
- 22 about procurement. Do you remember that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, at this point
- 25 in time you've seen a series of draft staff reports

- 1 authored by Ms. Leonard. Each and every one (1) of
- 2 them contemplates an RFP process.
- 3 So I'm going to suggest to you that you
- 4 already had her professional opinion because you had
- 5 all of her draft staff reports. They are contemplated
- 6 an RFP.
- 7 Why did you call her to talk about a
- 8 procurement process that evening? What were you
- 9 confused about?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I didn't say I was
- 11 confused, and I don't think that you can say I had her
- 12 professional opinion. That was the way the document
- 13 was moving. It was a continuing -- it was a living
- 14 document. It continued to change.
- I think that when Dave McNalty sort of
- 16 posed the -- the question, have you -- have -- do you
- 17 think that we've done our due diligence, I felt that
- 18 that was important then for me to have a conversation
- 19 with Ms. Leonard, who again in my opinion was the
- 20 holder of -- of the procurement policies.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Ms. Leonard's
- 22 evidence of that phone call is that she felt that you
- 23 called and you were convincing her that sole-source
- 24 procurement was a permissible way for the Town to
- 25 proceed with respect to the Sprung structures.

- 1 What's your reaction to that evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think that her and
- 3 I had a conversation about both our thoughts at that
- 4 point in time, but I was seeking her opinion. That's
- 5 why I called her.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Were you seeking
- 7 her opinion about whether the Town could proceed by
- 8 way of sole source?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was seeking her
- 10 opinion based on what Mr. McNalty had asked me.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Were you seeking
- 12 her opinion about whether the Town could proceed by
- 13 way of sole source?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think I just
- 15 answered that.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Did you ask
- 17 Ms. Leonard to respond to Mr. McNalty's email?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think she -- she
- 19 had said I'll send an email out to everybody. I said
- 20 great, thank you very much.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You don't remember
- 22 asking her to send that email?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Is there any reason
- 25 that you wouldn't send that email?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I wouldn't send it?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yes. Mr. McNalty
- 3 asked the question of you. Is there any reason that
- 4 you wouldn't respond to his email?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: At one point you're
- 6  $\,$  telling me I should be delegating and now I dealt --
- 7 now it's being delegated and that's the wrong thing to
- 8 do. No. I actually asked Ms. Leonard her opinion.
- 9 As the holder of the procurement policies she offered
- 10 to send it. That was great, thank you.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 12 paragraph 413 of the Foundation Document, please?

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This is an email
- 17 that Ms. Leonard sends see Mr. McNalty and the EMC on
- 18 August 24th at quarter to 11:00 a.m. I believe that
- 19 she's sending this after the EMC has met with Mr.
- 20 McNalty to discuss his draft and your further draft of
- 21 the staff report.
- Is that consistent with what you
- 23 recall?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. It was after
- 25 our -- our meeting in the morning.

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1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Just a 2 couple of questions about the contents of this
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- 3 paragraph -- or this -- this email.
- If you look at the second paragraph, it
- 5 says:
- 6 "Element of competition was included
- 7 in the gathering of the estimates.
- 8 The manufacturers of the
- 9 architectural membrane structure
- 10 knew that they were in competition
- 11 with the more traditional forms of
- 12 construction."
- 13 Mr. Barrow has arrived -- or, arrived -
- 14 has appeared and given evidence at the Inquiry and
- 15 his evidence was that BLT knew that they were in
- 16 competition with a \$35 million MURF, and that was it.
- To your knowledge, was BLT told that
- 18 they were in competition with anything other than
- 19 that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think, see, that's
- 21 -- that may be part of the issue is that we didn't
- 22 differentiate between Sprung/BLT and Sprung was well
- 23 aware that we were we were looking at other
- 24 opportunities.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: How were they well

- 1 aware of that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: In our conver -- in
- 3 the conversations that we'd had.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What conversations
- 5 are you referring to?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: August 27th, October
- 7 -- or August -- or July 27th, August 3rd, those kind
- 8 of conversations.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who did you tell?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: We -- we had
- 11 conversations with BLT at that point in time, we had
- 12 conversations with -- with Tom Lloyd, both of them,
- 13 Tom Lloyd the second time.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Let's start
- 15 with BLT. You only meet with them once, on July 27th,
- 16 right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What do you
- 19 remember telling them about the competition that they
- 20 were in at that meeting?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I would expect
- 22 that we would have been telling them -- and I'm only
- 23 saying I would expect that we would have been telling
- 24 them that we -- we were getting pricing on it.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: What do you

- 1 remember telling BLT about the competition that they
- 2 were in at that meeting?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't know if I
- 4 told BL -- I don't know if we told BLT. I know that -
- 5 I know that Sprung was aware that we were getting --
- 6 looking at alternative pricing.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. So let's
- 8 take BLT out of the equation then.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I think it's very
- 11 important that we get your evidence clearly on this
- 12 because you tell the Town that there was competition
- 13 in the process that the -- that staff went through, so
- 14 we need to understand what competition was there.
- What did you tell Sprung about the
- 16 competition they were facing as they were helping put
- 17 these budgets together?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand what
- 19 you -- you just said, but let's be clear. The staff
- 20 report was from all of us. These words may not be the
- 21 best words in the world.
- 22 I've already apologized to Mr. Dabrus a
- 23 few weeks later after this happened, that they weren't
- 24 in competition, but because Mr. Barrow said that he
- 25 didn't -- he wasn't aware, I believe that Sprung was

- 1 aware in conversations.
- In the conversations we had, we would
- 3 have said not only are we doing this, we're doing
- 4 these other things. I can't tell you anything more
- 5 specifically than that. It is seven (7) years ago and
- 6 I'm trying to do my darndest to give you the best
- 7 information I've got.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you have any
- 9 specific recollections of having any conversations
- 10 with Sprung about competition that they were in?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I have -- I have a -
- 12 I have a recollection of a conversation where we
- 13 were saying that staff was also doing -- at the same
- 14 time getting information from -- from the Sprung
- 15 people
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm sorry, could
- 17 you say that again? You have a recollection that
- 18 staff was also getting information from Sprung?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, no. Sorry. If
- 20 I said that, that's wrong.
- 21 What I said was, I -- I believe that
- 22 staff told Sprung that we were seeking other pricing
- 23 at the same time that Sprung was providing their
- 24 pricing, Sprung/BLT.
- 25 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What is the basis

- 1 for that belief? Were you part of that conversation?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I have a
- 3 recollection of that, yes.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who was involved in
- 5 the conversation?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I believe it was
- 7 either at the August 27th or the -- or the July 27th
- 8 or the August 3rd.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who was involved in
- 10 the conversation that you recall?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: You have -- you know
- 12 who were all at the meetings.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I want to know who
- 14 was involved in the specific conversation that you're
- 15 telling me about right now.
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would expect it
- 17 was at the meeting, so it would have been -- it would
- 18 have been Tom Lloyd, whoever else there -- was from
- 19 Sprung, it would have been Marjory Leonard, David
- 20 McNalty, Dennis Seymour, possibly Larry, whoever else
- 21 was at those meetings.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you remember
- 23 anything more specific about what Sprung was advised
- 24 that staff was doing?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Nothing more

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1 specific, no.
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you scroll down
- 3 so we can see the bottom part of this paragraph?
- 4 If you look one up from the bottom, so
- 5 the second paragraph up, starts with the header "Sole
- 6 Source:" -- do you see that?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This says:
- 9 "Again, through our research, it has
- 10 been determined that there is only
- one (1) supplier that can meet the
- 12 specifications staff developed for
- 13 the facilities."
- 14 What specifications are you referring
- 15 to there?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: What specifications
- 17 was the Treasurer referring to when she wrote this? I
- 18 believe what they were looking at was just sort of the
- 19 membrane technology that Sprung had versus fabric
- 20 buildings.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So just so I
- 22 understand, I understand that your evidence is that
- 23 the EMC came to a consensus about this, which means
- 24 that you agreed with it, right?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think we all

- 1 agreed with it.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: The idea is that
- 3 the Town requires an architectural fabric membrane,
- 4 correct? There is only one (1) supplier that can
- 5 provide it.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: In our opinion, yes.
- 7 Yeah.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you see how an
- 9 outsider would be concerned that rather than the Town
- 10 sitting down, deciding what it needs, and then going
- 11 out to the market to find out who can give it to them,
- 12 the Town sat down with Sprung, figured out what Sprung
- 13 could give it, and then looked around and said nobody
- 14 else can give us a Sprung building?
- 15 Can you see how outsiders might be
- 16 concerned that that's what happened here?
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Even today I don't
- 18 think there's anybody else that could provide what
- 19 Sprung provided. And I was concerned about -- these
- 20 were Marjory's words. When Dave did a rewrite, I was
- 21 concerned about them even being changed because again
- 22 I felt that she was the -- the professional in that
- 23 area, because I even said is -- have these been edited
- 24 or rewritten or have these been changed.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we turn to

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  CJI11327, please?
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: If we could scroll
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   down to line 1038.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: So we see that you
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   send around your revised version of the staff report
   at about quarter to eight on the morning of August
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   24th. You then make a phone call to Mr. Bonwick just
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   before 8:00 a.m. and you speak to him for eight (8)
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  minutes.
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                   Do you remember what that call was
17 about?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: If you look at the
   next line down, 1039, you place a call to Ms. Stec at
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   8:37 in the morning and you speak to her for three (3)
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  minutes.
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                   Do you remember what that call was
24 about?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON: Was it about this
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- 1 time where I was making sure that all of the items
- 2 that were supposed to be in that -- that budget were
- 3 in the budget? Like, I remember reviewing it and
- 4 asking are the garage doors included because I can't
- 5 find them in this. Was that about that time?
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. Houghton, do
- 7 you remember what this call was about?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: My apologies. I'm
- 9 asking a question so I can answer your question.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: On the next line we
- 11 see you call Ms. Stec again at about 10:15 and you
- 12 speak to her for three (3) minutes.
- Do you remember what that call was
- 14 about?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. But if I could
- 16 -- if I could have an understanding of when -- if I
- 17 could just have an understanding of when it appeared
- 18 like I was checking to see if all of these items were
- 19 included, that may help me answer your question.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could we look at
- 24 paragraph 323 of the Foundation Document, please?

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3	MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could you scroll	
4	down a bit? We're looking for 325. This paragraph	
5	describes an email that Ms. Stec sends 1:51 to Mr.	
6	Barrow. She writes:	
7	"Can you let me know when you're	
8	back in the office? I just want to	
9	confirm compensation totals with you	
10	after breaking out totals.	
11	When I was speaking to Ed this	
12	morning, he asked me to confirm that	
13	the garage type doors which open up	
14	are included."	
15	Is that the email that you were	
16	referring to?	
17	MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. So, I think	
18	that what I was doing was going through the budget	
19	items trying to get an understanding of it, speaking	
20	to Ms. Stec to make sure that those kinds of things	
21	were in the budget that BLT had quoted on.	
22	MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you have a	
23	recollection of that being what you spoke to her about	
24	or are you putting that together after the fact based	
25	on the emails that you read in the Foundation	

- 1 Document?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I have a
- 3 recollection of talking about making sure that -- and
- 4 I actually remember the garage doors one, but I know
- 5 that there was several items that I wanted to make
- 6 sure we were talking about, the skylights. There was
- 7 -- there was a few other things that -- but
- 8 specifically, I'm sure that's what the conversation
- 9 was all about.
- 10 I'm not the bad guy here even though
- 11 you're making me the bad guy.
- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When we look at the
- 13 draft that you sent just after noon on August 24th, we
- 14 see that the numbers for the prefabricated steel arena
- 15 have been increased from 11.1 to 12.3 million. And
- 16 you've already given information about how that
- 17 happened.
- 18 And you've included language along the
- 19 lines of that estimate was provided by WGD. Do you
- 20 know what I'm talking about?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, that was my
- 22 understanding.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You knew at the
- 24 time that those numbers were not WGD's estimate,
- 25 right?

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1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You had seen the
- 3 report that WGD sent over that gave numbers in the
- 4 range of 7.1 for the fabric building and 7.6 for the
- 5 prefabricated steel arena, correct?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The -- what -- why I
- 7 said the -- the 11.1 to 12.3 was based on the
- 8 conversation that we had that day with Mr. McNalty
- 9 where he had said that he had taken the information,
- 10 he had taken all of the -- the pro -- the products
- 11 that he felt were required to be the same equivalent
- 12 as the enclosure for the Sprung, and he came up with
- 13 the 12.3.
- 14 We talked about the 1.164 and how that
- 15 number is kind of whatever and that there were other
- 16 estimates. And we said, well, let's -- let's make a
- 17 range of \$1.2 million, so it was 11.1 to 12.3.
- 18 That's -- and I only put that in there.
- 19 It was my understanding that those numbers were from
- 20 WGD. If -- if staff had not -- didn't have that
- 21 understanding, I sent it to everybody and said please
- 22 adapt as needed or required.
- 23 It was my understanding that that's
- 24 what -- what it was. And that's -- I -- I did that,
- 25 forwarded it to the people who were also involved;

- 1 nobody made the change.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 3 concerns by adding that language to the numbers that
- 4 were the results of adjustments made by staff? Did
- 5 you have any concerns adding that language could
- 6 mislead Council to think that that num -- those
- 7 numbers came directly from the experts that had been
- 8 retained to advise them?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That in no way was
- 10 intended to mislead Council. David had said to me and
- 11 the others that he had been working on the numbers.
- 12 He had put those things in trying to come up with an
- 13 apples to apples comparison.
- 14 And I was -- I was respectful of what
- 15 Dave was doing and trusted him and there -- in no way,
- 16 shape, or form was that to try to mislead Council
- 17 ever.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: The last change
- 19 that we see in the August 24th version that you send
- 20 around -- around noon is described at paragraph 421 of
- 21 the Foundation Document. Can we pull that up, please?
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: We see that the

- 1 last draft that you send around removes information
- 2 about the debenture costs that had been in the reports
- 3 drafted by Ms. Leonard and Mr. McNalty.
- 4 Why did you remove that information?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: We -- we had talked
- 6 about it at the June 11th meeting. We talked about at
- 7 the July 16th meeting that there was those things.
- 8 Marjory had given her second -- her, yeah, second
- 9 quarter review that day.
- 10 We just felt that -- or I felt -- I'll
- 11 blame me this time. I felt that -- that it would be
- 12 best explained that evening during the presentation.
- 13 And again, it would be -- we were trying to say here's
- 14 the moneys that are available. If Council was to make
- 15 a comment or a -- or ask a question, we could provide
- 16 those numbers to them.
- 17 I think that they'd heard about the
- 18 debenture costs for quite some time now. And there
- 19 was actually long protracted email that I believe that
- 20 Councillor Chadwick had asked Marjory for debenture
- 21 costs and how much would -- you know, what would the -
- 22 what would the impact to the -- to the ratepayer be.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I have a couple of
- 24 quick questions for you about information that was
- 25 provided to Council about the potential use of the

- 1 proceeds from the Collus share sale.
- So, we heard evidence in part 1 about
- 3 the strategic partnership, including that in order for
- 4 the Town to maintain its 50 percent share ownership,
- 5 it was going to have to continue to invest in the
- 6 growth of the strategic partnership.
- 7 Do you remember that?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think -- I think I
- 9 remember that in a little bit of a different manner,
- 10 but that's fine.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Well, please
- 12 provide any -- I -- I want to make sure that we're on
- 13 the same page, so what do you remember?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, again, there
- 15 was a discussion about continuing to grow Collus
- 16 PowerStream, the new Collus PowerStream and that, at
- 17 that point in time -- excuse me -- we had a 50 percent
- 18 ownership of that entity.
- 19 For us to be able to grow, we could --
- 20 there's a potential of purchasing, there's a potential
- 21 of merging, there's -- there was all of those
- 22 different types of potentials.
- That didn't always mean that the 50
- 24 percent would stay the 50 percent, but each one (1) of
- 25 those would be a decision that would be made by

- 1 Council and each one (1) of those opportunities would
- 2 be looked at, reviewed independently, and decisions
- 3 would be made.
- As an example, the City of Barrie
- 5 became a partner in the old PowerStream. When they
- 6 are now the new Alectra, their -- even though their
- 7 percentage ownership of Alectra has significantly
- 8 dropped, their return has gro -- has grown.
- 9 So, those are the opportunities you
- 10 have to look at. You have to look at them
- 11 individually.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. And I think
- 13 we are on the same page for the purposes of the
- 14 questions that I want to ask you. So, it's basically
- 15 this.
- In order to continue to participate in
- 17 the growth, the Town can either invest to maintain its
- 18 50 percent share ownership or see its share ownership
- 19 percentage decrease but continue to participate in the
- 20 benefits of the strategic partnership, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Sure.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: At no point do we
- 23 see any evidence of you raising the possibility of
- 24 holding back some or all of the proceeds from the
- 25 Collus share sale to give the Town the option to

- 1 participate in future growth.
- Why is that?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: They could -- they
- 4 could -- well, I mean, that's -- that's a simple
- 5 matter of -- of finances. If Council of the day
- 6 decided that they were going to purchase these
- 7 facilities with that amount of money and a year and a
- 8 half later we were striking a deal with the city of --
- 9 or the Town of Wasaga Beach, if Council wished to
- 10 maintain that, if that was the direction they were
- 11 going, they could potentially debenture that.
- Those debenture costs could be part of
- 13 the cost of doing business within that. So, it really
- 14 was just a matter of finances.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You're describing
- 16 other options that the Town had to participate. My
- 17 question for you is this. As CEO of the Company, you
- 18 played a significant role in putting that partnership
- 19 together.
- 20 And as CAO of the Town, chief staff
- 21 person for the Town, why didn't you ever raise with
- 22 the Town the possibility of holding back some or all
- 23 of the Collus share proceeds to give them the option
- 24 of participating in future growth, just raise it for
- 25 consideration? Why didn't you do that?

1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I just answered

- 2 that. It's -- it's basically they can -- they can pay
- 3 down debt if they want to. They could purchase. If
- 4 they pay down debt, that means their debt capacity is
- 5 increased again.
- So, if there -- if there was an
- 7 opportunity to purchase in the future, they use their
- 8 debt capacity. It's the same thing.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 10 CJI11327, please.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at line
- 15 1,053 and 1,054? So, at this point in time, it's
- 16 August 26th. It's the Sunday before the Council
- 17 meeting where Council's going to consider the Sprung
- 18 structures.
- 19 We see you have -- oh, sorry, 10:51 and
- 20 10:52, my mistake. There we go. The same day, it's
- 21 still August 26th, the day before the August 27th
- 22 Council meeting, you participate in a half hour
- 23 conference call with Mr. Bonwick and Mr. Lloyd.
- Do you remember what that call was
- 25 about?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, I do.
- 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What was it about?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Me quitting.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Why are you
- 5 speaking to Mr. Bonwick about you quitting?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, Mr. Bonwick,
- 7 in my opinion, is and was an advisor to Mayor Cooper.
- 8 And I was exhausted at this point in time. I -- my --
- 9 I was being pushed and pulled in a whole bunch of
- 10 different directions.
- I was speaking to the deputy mayor
- 12 because when I had conversations before, it had fallen
- 13 on deaf ears. I needed to get back to Collus
- 14 PowerStream to do my job.
- 15 Again, I was only asked to come over
- 16 here. They -- they knew that -- that I was busy.
- 17 They knew that my skill sets were based on Collus
- 18 PowerStream and -- and working at Public Works. They
- 19 recognized what -- what my skill sets were.
- 20 I only had so much time to focus on any
- 21 given item over here even though I gave it as my
- 22 hundred percent all. I was at my wits end and I
- 23 needed somebody to listen to me.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, why didn't you
- 25 tender your resignation?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I actually spoke to
- 2 Council and said, look at, I will not leave you in the
- 3 lurch, but you have to find somebody. I said that.
- 4 I'm not a quitter either.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up
- 6 TOC204965, please?

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This is an email
- 11 chain from August 25th, 2012. Could you scroll to the
- 12 bottom? Scroll up. This is an email from Councillor
- 13 Kevin Lloyd to the mayor, Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd,
- 14 yourself, and the other Town councillors.
- 15 He's sharing his thoughts on the
- 16 Central Park steering committee proposal and the rec
- 17 facilities in general. If you scroll up, you see
- 18 Mayor Cooper responds to everyone writing:
- 19 "Hello, Councillor Lloyd. Thank you
- for your explanation of logic. I
- 21 look forward to our Council meeting
- 22 tomorrow since our conference
- 23 participation."
- 24 Scroll up. And then you forward this
- 25 chain to Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd. And you write:

- 1 "Not sure what she means, but I
- think we need to speak to Sandra
- 3 today to enture -- ensure she's
- 4 onboard in spite of what Paul says.
- 5 Let me know when you are back."
- When you write:
- 7 "I think we need to speak to Sandra
- 8 today to ensure that she's onboard."
- 9 You're writing about the proposal and
- 10 the staff report and the staff recommendations for the
- 11 recreation facilities?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's what I
- 13 believe, yes.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you say, "In
- 15 spite of what Paul says," I'd like to know what you're
- 16 referring to there.
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would expect that
- 18 what I was probably referring to is that Paul may have
- 19 spoken to his sister in generalities, I don't know,
- 20 and -- and that she was excited about it, so.
- 21 That's all I can tell you at this point
- 22 in time.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Had you had any
- 24 conversations with Mr. Bonwick about the mayor's views
- 25 on the Town recreation facilities at this point in

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- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I may have had
- 3 a conversation where, you know, he said that it seems
- 4 like everybody's excited. I mean, there's -- there
- 5 was a lot of moving parts at this point in time.
- 6 We've got people sending emails all over.
- 7 That was actually part of the -- the
- 8 reason for the conference call, because I was tired of
- 9 getting all of these emails and the blogs about me.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you remember
- 11 whether you and the deputy mayor had the conversation
- 12 with Mayor Cooper that you propose in this call?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't really
- 14 think we did. It was probably more of a reaction.
- 15 And I read -- like, sometimes her emails aren't the
- 16 clearest. Probably just let it go.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm about to move
- 18 on to another area in my questioning. Would you like
- 19 to take the morning right now?
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We'll
- 21 take ten (10) minutes.

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- 23 --- Upon recessing at 10:16 a.m.
- 24 --- Upon resuming at 10:27 a.m.

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- 1 CONTINUED BY MS. KATE MCGRANN:
- 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. Houghton, I'm
- 3 going to turn now to some questions about August 27th.
- 4 Can we pull up CJI11327. And if we scroll to line
- 5 1,061.
- 6 So, based on our review of the phone
- 7 records, you speak to Mr. Bonwick eight (8) times
- 8 before the Council meeting on August 27th and you
- 9 speak to Ms. Stec three (3) times before the meeting.
- 10 I'm just going to walk you through those calls so you
- 11 know what I'm talking about.
- 12 At line 1,061, you place a phone call
- 13 to Mr. Bonwick at ten o'clock in the morning and you
- 14 speak for five (5) minutes. The next line, Mr.
- 15 Bonwick places a call to you at 10:20 in the morning
- 16 and you speak for eleven minutes (11) and twenty-six
- 17 (26) seconds.
- The next line, at 11:35, you place a
- 19 call to Ms. Stec and you speak for nine and a half (9
- 20 1/2) minutes or thereabouts. If you go down to line
- 21 1,065, Mr. Bonwick places a call to you at 1:35 and
- 22 you speak for two (2) minutes and fourteen (14)
- 23 seconds.
- If you go down to line 1,069, Mr.
- 25 Bonwick places a call to you at 2:15 and you speak for

- 1 seven (7) minutes and forty-eight (48) seconds. Lines
- 2 1,072, 1,073, and 1,074 look like they could be a bit
- 3 of phone tag between yourself and Ms. Stec.
- 4 You place a phone call to her that
- 5 lasts for twenty-four (24) seconds just before 3:00
- 6 p.m. You place a second phone call to her shortly
- 7 after that that lasts about thirty-eight (38) seconds.
- 8 And then, shortly after that, she calls
- 9 you back and there's a thirty (30) second call. And
- 10 if you look at line 1,077, Mr. Bonwick calls you at
- 11 about 3:30 and you speak to him for three (3) minutes.
- 12 And then if you look at line 1,079, Mr.
- 13 Bonwick calls you again at 3:44 and you speak for just
- 14 over a minute.
- Do you remember what you were speaking
- 16 with Mr. Bonwick about that day?
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I certainly
- 18 don't have a specific recollection.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I know that when I
- 23 was looking at my -- like, at the court book and
- 24 looking at different things, that there was a number
- 25 of things that were going on.

- I don't remember whether or not at this
- 2 point in time some of the thing -- some of the calls
- 3 with Ms. Stec were probably just again confirming that
- 4 everything is -- is good, there is going to be a
- 5 presentation tonight, those kinds of things.
- And some of those could have been the
- 7 same thing with Mr. Bonwick, if I -- if I had done
- 8 that. I -- but there were other things that were
- 9 happening at the same time within the community that I
- 10 may have been speaking to him about.
- It just happens to be on this specific
- 12 day that there's a lot going on.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: My other question
- 14 for you is: Do you remember what you were speaking to
- 15 Ms. Stec about? You've already given us a bit of
- 16 information in that -- in your answer. Is there
- 17 anything else that you want to add?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think, again, with
- 19 Abby, I -- I know I -- I did speak to her about making
- 20 sure that the presentation was -- was going to be sent
- 21 to us ahead of time so that we could have it and put
- 22 it into the computer and those kinds of things.
- I know -- I know I -- I had that
- 24 conversation with her. I don't recollect of the other
- 25 ones.

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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you say you
   wanted to make sure that you had the presentation, are
   you referring to the PowerPoint presentation that
   Sprung gave at Council that night?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON:
                                   Yeah. Any time --
   yeah, we need to have the presentations ahead of time.
                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: And am I correct
   that Council received hard copies of that presentation
   on the Friday hand delivered to them?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure if it
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   was their presentation or whether it was sort of
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   brochure type materials.
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. So, it was
14 either the presentation or promotional materials for
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  the Company?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I think it
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   was actually promotional materials, not the
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  presentation.
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: If we look at
   paragraph 506 of the Foundation Document...
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25 down to the second slide there, you see that this

MS. KATE MCGRANN: ...and you scroll

- 1 slide sets out a chart with a comparison between
- 2 Sprung performance arena, pre-engineered metal
- 3 building, and conventional construction.
- 4 It appears from the materials that we
- 5 reviewed that this comes from Sprung materials. Do
- 6 you know where this chart came from?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I believe it
- 8 came from Sprung materials that we imported into this,
- 9 yes.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did staff do any
- 11 work to verify any of the information in this chart
- 12 before it was presented to Council?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I should have
- 14 verified the fact that it had the Sprung shield on it,
- 15 which was incorrect.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did staff do any
- 17 work to verify any of the claims in this chart before
- 18 it was presented to Council?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I think -- I
- 20 think it's pretty accurate when I looked at it.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 22 concerns that when this presentation was made, Council
- 23 would believe that this chart was representative of
- 24 research that staff had done?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't think

- 1 so. I think that it just shows again length of
- 2 construction. I mean, that's -- that's pretty
- 3 standard, the insulation levels. I mean, those are
- 4 standard insulation levels for all of them.
- 5 You know, from a lighting level
- 6 perspective, you know, that's -- that's -- there's
- 7 nothing rocket science about that. I should have -- I
- 8 should have noted the Sprung shield, but I didn't.
- 9 The air tightness was -- was something
- 10 that we've been talking about for quite some time and,
- 11 again, that's -- that's a given. Energy efficiency,
- 12 we had been given information on the energy efficiency
- 13 and the life span, so I -- I think it was pretty
- 14 accurate.
- So, I -- I don't think it was in --
- 16 again, it's not intended to mislead, but it was
- 17 information that we put into the report.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And just so that
- 19 we're clear, with respect to the information that you
- 20 were given about air tightness and energy efficiency,
- 21 you're referring to information that you were given by
- 22 Sprung?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, yeah,
- 24 certainly the air tightness, I mean, they'd been
- 25 talking to us about that right from day 1. And, you

- 1 know, intuitively it makes sense. And you know that a
- 2 bricks and mortar building is more airtight than a
- 3 steel fabricated building, so.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And with respect to
- 5 the energy efficiency, you're referring there to
- 6 information that was given to you by Sprung?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: All -- all of -- all
- 8 of this was given -- this -- this is -- I've already
- 9 said that this was imported from a Spru -- some --
- 10 some information we had received from Sprung, yes.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 12 paragraph 530 of the Foundation Document, please?

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Paragraph 530
- 17 describes an email that Mr. Bonwick sent to you at
- 18 10:23 p.m. on August 27th, 2012. The subject line is,
- 19 "Gardhouse." And Mr. Bonwick's email says:
- "Please send me a message about
- 21 trying to sabotage the process and
- how angry you are when you have
- 23 time."
- 24 Can we pull up the transcript of the
- 25 August 27th, 2012, Council meeting, please?

79 THE COURT OPERATOR: Do you have the--1 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: 11233, sorry. 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 CONTINUED BY MS. KATE MCGRANN: 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And could you turn to page 47 of this transcript, please? Scroll down. Scroll down. Keep going. One (1) second, please. 10 11 (BRIEF PAUSE) 12 13 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could you scroll 14 down to page 49, please? Scroll down. Where -- I 15 just want to look at this entry starting where Clerk Almas begins to speak. She says, "Thank you." 17 And this is discussed in the motions 18 that are being considered by Council in respect of the 19 staff report and the recreation facilities. Ms. Almas 20 says: 21 "At the request of Councillor 22 Gardhouse, the motion has been 23 divided into two (2) motions. 24 first one being voted on this 2.5 evening is to direct staff to

80 proceed with the purchase and 1 construction of an insulated 2 3 architectural membrane facility for a year-round single ice pad arena --5 or a single-pad ice arena at Central Park." 6 And then Council votes on that. And Mayor Cooper says: 9 "So, just if I can, we've got a 10 motion to defer if you have a 11 seconder, Councillor Gardhouse." 12 And then Councillor Gardhouse says: "Yes, I'd like a motion to defer for 13 14 a period of ninety (90) days before 15 the motion -- sorry -- the motion 16 regarding the pool pending a report 17 from a professional pool consultant, 18 a business plan, and a structural audit." 19 20 So, at this point in time, at Councillor Gardhouse's request -- and I'll -- Council 21 is now considering not moving directly ahead with the 22 pool but actually stopping, holding back, getting a 23 24 professional pool consultant to come in, do a

structural audit, get a business plan for the pool.

- 1 Do you remember that taking place?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Didn't you think
- 4 that that wa -- was what Mr. Bonwick was emailing you
- 5 about when he sent you an email asking you to write to
- 6 him about Gardhouse sabotaging the process?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Not really. I mean,
- 8 often Council asked for motions to be divided. They
- 9 asked for -- you know, to be deferred. If -- if
- 10 Councillor Gardhouse was not quite in favour of the
- 11 pool, then, you know, it happens weekly in Council
- 12 meetings. I wasn't fussed at all.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I wasn't asking you
- 14 whether you were fussed. I was asking you, didn't you
- 15 think that was what Mr. Bonwick was referring to when
- 16 he sent you an email about sabotaging Councillor
- 17 Gardhouse towards the end of the Council meeting on
- 18 August 27th?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay. What I think
- 20 I had said was that, I don't know specifically why he
- 21 would have sent me that because I didn't see what
- 22 Councillor Gardhouse was doing as sabotage, or I
- 23 wasn't fussed over it, so that never came from me.
- 24 That might be a question you have to
- 25 ask Mr. Bonwick, but it's certainly not something that

- 1 I gave a second thought to.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 3 discussions with Mr. Bonwick about the email that he
- 4 had sent you?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't recall if I
- 6 did. I may have just to find out what the heck he's
- 7 talking about maybe. I don't know.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I now have some
- 9 questions for you about the BLT contract. You've said
- 10 several times now that you didn't negotiate the
- 11 contract with BLT.
- 12 Did anybody negotiate with BLT on
- 13 behalf of the Town?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I didn't think we
- 15 were allowed to negotiate.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Where did that
- 17 understanding come from?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Where -- where have
- 19 we ever negotiated where we're procuring something? I
- 20 don't -- I think even Ms. Leonard said at the end she
- 21 didn't believe at that time we could negotiate.
- 22 So, if -- if we are able to negotiate,
- 23 I would have expected that those people who know it
- 24 better than I, like, potentially Ms. Leonard, would
- 25 have said to me we need to negotiate. It was not my

- 1 understanding that we could, and it wasn't.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 3 discussions with anyone about your understanding that
- 4 you couldn't negotiation with BLT?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, because it was
- 6 my understanding we couldn't. And it was, again, even
- 7 Ms. Leonard who carried the -- the procurement
- 8 policies in her job description said at that point in
- 9 time, 2012, we couldn't negotiate.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Just to clarify
- 11 that answer, I think you're referring to the evidence
- 12 that Ms. Leonard has given here at the Inquiry. Is
- 13 that right?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: You're not saying
- 16 that Ms. Leonard said to you in 2012 you can't
- 17 negotiate this?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. What I said to
- 19 you, if she thought that we should negotiate -- or
- 20 could negotiate, I'm sure she would have told me we
- 21 could have at that time. And nobody told me we could,
- 22 so I was under the impression we couldn't, and so we
- 23 didn't.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Other than what
- 25 you've already described in your evidence up until

- 1 this point in time, what did you do to ensure that the
- 2 Town was getting the best price possible for BLT?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, again, it was
- 4 my impression that they thought, or understood, that
- 5 Sprung/BLT, because I continue to call the Sprung/BLT,
- 6 had an understanding that we were potentially looking
- 7 at another type of technology, that -- or another type
- 8 of construction type, that -- that we have the -- the
- 9 July 7 -- 16th estimates that we took the opportunity
- 10 once they asked for them, was that we took that
- 11 opportunity to say, look at, they better be in kind of
- 12 keeping with this because we have these numbers.
- 13 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And the numbers
- 14 were not in keeping with the estimates that you
- 15 received on July 16th. I can take you back to them,
- 16 but I'm telling you they're not the same, so.
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I realize they're
- 18 not the same. But there also is a significant
- 19 difference in what we -- what they priced and what we
- 20 got.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm having a bit of
- 22 trouble understanding your answer, that it was your
- 23 understanding that the Town couldn't negotiate, and
- 24 here's why.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We saw you go with
- 2 the Town through a competitive RFP process for the
- 3 Town's shares in PowerStream. We saw you engage in
- 4 negotiations with one (1) of the bidders in the
- 5 context of that procurement process.
- 6 So, can you help me understand, despite
- 7 that experience, why you believed that you couldn't
- 8 engage in any negotiations with BLT where there was no
- 9 pro -- procurement procedure in place at all?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Two (2) different
- 11 scenarios. The one (1) scenario with -- with
- 12 PowerStream, we were talking to PowerStream through
- 13 Mr. Muncaster. Mr. Muncaster said that we're having a
- 14 bit of difficulty because of the spread.
- The additional money was offered, the
- 16 additional million dollars, or whatever the number
- 17 was, I forget now, eight hundred thousand dollars
- (\$800,000) that was offered up went from 7.2 to the 8
- 19 million, and it was actually where we were selling,
- 20 not purchasing.
- 21 You can choose to understand that or
- 22 find it difficult. It was my understanding at the
- 23 time that we didn't negotiate. And if there was a
- 24 thought of being able to negotiate, I'm sure with the
- 25 emails going back and forth between Ms. Leonard and --

- 1 and -- Ms. Leonard and Mr. McNalty, that somebody
- 2 would have said did we have a chance to negotiate or
- 3 have we negotiated the best price or something to that
- 4 nature.
- 5 That didn't occur because I think we
- 6 were all under the impression that we couldn't
- 7 negotiate.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we turn up
- 9 paragraph 542 of the payment schedule?

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: This is the payment
- 14 schedule that we see in the contract that was signed.
- 15 Could you scroll down a little bit just so we can see
- 16 the whole thing?
- 17 Who proposed this payment schedule?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: BLT, I would expect.
- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you make any
- 20 attempts to -- to talk to them about any changes to
- 21 this payment schedule?
- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I actually didn't --
- 23 I didn't have any experience in this, so I actually
- 24 spoke to the deputy mayor to get his opinion on it,
- 25 and also ask him to speak to Ms. Leonard and provide

- 1 his experience to her.
- And, as well, we sent it to the lawyer
- 3 for review.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When did you speak
- 5 to the deputy mayor about this payment schedule?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I actually think I
- 7 spoke to him -- I think re -- received this on the
- 8 30th, or whatever it was. I think I re -- I spoke to
- 9 him on the 27th or 28th.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we turn to
- 11 paragraph 320 of the Foundation Document, please? The
- 12 first mention that we see in the documents of a
- 13 discussion with you about the payment schedule is on
- 14 August 19th, 2012.
- 15 Here we see Ms. Stec sending an email
- 16 to Dave Barrow, Mark Watts, and Paul Bonwick. And if
- 17 you look at the first paragraph, the second sentence,
- 18 she writes:
- 19 "Paul has had preliminary
- 20 discussions with Ed regarding the
- 21 first draw, and it will be
- 22 substantial enough to cover both the
- compensation and your initial
- 24 operating costs."
- Now, at this point in time, the staff

- 1 report is still in the very early stages. The staff
- 2 have not come to any sort of landing about what's
- 3 going to be recommended to Council.
- What are you talking with Paul about
- 5 with respect to the first draw for BLT on the
- 6 construction contract, their initial operating costs,
- 7 and his compensation?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I have no specific
- 9 recollection. But I would expect that, if we were
- 10 having a conversation, Mr. Bonwick may have said that
- 11 -- that, if this project moves forward, that we would
- 12 have to give a -- you know, a fairly good downstroke
- 13 so that the product could be ordered and those kinds
- 14 of things.
- I don't have a specific recollection of
- 16 this.
- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Turning back to
- 18 paragraph 542 for a second.
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- 20 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Actually, can we go
- 23 to 531 just quickly? This is an email that Ms. Stec
- 24 sends to Mr. Barrow and Mr. Watts, of BLT, on August
- 25 28th, 2012. And she writes:

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"Ed has indicated the following
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                      tentative schedule be appropriate
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                      moving forward. He's asked for BLT
                      to provide an agreement to Town by
                      Thursday or Friday of this week."
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                   And she gives some information about
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   how you want the budget to appear.
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                      "They would like to have the
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                      agreement signed and have a 25
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                      percent draw for you upon signing."
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                   And then she sets out the tentative
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    schedule. Do you remember being aware of -- of the
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   proposed schedule on August 28th?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON:
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN:
                                      Twenty-eighth.
                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: I remember having a
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    conversation with Abby about this. She talked to me
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   about the contract. And she said that, you know,
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   we're -- we're proposing this standard type contract.
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                   They're proposing that there would be
   this 25 percent draw. They were talking about
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   completion of site work, which I -- actually, I think
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    they were talking about -- there was a different type
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   of a word that we talked about, as well, which meant
   that -- that all of the -- the foundations and
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- 1 footings and all of those kinds of things were in
- 2 place.
- 3 And then they talked about the -- the -
- 4 well, these things. And I had said at the time that
- 5 -- that they sounded reasonable to me, but I don't --
- 6 I don't have a -- you know, I don't -- I don't want to
- 7 have final say on it.
- 8 And I would -- what I would do is, when
- 9 we get the contract, we will have it reviewed. We'll
- 10 ha -- we'll take a look at it. And if -- if in fact
- 11 it -- it's -- everything's appropriate, we will make
- 12 sure that we have that cheque available upon the
- 13 signing.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And what did you
- 15 envision doing if everything wasn't appropriate?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: If -- if it didn't
- 17 work? If -- if somebody came back and said, no, this
- 18 just makes no sense, we would have had to talk to them
- 19 and say that the -- the payment schedule doesn't make
- 20 sense.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. So, you had
- 22 in your mind the possibility that you could speak with
- 23 them about changes to the payment schedule?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: To the payment
- 25 schedule, yes, if it didn't make sense.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you ask for any
- 2 changes to the payment schedule?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did I? No.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you spoke to
- 5 the deputy mayor about the payment schedule did you
- 6 show him the entire thing?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I didn't see this
- 8 email, so I think I just spoke to them about it.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you speak to
- 10 him about the three (3) 25 percent draws and the
- 11 fourth draw being 15 percent with a 10 percent
- 12 holdback?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I believe I did,
- 14 yes.
- 15 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And what do -- do
- 16 you -- can you...
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, what I -- what
- 18 I spoke to him about was -- and -- and it's easier to
- 19 visualize it -- that -- that upon signing, they need
- 20 to be able to order, you know, the ice plant and the
- 21 Zamboni and the -- and -- and the Sprung facilities,
- 22 et cetera, et cetera, and that's 25 percent.
- 23 And that also allows them to get going
- 24 on the actual design work, the -- the architectural
- 25 work and the engineering and those kinds of things.

- Once they're completed, the -- the --
- 2 the work where foundations, anchor -- anchoring, all
- 3 of those kinds of things are all completed, there's
- 4 another 25 percent.
- 5 And then when the product gets
- 6 delivered to site, because then they have to pay for
- 7 the other part of the -- the Sprung facility, then
- 8 they pay the 25 percent.
- 9 And then moving forward through that,
- 10 there was then the -- the 15 percent at substantial
- 11 completion. I think it made sense what -- what Ron
- 12 Martin did because, again, the largest -- or there was
- 13 so much additional items included with the outdoor
- 14 pool, which was the therapy pool and the -- and the
- 15 extension and -- and expansion of the pool itself.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, it sounds like
- 17 you gave the deputy mayor quite a bit of information
- 18 about the rationale for the first 25 percent draw.
- 19 Where did you get that information from?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I had a conversation
- 21 with Abby about. And I used the information that I
- 22 got from Abby to have a conversation with the deputy
- 23 mayor about it.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did Abby tell you
- 25 that part of the first draw would go to pay for the

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1 ice plant?
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- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, but that -- that
- 3 made sense to me.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did Abby tell you
- 5 that part of the first draw was going to pay for the
- 6 Zamboni.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, that made sense
- 8 to me, as well.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: That's information
- 10 that you gave to the deputy mayor when you were
- 11 explaining the payment contract --
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, it --
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- the co --
- 14 payment schedule?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It makes sen -- it
- 16 makes sense that if you have -- I didn't mean to cut
- 17 you off there.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Please continue.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It just made sense
- 20 to me that, if there is an upfront draw, it's to cover
- 21 those things that you order immediately and get, and
- 22 then which triggers the design work and all those
- 23 things.
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- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you understand
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   at the time that you were discussing the payment
   schedule with the deputy mayor that BLT was only
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   required to pay 50 percent of the building envelope
   upon order?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I didn't,
   actually.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN:
                                     When you were
   speaking with the deputy mayor about the payment
   schedule did you explain to him your understanding
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   that you couldn't negotiate any aspect of the prices
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   that you had received from BLT?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. But even as the
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   deputy mayor being more involved with these kinds of
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   things than I, if he felt that we should have been
   negotiating, I'm sure he would have said that, too.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN:
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   take to ensure that the Town's interests were
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   protected in the contract with BLT?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again? You want me
   to say it again? You just -- you asked that question
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   a few minutes ago.
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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: For the sake of
- 2 clarity of the transcript, yes, I'd like you to
- 3 answer.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: What -- what I had
- 5 said earlier was that -- that I believed through
- 6 Sprung/BLT that they were aware that we were looking
- 7 at potentially the -- the bricks and mortar, maybe not
- 8 30 -- the 35 million, the -- the opportunity for
- 9 bricks and mortar, that they were also looking at the
- 10 -- the opportunity for us to be looking at other types
- 11 of construction methods.
- 12 As well, what I said was, when we -- we
- 13 -- when they asked about the -- looking at the -- the
- 14 budgets that we received back on July 16th, I made it
- 15 clear that, you know, there -- there needs to be some
- 16 sort of correlation between those budgets and the
- 17 price that we're going to get, recognizing that we've
- 18 now added a mezzanine and recognizing we've added all
- 19 these other things, and recognizing we've added
- 20 significantly more into the pool, as well.
- 21 So, that's...
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, that helps me
- 23 understand the steps that you took to ensure that the
- 24 Town was getting the best price. My question now is a
- 25 little bit different.

- 1 I'm trying to understand what steps you
- 2 took to ensure that the Town's interest in the
- 3 contract were protected, so interests against a breach
- 4 of contract, under performance, a failure to deliver
- 5 what was promised, taking the first 25 percent draw
- 6 and not doing anything further.
- 7 What did you do to protect the Town
- 8 particularly when it's going to be paying 75 percent
- 9 of the contract price before anyone gets around to
- 10 starting to put the building up?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: The -- yeah, the
- 12 building would be there, but it wouldn't be erected at
- 13 75 percent; you're correct. I think that, if -- if
- 14 you're asking me about the -- are you asking me about
- 15 the performance bond? Is that what you're asking me
- 16 about?
- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm asking you
- 18 whether you took any steps to protect the Town's
- 19 interest with respect to the contract.
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. I sent it to
- 21 the lawyer for his -- his review, as well.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you do anything
- 23 else?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think -- I think
- 25 that -- that having the lawyer review the contract is

- 1 -- is something that was important, as well.
- 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I understand that.
- 3 Did you do anything else?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: What would you --
- 5 I'm not sure what you're suggesting to me.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, I take it the
- 7 answer to that question is no?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I think -- I
- 9 think that we also looked at the fact that Sprung has
- 10 been in business for a hundred and twenty-five (125)
- 11 years. I don't think that they would allow for their
- 12 partner to create a shabby, shoddy project.
- 13 They just -- I don't think they would
- 14 allow that. I don't think they -- they were -- they'd
- 15 been in business for a hundred and twenty-five (125)
- 16 years if they would allow that.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you review the
- 18 contract before it was signed by the Town?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did I review it?
- 20 No.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 22 paragraph 533 of the Foundation Document? This
- 23 paragraph describes an email that Abby Stec sends to
- 24 Mark Watts, Dave Barrow, and Paul Bonwick.
- So, you're not copied on this email. I

- 1 just want to walk through it with you, and then ask
- 2 you some questions. Ms. Stec writes:
- "I just spoke with Ed, and he is
- 4 contact -- content with a standard
- 5 CCDC contract and regular hold back
- 6 provisions."
- 7 Sorry, I've already walked through this
- 8 with you.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: M-hm.
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- 11 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Five thirty-seven
- 14 is what I'm looking for. I apologize for that. So,
- 15 this describes an email sent on August 29th. Once
- 16 again, you're not copied on it. I want to walk
- 17 through it with you, and then ask you some questions
- 18 about it.
- 19 In this email, Mr. Barrow writes to Ms.
- 20 Stec. He attaches four (4) budgets for the
- 21 Collingwood projects, two (2) for the pool and two (2)
- 22 for the arena.
- For each structure, one (1) budget has
- 24 line-by-line items with information about the item
- 25 described and costs and things like that. And the

- 1 other budget has no line information, it just provides
- 2 the total cost of the budget, and nothing else.
- 3 Mr. Barrow writes, "Hi, all." You
- 4 scroll down.
- 5 "Please see the following pricing.
- I have attached both with line items
- 7 and without. I think for certain
- 8 people it should only be the total
- 9 number rather than the questions on
- 10 why this and why that and so on.
- It may be better if we just give the
- 12 total to the contract with line
- list. Thoughts?"
- 14 My question for you is: Did you have
- 15 any discussions with anyone about whether the budgets
- 16 that would be attract -- attached to the contract that
- 17 the Town was going to sign was going to have the line-
- 18 by-line information in it or whether it would just
- 19 contain the total budgets, and that's it?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't -- I don't
- 21 recall, but it would be helpful to see what the
- 22 difference is because I don't really know what the
- 23 difference is by reading this.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Can you
- 25 scroll down a little bit? Can we look at CJI7202 1?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, take a look at
- 4 this page as an example.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You see under,
- 7 "Description," there's a description of each item.
- 8 And then if you move to the right, there's a unit cost
- 9 provided for each item, a total unit, information
- 10 about the measurements, a budget, and then an updated
- 11 budget.
- 12 And if you scroll down, you'll see that
- 13 there is that information for each and every line item
- 14 in this budget. Keep going. Keep going. And then at
- 15 the bottom you've got, "Totals."
- 16 So, someone who's got this budget has a
- 17 lot of information about what BLT is proposing to
- 18 provide, how much of it, the size of it, how much it's
- 19 going to cost and things like that.
- 20 Can you scroll down? This is a budget
- 21 without line items in it. So there's -- there's
- 22 general description of the items but there's no unit
- 23 costs, there's no total units, there's no measure --
- 24 measurement, there's no budget or updated budget. And
- 25 if you scroll all the way down, it's that way the

- 1 entire way through until you get to the totals, and
- 2 that's you see some information about total cost, but
- 3 otherwise, no other information provided in the
- 4 budget.
- 5 Do you remember being consulted about
- 6 which of these two (2) levels of information should be
- 7 attached to the contract that the Town signed with
- 8 BLT?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: So we received the
- 10 top one, if I'm correct, the -- with all the levels of
- 11 information. I don't recall anybody asking me, but
- 12 certainly the bottom one is not what we received and I
- 13 don't think -- it wouldn't have been very helpful.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's pull up
- 15 TOC207516.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This is the copy of
- 20 the contract with BLT that we see you received. If
- 21 you go to page 37, this is the budget that's attached
- 22 to the contract, and if you scroll down. all the
- 23 budget pages --
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Oh, I see what you
- 25 mean.

1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- are the same in

- 2 terms of the amount of information that is provided.
- 3 So it looks to us like the budgets that were attached
- 4 to the contract the Town signed didn't have any of the
- 5 line item information.
- 6 Were you aware of that at the time that
- 7 the Town signed the contract?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was not aware of
- 9 it until actually right now, but we already had the --
- 10 the -- the -- the budgets with the additional -- all
- 11 of the information.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Those budgets were
- 13 not part of the agreement that the Town made with BLT.
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: But the end number
- 15 was the same though, correct? The 7392 for the pool
- 16 and the -- and the 3226 for the -- or sorry, 3226 for
- 17 the pool and 7392 for the -- the arena?
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: None of the
- 19 information about what BLT was going to be providing
- 20 to the Town ended up in the agreement that the Town
- 21 made with BLT.
- Do you see that?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, see, no. they
- 24 -- every item is there and every item has been priced.
- 25 All they've done is removed the units and the unit

- 1 price, but the number is the same at the end.
- 2 Actually, I would -- I would agree with
- 3 you that it should have been the others and it would
- 4 have been comfortable. I'm not sure why they didn't
- 5 do that, but...
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 7 paragraph 604 of the Foundation Document.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 12 describes minutes of a department head meeting that
- 13 took place on August 28th, 2012, so the day after the
- 14 Council meeting in which Council votes to proceed with
- 15 Sprung.
- The minutes record that:
- "CBO [and that's Chief Building
- Officer] Plewes, noted that Deputy
- 19 Chief Building Officer is busy and
- 20 getting busier as Project Manager
- 21 for the Fire Hall."
- I think that's a reference to Ron
- 23 Martin. Have I got that right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 25 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And the minutes

104 1 say: 2 "If he's also to take responsibility 3 of managing the construction of both approved projects, the pool and the rink, then the CBO require an 5 6 additional building inspector for the department to properly function?" 9 You were describing a conversation 10 along those lines to us yesterday. Is this the 11 conversation that you were referring to? 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: This was the --13 yeah, the second one, yes. 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And does this help 15 you remember when the first conversation took place? 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. It would been 17 prior to this one. 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at 19 paragraph 605? 20 21 (BRIEF PAUSE) 22 23 This paragraph MS. KATE MCGRANN: 24 describes that on August 29th, Mr. Plewes emails Ms. Leonard, asking about the sizing the Sprung

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1 structures, writing:

- 2 "Can you tell me the sizes of the
- 3 two (2) structures the Town is
- 4 proposing to buy? I think we should
- 5 be doing a preliminary code review
- 6 prior to placing the order."
- 7 Scroll down.
- 8 "The building code is very strict
- 9 with this type of occupancy and the
- 10 type -- type of construction
- 11 materials being used."
- Do you remember this issue being
- 13 brought to your attention?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think that we had
- 15 -- we had heard during some of the discussions about
- 16 the -- about code with types of fabric buildings, and
- 17 is based on an occupancy thing, but they had confirmed
- 18 that they were -- they -- they meet -- meet and exceed
- 19 all building codes.
- I don't recall anything beyond these
- 21 discussions.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: When you said they
- 23 had confirmed that they meet and exceeded all building
- 24 codes, are you referring to Sprung?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Sprung, yes.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And did you take
- 2 any steps to confirm those representations before the
- 3 Town signed the contract?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure whether
- 5 or not Mr. McNalty had conversations with Mr. Plewes
- 6 or not.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you take any
- 8 steps to confirm that there were no building code
- 9 issues before the Town signed the contract?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I also have to rely
- 11 on staff too. I am a very busy person. I also -- I
- 12 mean, we heard in Part 1 about Ms. Wingrove and how
- 13 busy she was and we hear from Mr. Brown how busy he
- 14 was. I was busy with three (3) other jobs.
- These kinds of things were also to be
- 16 looked after by staff. I would expect that Mr.
- 17 McNalty and Mr. Plewes had a discussion. If they
- 18 didn't have a discussion, you know, obviously worked
- 19 because it got built.
- 20 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 21 paragraph 525 of the Foundation Document.
- This paragraph reproduces the minutes
- 23 from the August 27th Council meeting that pertained to
- 24 the vote that Council made. So can you scroll down?
- 25 The resolutions that I'm referring to

107 are Resolution 374, which is on the screen. And I'll just give you a second to read it. 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Scroll down so we can see Resolution 375 at the bottom with the seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays. 9 10 (BRIEF PAUSE) 11 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I see that. 13 MS. KATE MCGRANN: There's no information in those votes about the time line on 14 15 which the contracts are to be drafted, reviewed, and 16 signed. 17 Did Council provide you any direction 18 regarding the time line they wanted staff to follow in terms of negotiating, finalizing, and having the 19 contract signed for these two (2) buildings? 21 No. We just moved MR. ED HOUGHTON: 22 forward. 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at 24 paragraph 531, please? We looked at this paragraph 25 once already. I want to look at it now with respect

- 1 to the timing of the contract.
- 2 So we see Council votes on the evening
- 3 of August 27th to proceed. On the 28th, Ms. Stec
- 4 reports that you've asked her for an agreement by
- 5 Thursday or Friday of this week.
- 6 What we ultimately see is that you send
- 7 a copy of the agreement to Council on the morning of
- 8 the 30th and it's signed by the afternoon of the 30th.
- 9 What was the rush in getting that
- 10 contract signed?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't know what
- 12 the issue -- I can't understand the issue. I mean, it
- 13 -- Council has given us direction. We're moving
- 14 forward. We're fulfilling what we're supposed to do.
- 15 Let's -- let -- okay, get it done. Then let it -- let
- 16 it begin.
- I think that Council had also said, and
- 18 it was very clear in July 16th Council meeting, August
- 19 27th Council meeting, that they were very excited
- 20 about moving forward, getting these things done,
- 21 getting them -- getting them in -- in the air,
- 22 introducing swimmers and skaters. So I'm fulfilling
- 23 what I believe is what Council is asking us to do, so
- 24 I don't see an issue of us moving forward and trying
- 25 to complete the project.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 2 paragraph 535 of the Foundation Document, please?
- 3 Scroll down.
- At 3:05 p.m. on August 29th, Mr. Barrow
- 5 emails Ms. Stec with an email with the subject line,
- 6 "City meeting paperwork." He says:
- 7 "I need the PowerPoint paperwork
- 8 that was given at the meeting by Ed
- 9 so we can format it to make sure we
- 10 have all items listed, which he
- included at the meeting."
- 12 And if you look at the next paragraph,
- 13 Mr. Barrow follows up with Ms. Stec at 3:57.
- 14 "Abby, can you get this information?
- 15 I need before we send the final
- 16 numbers."
- We see that she responds, providing him
- 18 with that information, or information about how to get
- 19 it, at just about ten to four on the 29th.
- 20 And if you scroll down further, at 8:03
- 21 p.m., Mr. Barrow sends Ms. Stec the four (4) budgets
- 22 with the final numbers in them for the pool and the
- 23 arena. Please scroll down further. Keep going.
- 24 There's a list of what the budgets were.
- 25 And then if you keep going down, this

- 1 is about a half hour after Green Leaf has received the
- 2 final numbers. We've got Mr. Bonwick sending you an
- 3 email, writing:
- 4 "Gross is 675 approximately, maybe
- 5 a bit more."
- 6 Do you remember that?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And then we see
- 9 that you forward this message on to your wife about
- 10 ten (10) minutes later. Why did you do that?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was leaving the
- 12 office at that point in time when I got the email from
- 13 Mr. Bonwick, and I believe that the -- the subject
- 14 line said something about contact info or something
- 15 like that, and I forwarded it to the computer that --
- 16 the old computer that never got turned off in my home
- 17 office so I could read it to see what it was.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, you had a
- 19 gmail account yourself at this point in time, correct?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I did, yes.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you understood
- 22 that you could open your gmail account from any
- 23 computer that was connected to the internet, right?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The old -- yes. The
- 25 old comp -- and I could have done it from my laptop,

- 1 which I carried all the time. There's nothing
- 2 magical. This computer is always on, so I just sent
- 3 it there.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, you gave
- 5 evidence yesterday about your understanding about the
- 6 fee that Green Leaf received from BLT, and your
- 7 evidence was that the fee was a percentage.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's what I was
- 9 told.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you understood
- 11 that that meant that the more the Town paid to BLT,
- 12 the more that Green Leaf received as it -- as its
- 13 percentage of that deal, correct?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I certainly didn't
- 15 take that into consideration.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you see how an
- 17 outsider looking at this may be concerned that the
- 18 decisions that you made were made to ensure that Mr.
- 19 Bonwick got paid and were made to ensure that he got
- 20 paid as much as possible?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I can tell you that
- 22 that is totally categorically incorrect. Decisions I
- 23 made were always in the best interests of the
- 24 community.
- 25 That's all -- that's why I've been here

- 1 -- was here thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39) years,
- 2 and it had nothing to do with the benefit of Mr.
- 3 Bonwick, and it certainly had nothing to do with the
- 4 benefit of me. I was doing what I felt Council was
- 5 asking us to do.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, you've already
- 7 given some information about this, but I just want to
- 8 ask this question squarely so you have the opportunity
- 9 to answer it.
- 10 When you received this information
- 11 about the fee that Green Leaf was receiving in
- 12 connection to the contract the Town was signing with
- 13 BLT, did you consider whether as CAO for the Town you
- 14 should be sharing that information with Council?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, if -- if
- 16 there was never an issue before, had already been --
- 17 it'd already been confirmed that this was coming out
- 18 of the profits of BLT/Sprung. If -- if I -- I thought
- 19 there were others that knew, I didn't think it was for
- 20 me to tell anybody. If it's -- there's no obligation
- 21 for others, then why is the obligation there for me,
- 22 and if there was no concern less than a year earlier,
- 23 that Mr. Bonwick was working and -- and getting paid
- 24 to do things, why is it this now something different?
- 25 If the Town of Collingwood had hired

- 1 him and was paying him, I agree a hundred percent. He
- 2 was working for somebody else, and Mr. Bonwick works
- 3 for many, many other people in the Town of
- 4 Collingwood. Whether he's working for a developer or
- 5 whether he's working for somebody else, he's -- he's
- 6 there often.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: One of the
- 8 distinctions that you made between the PowerStream
- 9 deal and this transaction in an answer you gave to me
- 10 earlier this morning was that in the PowerStream deal
- 11 the Town was selling, and in this particular
- 12 transaction the Town was buying.
- 13 Did that difference enter your mind
- 14 while you were considering whether or not you should
- 15 disclose this information to the Town?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The difference --
- 17 there is no difference in the fact that Mr. -- Mr.
- 18 Bonwick is working for either one.
- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you consider,
- 20 while you were making the decision not to disclose
- 21 this to the Town, that if the fee paid to Green Leaf
- 22 came out, Mr. Bonwick may try to say that he advised
- 23 the Town of the fee because he advised you, the Town's
- 24 CAO?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Seems like

- 1 everybody's blaming me these days, so.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you consider it
- 3 at the time?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did I consider? No,
- 5 I don't think I did. Ask me that question one more
- 6 time so I understand it.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you consider
- 8 when you were deciding to withhold this information
- 9 from Council that if information about the fee that
- 10 BLT gave -- paid Green Leaf came out, Mr. Bonwick may
- 11 try to say that he advised the Town because he advised
- 12 you?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: To begin with, I
- 14 didn't choose to withhold, which -- which indicates
- 15 something that was willfully, knowingly done. I
- 16 didn't perceive that there was an issue. There' a big
- 17 difference in those words. I didn't think that Mr.
- 18 Bonwick was telling me this to set me up. He had
- 19 offered to tell me and I said no. He had offered to
- 20 tell me the percentages. I said no.
- 21 If -- if this -- if you are working
- 22 with BLT, then it really has nothing to do with me. I
- 23 don't know how much we spent for concrete or for
- 24 electrical or those things.
- 25 If -- if -- if there had been an issue

- 1 originally and a requirement to disclose, and there --
- 2 I would have easily disclosed. I've thought of this a
- 3 thousand times since then. If I had an obligation to
- 4 do so, I would have done so. I didn't do it for any
- 5 other reason that it didn't appear that there was an
- 6 issue or an obligation or a conflict, because they had
- 7 already just done that less than a year previously.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Mr. Houghton, you--
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And --
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Sorry, go ahead.
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It doesn't matter.
- 12 Go ahead.
- 13 MS. KATE MCGRANN: No. Please finish
- 14 your answer.
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't remember
- 16 what I was going to say now anyway.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Ms. Leonard gave
- 18 evidence -- I'm going to paraphrase it here, that she
- 19 took exception to the Green Leaf fee because it
- 20 represented a lost opportunity for the Town to
- 21 negotiate the price of the structures down with BLT.
- Doesn't that seem like a fair concern
- 23 to you?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure I
- 25 follow that logic. If if -- if we -- and again,

- 1 she's saying there's a lost opportunity to negotiate.
- 2 She also said there was no opportunity to negotiate,
- 3 so that's a hypothetical question.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could we look at
- 5 paragraph 548 of the Foundation Document, please?

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 10 describes an email that you send to John Mascarin at
- 11 Aird & Berlis. You provide him with a copy of the BLT
- 12 contract and you write:
- "Please find attached the agreement
- 14 that we discussed this morning. I
- 15 appreciate that you have agreed to
- 16 take the time to review. In looking
- at the agreement, it appears to be a
- 18 standard construction document."
- 19 What instructions did you provide to
- 20 Mr. Mascarin and what did you ask him to look at with
- 21 respect to the contract that you sent over to him?
- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I think I -- I
- 23 asked him to -- to review the agreement, see if it was
- 24 appropriate.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Let's look

- 1 at paragraph 551. This is the email that we see
- 2 coming back to you from Mr. Mascarin. It's the only
- 3 communication we see coming back to you from Mr.
- 4 Mascarin in respect of the -- the contract.
- 5 First of all he says:
- 6 "I have had an opportunity to review
- 7 the agreement that you have
- forwarded to me. I have not
- 9 reviewed any of the background of
- 10 this proposed construction, nor any
- of the contract documents referred
- to within the agreement."
- Do you remember seeing him write that
- 14 he hadn't reviewed any of the contract documents
- 15 referred to within the agreement?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Are the contract
- 17 documents not the ones that are -- are affixed to it
- 18 after the fact?
- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I don't know. I'm
- 20 asking you.
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. So there --
- 22 there -- they wouldn't have been affixed to it and I
- 23 wouldn't have seen the ones that would be affixed to
- 24 it at that point either.
- 25 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What are you

- 1 referring to?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Isn't -- isn't there
- 3 additional things that need to be attached to the
- 4 contract? Like, I sent him the contract. For him to
- 5 say that he's not reviewed the -- nor any of the
- 6 contract documents, isn't that what I'm sending him as
- 7 the -- sort of the contract?
- 8 So I'm assuming what he's talking about
- 9 is other things that might be standard within the same
- 10 kind of -- I don't know.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Bear with me for
- 12 one (1) second, please.
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- 14 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up
- 17 ARB237? This is -- just so that we can all be talking
- 18 about the same thing. This is a copy of the contract
- 19 that you send to Mr. Mascarin asking to review.
- 20 So if we go down to page 37, and then
- 21 scroll up. This is the end of the -- the CCDC
- 22 contract, is my understanding, and then if you scroll
- 23 down, there's the payment schedule. If you scroll
- 24 down further, we've got the budgets, which we looked
- 25 at already, without the line item information. Keep

- 1 going, so we can see everything that's attached. And
- 2 then there's this flowchart, which I understand is a -
- 3 a scheduling document. Keep going.
- 4 So that's -- that's what you sent him.
- 5 Was it your understanding that there were additional
- 6 documents that needed to be appended to that contract?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I think
- 8 if we -- we go up and we look at some of the -- the
- 9 items within it, but my understanding is, is that he
- 10 reviewed this contract, which is what I had.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's go back to
- 12 paragraph 551 of the Foundation Document.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So when he says:
- "I haven't reviewed any of the
- 18 contract documents referred to
- 19 within the agreement,"
- 20 what did you think he was referring to
- 21 there?
- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was -- I was --
- 23 what I was thinking about was in the -- in this --
- 24 within the CCDC document there's -- there's documents
- 25 that are noted within it that might have a reference

- 1 to a contract document that he's not referred to
- 2 outside of -- of this -- the contract that I sent to
- 3 him.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you follow up
- 5 with him to make sure that he had reviewed all of the
- 6 documents that comprise the agreement that the Town
- 7 was going to be entering into with BLT?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, the contract
- 9 that we were signing is what I sent to Mr. Mascarin.
- 10 Is that not correct?
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: If you look at the
- 12 third paragraph here, it says:
- 13 "As noted in Article 3.1 of the
- 14 contract, the work is to be
- 15 undertaken in accordance with all of
- the various underlying contractual
- 17 agreements and specifications which
- I assume have been fully canvassed
- and agreed to by the Town."
- 20 Did you know what he was referring to
- 21 in that paragraph?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Then, maybe yes;
- 23 now, not sure.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 25 discussions with Mr. Mascarin after you received this

- 1 email?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you share Mr.
- 4 Mascarin's email with anyone at the Town before the
- 5 contract was signed?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Who?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I spoke to both Ms.
- 9 Leonard and -- and the Deputy Mayor about it.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you forward the
- 11 email to them?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I think I was
- 13 in -- I was right -- I was right in Town Hall and I --
- 14 I spoke to Ms. Leonard and read her what John Mascarin
- 15 had written me.
- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Is it your evidence
- 17 that you read the entire email aloud to her?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I think I
- 19 probably said, here's what John is saying, blah, blah,
- 20 blah, in these different areas. I think I did that.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you advise them
- 22 of any of the limitations that Mr. Mascarin had put on
- 23 his review?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: When you say
- 25 "limitations," what do you mean?

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Where he tells you
- 2 that he hasn't reviewed the contract documents
- 3 referred to within the agreement, for example.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. So the
- 5 contract documents, I would assume, and I think I
- 6 probably knew more about it then than I do now, would
- 7 have been documents that are referenced within the
- 8 agreement. This was not my area of expertise, but I
- 9 certainly tried to do the best I could.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 11 paragraph 614 of the Foundation Document.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: On September 14th,
- 16 2012, so after the contract's been signed, Steve
- 17 Berman writes to Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd, and in his
- 18 email he asks for a couple of things.
- "(1) Will you give me a copy of the
- 20 contact -- contract with Sprung?"
- 21 Can you scroll down further? I'm
- 22 interested in question number 3.
- "Will you tell me of any connection
- 24 between Council, staff, and Sprung,
- including anyone who lobbied for

123 Sprung?" 1 2 And he goes on to explain: 3 "This way, you can get rid of all the conspiracy theorists that think 5 people are profiting from this, 6 yourself, Sandra, Paul Bonwick, et cetera, et cetera." Do you see that? MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do. 9 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: The Deputy Mayor 11 forwards this email chain to you. Do you remember 12 that? 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I remember seeing 14 this email. 15 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You had said earlier that one of the reasons that you didn't disclose -- let me put it this way. You said you 17 18 didn't perceive any issues with not disclosing the fee that Green Leaf was receiving at the time that Mr. 20 Bonwick disclosed it to you. 21 Now that you see questions coming in 22 from the public, did you see an issue with not disclosing that fee at the time that you learned about 24 it? 2.5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think that what I

- 1 was trying to say as well was, prior to the June 28th
- 2 meeting in 2011 when there was full disclosure, I had
- 3 a similar concern. That event told me that that was
- 4 not -- that was not -- it was not -- my concern was
- 5 not real. I had that same opinion at the same time.
- 6 If -- if there was no conflict of interest, then
- 7 where's the conflict of interest? So if it's a --
- 8 that was my understanding. That was -- that was why I
- 9 acted the way I did.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 11 paragraph 615, which describes that -- Steve Berman
- 12 sends a follow-up email to Deputy Mayor Lloyd on
- 13 September 15th, and he forwards both emails to you
- 14 with a question mark.
- 15 You respond to him and you say:
- "We can give them the contract --
- 17 contract, but quite frankly it has
- nothing to do with them. We can
- 19 give them many names of other
- 20 companies."
- 21 We'll come back to that. And then you
- 22 write:
- "No relationship with Sprung."
- 24 At this point in time you know that
- 25 Green Leaf was working with Sprung and BLT. We've

- 1 already heard from you about that. You know that BLT
- 2 has paid Green Leaf six hundred and seventy-five
- 3 thousand dollars (\$675,000) in connection with the
- 4 contract the Town entered into with BLT.
- 5 Why did you write, "No relationship
- 6 with Sprung"?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Because I'd been
- 8 told that there was no relationship with Sprung. He's
- 9 working with BLT.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's scroll back
- 11 up and then I can see Berman's question again. That's
- 12 perfect.
- He asks of any connection between
- 14 Council, staff, and Sprung, including anyone who
- 15 lobbied for Sprung. At this point in time, you
- 16 believe that Sprung and BLT are so closely related
- 17 that you actually refer to them as Sprung/BLT, right?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I called them
- 19 Sprung/BLT from their partnership. I was told
- 20 specifically by Mr. Bonwick that he was working for
- 21 BLT, not Sprung.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Look at the next
- 23 part of Mr. Berman's email where he says:
- 24 "This way, you can get rid of all
- 25 the conspiracy theorists that think

- 1 that people are profiting from
- 2 this."
- 3 You understood that he meant people are
- 4 profiting from the agreement that the Town made in
- 5 respect of the recreation facilities, right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So why did you
- 8 write, "No relationship with Sprung," and only that
- 9 when you knew that Mr. Bonwick did profit?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: There was -- that
- 11 was an accurate statement. If he wasn't working with
- 12 Sprung, that was an accurate statement.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: At this point in
- 14 time you're the Acting CAO for the Town, we talked
- 15 about that, and you're -- you were working -- this is
- 16 a public service you're providing.
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You wrote an
- 19 accurate statement in your mind. Why didn't you give
- 20 a complete answer to the question that had been asked?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Because I think, in
- 22 my mind, when I was reading the Sprung -- it's no
- 23 different than the emails I was getting from Joe
- 24 Gardhouse. They were talking about Sprung a long time
- 25 previously.

- If -- if there -- in one of the -- I
- 2 even emailed to find out -- because Abby had talked
- 3 about trying to be this manufacturer's rep for Sprung.
- 4 I emailed them and asked if there was a relationship
- 5 or benefit from Sprung. I --
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's scroll down -
- 7 sorry.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Never mind.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm interested in
- 10 hearing the rest of your answer and I apologize. I
- 11 didn't mean to cut you off.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I don't
- 13 recollect what I was going to say.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we scroll down
- 15 and look at the rest of your answer? The rest of what
- 16 you write to the Deputy Mayor is:
- "Maybe he can answer if he has a
- 18 conflict with his wife being a 'Y'
- 19 employee. He has use of this for a
- 20 kick-off for a Council position.
- 21 Does he have other conflicts?"
- 22 And then you write:
- 23 "Will he be responsible for libelous
- 24 comments such as private citizens
- 25 being named in his email?"

- If we scroll up, the only private
- 2 citizen named in his email is Mr. Bonwick. Is that
- 3 what you were referring to with your libelous comment
- 4 comment?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Could be. I -- at
- 6 this point in time I was -- I was being a little bit
- 7 sensitive.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you see how
- 9 someone reading this response would read that as your
- 10 suggestion that saying that Mr. Bonwick profited from
- 11 the deal was untrue and therefore libelous?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, it is -- it
- 13 was untrue from Sprung for sure, yes.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: But you knew he
- 15 profited from the deal.
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I knew he profited
- 17 from the deal from BLT, yes.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 19 paragraph 623 of the Foundation Document. This
- 20 paragraph describes an email that you send to Tom
- 21 Lloyd of Sprung on September 7th, and you say:
- 22 "I have a sensitive and confidential
- 23 question to ask you. Earlier today
- I heard a rumour that the Mayor's
- 25 brother, Paul Bonwick, benefitted

- from Council's decision to purchase
- 2 from Sprung."
- 3 I'd like to stop right there. At the
- 4 point in time that you wrote this email, you knew that
- 5 Mr. Bonwick had benefitted from Council's decision to
- 6 purchase from Sprung, correct?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I knew he had
- 8 benefit (sic) from BLT, yes.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Why did you write
- 10 this email?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Because I had heard
- 12 that he was also benefitting from Sprung. I was told
- 13 by Mr. Bonwick specifically he was working with BLT
- 14 and that his agreement was with BLT. What I -- what I
- 15 was finding out was -- or hearing, that Abby had this
- 16 manufacturer's rep thing going with Sprung. I wanted
- 17 to make sure that it wasn't a double-ender type thing.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: At this point in
- 19 time, the things that you're hearing -- these rumours
- 20 are rumours from the public, correct?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. From the same
- 22 group, yes.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And at this point
- 24 in time -- and I'll take you to the document, if you
- 25 want, but what the public has been told is that

- 1 Council is entering into a contract with the
- 2 manufacturer, who is Sprung. Sprung has made a
- 3 presentation to Council. As far as we can tell,
- 4 there's been no public mention of BLT yet.
- 5 So from the public's perspective, they
- 6 can't make a dis distinction between Sprung and BLT
- 7 and ask about one or the other, because the only
- 8 entity that they know about that's involved in this
- 9 construction is Sprung.
- 10 So as you're making accurate but
- 11 incomplete statements in response to their questions,
- 12 did you think about, based on the information they
- 13 had, they're just asking if you benefitted from the
- 14 deal?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I guess I was
- 16 looking at the fact that -- that they were saying
- 17 Sprung, and if there was a differentiate --
- 18 differentiation between Sprung and BLT, that that
- 19 could be -- that could be true. I was attempting to
- 20 find out whether there was also benefit from the
- 21 Sprung side.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Right. So you're
- 23 looking into whether there was a double-ender, as you
- 24 described it. Would that have been a problem?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, it certainly

- 1 wouldn't have been disclosed to me, that's for sure.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Would that have
- 3 been a problem?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: If -- if -- again,
- 5 if it was coming out of Sprung's profit, not coming
- 6 out of -- out of Collingwood's pockets, I'm not sure
- 7 what the problem is, but I was hearing this and I
- 8 needed to -- needed to know or asked to know.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you ask Mr.
- 10 Bonwick?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: At this point in
- 12 time, I don't know if I asked Mr. Bonwick, because it
- 13 was based on information that Abby had told me.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: The rumours were
- 15 based on information --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, no. No, no.
- 17 Abby had mentioned about being the manufacturer's rep
- 18 for Sprung, and I don't know whether she wanted it as
- 19 a future thing or whether it was -- it was just when I
- 20 heard it, I thought about it, I thought I'm going to
- 21 send it to Tom Lloyd, which I did.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So Tom Lloyd was
- 23 here and he gave evidence, and one of the things that
- 24 he said was that he thought that you called him before
- 25 you sent this email.

- 1 Do you remember making a call to Mr.
- 2 Tom Lloyd before sending this email to him?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I did not make a
- 4 call to him, and I think he said he didn't remember me
- 5 making a call to him too.
- 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you ever ask
- 7 Mr. Tom Lloyd to keep Mr. Bonwick's involvement in the
- 8 agreement between the Town and BLT a secret?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I never spoke to Mr.
- 10 Lloyd about Mr. Bonwick working with BLT. I had
- 11 nothing to do with any of that.
- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm about to move
- 13 on to a different area of questions. I wonder if now
- 14 is an appropriate time for a quick break.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: How
- 16 much -- how much longer will you be, do you think?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I'm going to say
- 18 about forty (40) minutes.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So
- 20 we'll finish before lunch.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: That's my hope.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So
- 23 we'll finish before lunch. Good.

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25 --- Upon recessing at 11:35 a.m.

1 --- Upon resuming at 11:47 a.m.

- 3 CONTINUED BY MS. KATE MCGRANN:
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we turn up
- 5 paragraph 628 of the Foundation Document, please?
- 6 Paragraph 628 describes a document request that Mr.
- 7 Cadieux made on behalf of the friends of Central Park
- 8 by a letter dated August 30th, 2012. Pardon me.
- 9 His document request included budget
- 10 worksheets that staff used to develop defic --
- 11 deficits for the pool structure. And it also included
- 12 a request for information about, I believe, fabric
- 13 buildings.
- 14 If you look at paragraph 629, Ms. Almas
- 15 emails her draft response to the EMC, Mr. McNalty, and
- 16 Ms. Proctor. And if you scroll over -- no, sorry.
- 17 Actually, can you look at paragraph 631? My mistake.
- 18 Paragraph 631 describes a draft
- 19 response to Mr. Cadieux's document request. She sends
- 20 it to yourself, the EMC, and Mr. McNalty. Her draft
- 21 indicates that everything that Mr. Cadieux requested
- 22 would be attached apart from the handwritten detailed
- 23 matrix as it is with Ed's files he kept for his
- 24 discussions with various concerned stakeholders which
- 25 she said she would provide later.

134 1 Do you see that? 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I see that, yeah. MS. KATE MCGRANN: And then if we look 3 at paragraph 634, part of the way through, you write: 5 "I think what Cadieux is asking for is the matrix that looks at other 6 fabric buildings in comparison to Sprung." 9 And Ms. Almas responds" 10 "Do we have a matrix that compared 11 other fabric structures? Did you do 12 this, Marjory?" 13 And Mr. McNalty replies: 14 "I never made anything for this 15 comparison because nether -- never 16 found anything to compare it to 17 based on -- on the basis of 'R' 18 value alone." 19 And then if you look at paragraph 635, Ms. Almas sends out her final response to Mr. Cadieux. 20 21 And one (1) of the things she writes is: 22 "The one (1) item missing is the 23 handwritten detailed matrix as it is 24 with Ed's files he kept for his 2.5 discussions with various concerned

- 1 stakeholders."
- 2 We haven't seen in the documents that
- 3 have been provided to the Inquiry a handwritten
- 4 detailed matrix comparing other fabric building
- 5 suppliers.
- 6 Do you know what's being referred to
- 7 there?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I probably just had
- 9 something that I had received along the way that had
- 10 different fabric companies on it. And I -- I probably
- 11 had that in the -- the office downstairs.
- I don't have a specific memory of it.
- 13 But if it's -- they're talking about it, obviously,
- 14 they -- you know, it's more than seven (7) years ago,
- 15 and from that perspective, I -- I don't -- I don't
- 16 specifically recall I had something, but I probably
- 17 did have something that I -- was handwritten.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 19 paragraph 640 of the Foundation Document, please?
- 20 This paragraph describes an email that you were not
- 21 copied on. It's a September 5th, 2012, email from Ms.
- 22 Stec, of Green Leaf, to Tom, Dave, and Dave. And she
- 23 writes:
- 24 "There are several interest groups
- 25 that are stirring the pot about the

136 sole sourcing method we followed. 1 2 Can you please put some bullet 3 points together that clearly indicate why Sprung is in a league 5 of its own and that there is really 6 no company to compare it to?" Were you aware that Sprung and BLT had been asked to put together information showing that there was no competition for Sprung at the beginning of September 2012? 10 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think, at that point in time, we were -- we were trying to put 13 together as much information as we could because I think that when were doing our internet searches we 14 15 were seeing that there was really only one (1) kind of fabric building that would -- would be Sprung and there was other -- many other commercial or 17 18 agricultural type fabric buildings, and they -- you 19 know, you can see where they had collapses and things. 20 But I don't think we actually put it down in, you know, sort of a comprehensive package. 21 22 So, at this point in time, we were asking for that so 23 that we could provide additional information. 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, other than the evidence that you've given up until this point in the

- 1 proceeding about the research that staff did, are you
- 2 -- are you referring to any other research when you --
- 3 when you're talking about the work that we did?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I think -- I
- 5 think what -- what I was trying to suggest there was
- 6 that -- that, as Dave said, he didn't do a matrix
- 7 because he couldn't even find anything equivalent from
- 8 an 'R' value perspective.
- 9 I don't know what Marjory had said, but
- 10 I know that she had reviewed things, as well. I had
- 11 reviewed things. I just didn't put it on -- I didn't
- 12 put it in a matrix or a program like that.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we go to
- 17 paragraph 668? This paragraph describes, on December
- 18 24th, 2012, Mr. Watts sent Ed Houghton an email with
- 19 the subject line, "Sprung's notes on competitors."
- 20 And he explains to you why he's sending
- 21 you a reformatted copy of what you previously
- 22 received. And the attached file which was called,
- 23 "Copy of Collingwood competitive research," contained
- 24 a chart titled, "Membrane competition spreadsheet."
- Let's just open it up really quickly.

138 It's at TOC219565. 2 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And if you can just scroll down so we can see the number of companies listed on this spreadsheet. Yeah, maybe we can... Keep going. Keep going. Keep going. 9 All right. And if you can scroll to 10 the left and back up to the top so you can see the --11 the information that is set out in here about those 12 companies. 13 14 (BRIEF PAUSE) 15 16 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, we know from 17 the Foundation Document that no one from the Town 18 spoke to any of those companies before the staff 19 report went to Council. 20 Do you know if when staff received this spreadsheet from Sprung at the end of September, if it 21 22 took any steps to verify any of the information that 23 was in this spreadsheet? 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I can only talk about myself. I know that when I -- I looked at it

- 1 and -- and I compared it sort of to the knowledge that
- 2 I had by reviewing the various companies, there was
- 3 actually more companies on here than I had even looked
- 4 at, but it was in keeping with what I was sort of
- 5 reading.
- I think the -- the ones that we -- the
- 7 important factors that we looked at was if there was a
- 8 ever a collapse or if there was -- if it was a -- more
- 9 of a agricultural type building or if there was
- 10 insulation or if -- if they were marketing the
- 11 opportunity to have these kinds of things in a -- sort
- 12 of a public occupancy type building, like, an arena or
- 13 -- or a pool or those kinds of things.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You can take this
- 15 document off the screen. I don't have any more
- 16 questions about it.
- 17 It appears that I've got a document
- 18 called, "Membrane competition spreadsheet," was
- 19 distributed to the Town. I think I understand you
- 20 correctly. Staff hadn't prepared any membrane
- 21 competition spreadsheet before the August 27th
- 22 meeting, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, anything that
- 25 was provided to the Town was something that had been

1 put together after Council had decided to proceed with

- 2 Sprung, correct?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: An -- anything that
- 4 was put together formally was done after, yes.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We don't see any
- 6 competition spreadsheet put together by Town staff in
- 7 the documents that we received. What we see is the
- 8 competition spreadsheet in various iterations, the one
- 9 (1) we just looked at. And that's -- that's the last
- 10 one (1) we see.
- 11 Is that consistent with your
- 12 understanding?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. Again, what
- 14 I'd said was that -- that staff didn't go to the --
- 15 the task of putting together a spreadsheet based on
- 16 their -- their review of the various types of
- 17 technologies.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you take any
- 19 steps when the spreadsheet was provided to members of
- 20 the public in response to their request for
- 21 information to advise them that the spreadsheet
- 22 provided was not prepared by staff before the Council
- 23 meeting, it wasn't representative of the work that
- 24 staff had done?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't think I said

- 1 that it was done by staff. It was a competitive
- 2 spreadsheet that was indicative of the -- the review
- 3 that at least I had done for sure.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you take any
- 5 steps when the spreadsheet was provided to members of
- 6 the public to advise them that that document had not
- 7 been prepared by staff, was not indicative of the work
- 8 that staff had done before Council voted on August
- 9 27th?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, you said it's
- 11 not indicative of the work staff had done. I don't --
- 12 I don't agree with that. What I said was that I
- 13 didn't portray it came from anybody at staff.
- I didn't say that it was -- we got it
- 15 from Sprung or -- or whoever it came from, BLT, but it
- 16 -- it was indicative of what staff had determined in
- 17 their review prior to August 27th.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 22 TOC240669.1, please?

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And can we scroll

- 2 to the bottom? Stop. Stop. So, this is -- this is
- 3 an email from a member of the public. And the portion
- 4 of the email that I am interested in is this last
- 5 sentence here where it says -- this person says:
- 6 "I have also heard your cousin, Paul
- 7 Bonwick, was paid a substantial
- 8 amount to negotiate this deal."
- 9 Okay. This is an email that's sent to
- 10 Mayor Cooper. If you scroll up, Mayor Cooper forwards
- 11 this to you, the statement, "Really??" Scroll up
- 12 further.
- 13 And your response is, "Not worth a
- 14 response." Now, at this point in time, the mayor's
- 15 received an email from a member of the public
- 16 discussing benefit to Paul Bonwick from the recreation
- 17 facilities.
- 18 She comes to you with a question about
- 19 it. And what you write is, "Not worth a response."
- 20 Before I ask you any questions about why you responded
- 21 in this way, I just want to make sure that we see
- 22 everything, every communication you had with the mayor
- 23 about this.
- 24 Did you have a discussion with her in
- 25 which you shared your knowledge about the benefit that

- 1 Mr. Bonwick received in connection with the Town's
- 2 recreation facilities?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Say that last part
- 4 again, sorry.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you tell the
- 6 mayor that you knew that Mr. Bonwick and his company
- 7 got paid by BLT?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was always the --
- 9 under the impression that the mayor was aware that Mr.
- 10 Bonwick worked for BLT.
- 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you tell her
- 12 that he got paid in connection with the Town's
- 13 recreation facilities?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: If -- if I -- if I
- 15 felt -- and I'm not disputing what she has said. I
- 16 felt that she knew that he was working with BLT. And
- 17 if -- if my assumption was correct, then there was no
- 18 -- you know, there would be no need for me to say he
- 19 got paid because I would -- actually would assume
- 20 that.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you take any
- 22 steps to check if your assumption was correct?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It's a little
- 24 difficult for me to sort of say to the mayor about her
- 25 brother.

1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You're the acting

- 2 CAO of the Town?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Acting, exactly.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You were the -- the
- 5 head staff person. You're responsible for the
- 6 administration and management of the Town's business.
- 7 Wasn't it your obligation to talk to her about this,
- 8 check your assumption to make sure it was correct
- 9 before you relied on it?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: If she has no -- if
- 11 she has no obligation to disclose that her brother is
- 12 working, why is it my obligation? And again, in 20 se
- 13 -- or 2012, that was the situation.
- I'm glad that they've maybe -- made
- 15 changes since then. But in 2012, there was no
- 16 obligation for Her Worship to disclose, so what put
- 17 the obligation on me to disclose if he was working for
- 18 somebody that didn't get compensated, like, the Town
- 19 didn't compensate?
- 20 You know, in -- in hindsight, I --
- 21 well, hindsight, I wouldn't have taken the job, but I
- 22 -- I see it specifically that way. He was working for
- 23 BLT. He was being compensated by BLT, wasn't coming
- 24 out of the Town -- Town coffers. And if I had told
- 25 Her Worship, either, a) I would have offended her, or

- 1 if she would have told me she knew or didn't know, it
- 2 -- I don't think it would have made a di -- hill of
- 3 beans difference.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you keep
- 5 referencing the fact that Mr. Bonwick's working for
- 6 BLT, he's working for BLT. Mr. Barrow gave evidence
- 7 here. And one (1) of the things that he said was that
- 8 -- and he was asked what was Mr. Bonwick doing for
- 9 BLT.
- 10 And his answer was, Mr. Bonwick could
- 11 open doors that we couldn't open ourselves. Did you
- 12 ever consider that Green Leaf was six hundred and
- 13 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$675,000) because of
- 14 Mr. Bonwick's unfettered access to you, the acting CAO
- 15 of the Town?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I -- I heard
- 17 that same comment. And I'm sitting there thinking
- 18 that by the time Mr. Bonwick got involved, we were a
- 19 long way down the path.
- I think, if Mr. Bonwick wasn't
- 21 involved, the same event would have happened. I -- I
- 22 can -- I can tell you with every fibre of my body that
- 23 not one (1) thing would have changed if Mr. Bonwick
- 24 was not involved.
- It did not cross my mind in the sense

- 1 that I was doing anything different as a result of his
- 2 activities with BLT.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's put paragraph
- 4 666 of the Foundation Document. So, we're jumping
- 5 back in time. I just want to flag for you we're now
- 6 on September 22nd, 2012.
- 7 This paragraph describes that a meeting
- 8 was scheduled between yourself, Mr. Bonwick, and Ms.
- 9 Stec at your house on September 22nd, 2012. What was
- 10 that meeting about?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Mr. Bonwick had
- 12 asked if I could help facilitate a strategic planning
- 13 session for them.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: About what?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: About getting --
- 16 putting their -- getting their focus on -- on their
- 17 business and their businesses. So, I was -- I was
- 18 facilitating for them; it was just the three (3) of
- 19 115.

- 21 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you were doing
- 24 that to help them out?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I've done that

- 1 many times. I -- I did it for two (2) industries in
- 2 Collingwood. I've done it for the Ontario Municipal
- 3 Water Association, Zenon Environmental. I've done it
- 4 for many, many people.
- 5 I did it here at the -- on June 11th
- 6 where I facilitated a strategic planning. And -- and
- 7 it really is just to try to get them to think about it
- 8 from a different perspective.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 13 paragraph 679 of the Foundation Document, please?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 18 describes that on October 5th you send Mr. McNalty an
- 19 excerpt from the WGD report writing:
- "This is what WGD architects said
- 21 when they compared a steel
- fabricated building to a Sprung
- 23 structure. Can you help with the
- 24 errors in the comments?
- Once again, this is time sensitive."

1 And we can look at it, but it looks

- 2 like this email is prompted by the fact that members
- 3 of the public have a copy of the WGD report, and
- 4 they're asking questions about it.
- 5 Is that consistent with your
- 6 recollection?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. Ms. MacDonald
- 8 was actually part of the Parks, Recreation, and
- 9 Culture advisory committee.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, you send this
- 11 memo over to Mr. McNalty. It looks to us like you
- 12 also send a copy -- or an excerpt of it over to Sprung
- 13 asking for their help.
- Do you remember that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I sent it to Sprung,
- 16 as well?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I think so, yeah.
- 18 Do you remember that?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't recall
- 20 that, no, but...
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- 22 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What we don't see
- 25 you doing is sending the WGD report to WGD to ask for

- 1 help in responding to the questions. I take it you
- 2 didn't send it to WGD to ask them about their report?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I did not send it to
- 4 them, no.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you see how it
- 6 may appear to someone who's looking in at this from
- 7 the outside that you decided not to send it to WGD
- 8 because you didn't want to hear what they had to say
- 9 about the comments that you had about that report?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I would say
- 11 that's them to their face today. I -- when I read
- 12 their report, I think it was -- it was not well --
- 13 well done.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
- 18 paragraph 719, please?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 23 describes an October 12th, 2012, freedom of
- 24 information request that Mr. Berman submitted looking
- 25 for, amongst other things, an accounts payable listing

- 1 of all fees by -- paid by cheque or other method to
- 2 Compenso from January 1st, 2011, to the present.
- And on October 26th, Sara Almas
- 4 responded, noting the Town did not have any record of
- 5 any payments to Compenso during the requested time
- 6 period.
- 7 So, September, October, November we've
- 8 seen examples of members of the public asking the Town
- 9 whether Mr. Bonwick profited from the recreation
- 10 facilities. We don't see any disclosure being made.
- 11 Did you have any concerns through the
- 12 fall of 2012 that withholding this information despite
- 13 public requests was leading to problems or could lead
- 14 to bigger problems if the fee came out?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did -- did I receive
- 16 this request here?
- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I don't think we
- 18 have any record of him sending it --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- to you, no.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, could you
- 23 answer my question?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Oh, I'm sorry. I
- 25 didn't receive the que -- request, so I'm not sure

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   that fits. But they were asking for payments to
  Compenso.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: Compenso wasn't
   involved, for one (1) thing. Your -- your question is
   what again just so I can -- I'm trying to take all
   this in.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: You know what?
14 We'll come back to it. You had asked if you sent --
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   or you couldn't remember if you sent the WGD report to
   Sprung for help in addressing concerns from the
17 public.
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                   If we could look at SCO184.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MS. KATE MCGRANN: And go down to the
23 bottom of page 2.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Here we've got an
- 2 email from you to Mr. Barrow at BLT, Mr. Watts at BLT,
- 3 and Mr. Waddell. Scroll down.
- 4 "Mark, Dave, and Paul, this is what
- 5 WGD architect said when they
- 6 compared a steel fabricated building
- 7 to a Sprung structure.
- 8 Can you help with the errors in
- 9 their comments?
- 10 Once again, this is time sensitive."
- 11 And then there's an excerpt from the
- 12 WGD report excerpted below. Seeing this email, does
- 13 this help jog your memory that you went to Mr. McNalty
- 14 and BLT for assistance I dealing with the WGD report?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. You had asked
- 16 me if I had sent it to Sprung, sorry.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: So, let's scroll
- 18 back up, and we can look at where that
- 19 misunderstanding on my part came from. Scroll up
- 20 further. Keep going.
- 21 What you get is a response from Phil
- 22 Sprung Junior, sprungp@sprung.com. So, Sprung gets
- 23 involved in helping you deal with responses to that,
- 24 as well. Do you see that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, I see that.

- 1 But when you had asked me I had sent it to Sprung, I -
- 2 I'm thinking -- I was going back thinking did I send
- 3 it to Sprung. And I didn't remember doing it, which I
- 4 guess I didn't, but...
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Let's look at
- 6 paragraph 892 of the Foundation Document.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This paragraph
- 11 describes an email exchange that you have with
- 12 Councillor Joe Gardhouse on May 30th, 2013.
- 13 Councillor Gardhouse sends you a letter from Don
- 14 Gallinger. And he asks, "Was Bonwick the distributor
- 15 for Sprung."
- 16 Mr. Gallinger's letter states that Mr.
- 17 Bonwick's office had advised the Pretty River Academy,
- 18 that it was the mid-Ontario distributor for Sprung
- 19 structures. He stated that he met with Mr. Bonwick
- 20 regarding a Sprung structure for the Pretty River
- 21 Academy in 2012. And he says:
- "The Sprung reps said to have three
- 23 (3) domes in Collingwood would be
- 24 fantastic."
- 25 Scroll down. You respond:

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1	"I asked the same question, and the
2	answer is no. Abby, who worked at
3	the PRA, was still working on behalf
4	of the academy, and that's why was
5	the conduit."
6	Councillor Gardhouse comes back and
7	says:
8	"So, Green Leaf was distributing for
9	Sprung, and that wasn't Bonwick."
10	Mr. Houghton, you respond:
11	"Green Leaf is not distributing. I
12	called Abby and asked her to explain
13	to you. I understand the emails are
14	pretty clear that Abby was working
15	on behalf of the PRA, and not Green
16	Leaf."
17	Scroll down. Councillor Gardhouse
18	says:
19	"I don't know who Abby is. This
20	letter sent to me says Green Leaf,
21	Bonwick, is a distributor for
22	Sprung, and they were using a sales
23	pitch.
24	They then have three (3) Sprungs in
25	Collingwood."

- 1 And he says, "Is Green Leaf Bonwick."
- 2 And you write back:
- 3 "Bonwick is not involved. Abby is
- Green Leaf. Talk to her, and she
- 5 can tell you the facts."
- 6 Why did you write that email to
- 7 Councillor Gardhouse?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Let's look at the --
- 9 can we look at the Don Gallinger email?
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We can look at the
- 11 Don Gallinger email in a second if you want, I
- 12 suppose. But my question is, Councillor Gardhouse
- 13 email is, "Is Green Leaf Bonwick." And you write
- 14 back:
- 15 "Bonwick is not involved. Abby is
- 16 Green Leaf."
- 17 Why did you answer his question that
- 18 way?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: If we look at the --
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Your Honour,
- 21 I think the witness has indicated he'd be assisted in
- 22 answering the question by looking at Mr. Gallinger's
- 23 email.
- I wonder if he might have an
- 25 opportunity to do that.

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I can
- 2 think he can respond to the question. And then show
- 3 him the email -- or the Gallinger communication.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Your Honour, the --
- 5 the Gallinger email is very confusing. And it talks
- 6 about the fact that Mr. Bonwick is involved in May, in
- 7 June of 2012. And he's ask -- they're asking me to
- 8 respond to that in 2 -- 2 -- in May and June of 2012.
- 9 To my knowledge, Mr. Bonwick wasn't
- 10 involved, but I wasn't sure at that point in time,
- 11 when Abby said that she was this manufacturer's rep.
- 12 So, I kept saying to Mr. Gardhouse that, please talk
- 13 to Abby, get the information from her, understand from
- 14 her because I don't know.
- 15 At this point in time, I had no clue
- 16 that they were working with them at all. So, I was
- 17 trying to say to him please take a look, please talk
- 18 to Abby.
- 19 Abby, my understanding of -- to the
- 20 emails, I left -- she left two (2) messages. I left
- 21 him a long message explaining all of it. The very
- 22 last part was I was so frustrated because he was not -
- 23 he was not looking at the -- the email from Mr.
- 24 Gallinger.
- 25 He -- he was asking me something that I

- 1 had no knowledge of. And I -- and, at that point in
- 2 time, I'm no longer the CAO. I'm tired of being
- 3 bullied and hammered and -- and having people do
- 4 videos about me in the -- in the blogs and everything
- 5 else. I just wanted to be left alone.
- And the email from -- or the -- the
- 7 information from -- from Gallinger was May and June of
- 8 2012. I was responding to the fact that I had no
- 9 knowledge that Bonwick or anybody else was involved at
- 10 that point in time, but please go to the source and
- 11 ask them. That's what I was trying to do.

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- 13 CONTINUED BY MS. KATE MCGRANN:
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: The letter from Mr.
- 15 Gallinger is at CPS10743 1.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 19 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And you can direct
- 20 the Court Operator to scroll through as -- as you
- 21 need.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Can you go down,
- 23 please?

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25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Scroll down, please.
- 2 So it's -- they're talking about June of 2012. So the
- 3 two (2) representatives came from -- to the school and
- 4 met with Mr. Lidbetter and Mr. Gallinger, and -- and
- 5 they said it'd be great to have three (3) domes in
- 6 Collingwood. No -- obviously at that point in time
- 7 they were hoping to have an opportunity.
- 8 Could you go down, please? It just
- 9 pontificates about the pricing and everything. Go
- 10 down, please.
- 11 And again it talks about May and June,
- 12 and I'm thinking, I don't have any knowledge of Mr.
- 13 Bonwick -- and even when I see the Foundation
- 14 Documents now, I'm seeing that he's not involved until
- 15 sometime significantly after that.
- I didn't know that at the time because
- 17 I never had another conversation about it again. I
- 18 just kept saying, please, go talk to the people that
- 19 know. I said it and said it and said it, and as I've
- 20 told -- or as I've mentioned before, Joe had a
- 21 tendency to bully me since I was a kid working at
- 22 Dominion Store.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Was there anything
- 24 else you wanted to add to that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, thank you.

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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
  CPS10920 1?
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you scroll down
   a little bit? So, Mr. Gardhouse asks you two (2)
   questions in this email. Question number (1):
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                      "Are the highlighted parts of this
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                      Gallinger email accurate?"
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                   And you've just walked us through that.
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   Question number 2:
                      "Was Bonwick the distributor for
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                      Sprung?"
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                   There's no time period put on that
   question, there's no limitations at all. Just:
                      "Was Bonwick the distributor for
17
18
                      Sprung?"
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                   Scroll up. You respond. Scroll down,
   please, so we can see the response.
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                      "I have asked the same question, and
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                      the answer is no."
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                   You go on and give some details.
24 Scroll up. Mr. Gardhouse, again with no limitation in
25 terms of time for his questions or anything like that:
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                      "So Green Leaf was distributing for
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                      Sprung and that wasn't Bonwick."
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                   You respond:
                      "Green Leaf is not distributing.
                      called Abby and asked her to explain
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                      to you. I understand the emails are
 6
                      pretty clear that Abby is working on
                      behalf of the PRA and not Green
                      Leaf."
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                   Scroll up. Mr. Gardhouse says:
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                      "I don't know who Abby is."
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                   He goes on to mention the letter and
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   then again he asks:
                      "Is Green Leaf Bonwick?"
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                   Scroll up. Questions that I've gone
    through with you didn't have any time limitations in
   terms of what they were asking to and your answer here
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  doesn't have one either.
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                   You say:
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                      "Bonwick is not involved. Abby is
21
                      Green Leaf. I suggest that you talk
22
                      to her and you can have the facts."
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                   Scroll up. Mr. Gardhouse lets you know
24 that his phone isn't working. Keep going. And you
25 conclude with:
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- "In a nutshell, Bonwick nor Green
- 2 Leaf was involved."
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Because I'm -- I'm
- 4 addressing the comments in that specific blog where he
- 5 was talking about May and June of 2012. That's what I
- 6 was answering the questions -- and please talk to the
- 7 people who know. I don't know.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Was there any
- 9 reason that you wouldn't just share with Councillor
- 10 Gardhouse the -- the information that you received
- 11 about the benefit that Green Leaf was paid while you
- 12 were Acting CAO of the Town?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: He was asking me
- 14 specifically about Don Gallinger's -- I was answering
- 15 what was -- he was asking me specifically at that
- 16 point in time.
- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You've given quite
- 18 a bit of evidence about your commitment to the Town
- 19 and all the things that you've done for Collingwood.
- 20 What I would like to know is, how is concealing your
- 21 knowledge of the benefit paid to Green Leaf and Mr.
- 22 BLT (sic) in the best interests of the Town?
- 23 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Explain to me where
- 24 it's not in the best interest, and please don't -- I
- 25 don't have much -- you now suggesting that -- that my

- 1 thirty-nine (39) years, my volunteerism, and
- 2 everything I've done for the Town of Collingwood is --
- 3 is -- is not -- should -- should be taken into
- 4 consideration but it's not.
- 5 If -- if -- if it impacted on the Town
- 6 of Collingwood, I would agree with you. It didn't.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Those are the
- 11 questions that I have about communications that you
- 12 had in relation to the recreation facilities and
- 13 things like that.
- I'm going to turn now to guestions I
- 15 have about John Scott.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 17 MS. KATE MCGRANN: There's been a
- 18 limited amount of time to review the productions we've
- 19 received, but in the interest of efficiency I'm going
- 20 to ask you some questions about this now.
- 21 First of all, what's your relationship
- 22 with Brian Dempsey of DBD Systems?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: He's a gentleman I
- 24 know. I would call him a friend as well.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: How did Mr. Dempsey

- 1 get involved in helping you identify Mr. Scott as
- 2 someone who could produce a report for you?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- he didn't get
- 4 involved with me.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: How did he get
- 6 involved?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: My understanding, he
- 8 went through my counsel.
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can you explain
- 10 that a little bit more, please?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand that
- 12 Mr. Dempsey spoke to Mr. Chenoweth.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Is it your
- 14 understanding that Mr. Dempsey reached out to Mr.
- 15 Chenoweth or the other way around?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't know that.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 18 discussions with Mr. Dempsey about expert evidence for
- 19 this hearing?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I did speak to Mr.
- 21 Dempsey, and basically what I was talking to him about
- 22 was what I heard Ron Martin say, and I was talking to
- 23 him about -- was what Ron Martin was saying accurate.
- 24 Mr. Dempsey was saying, in his opinion, no. That's
- 25 what I spoke to him about.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: When did that
- 2 conversation take place?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Almost immediately
- 4 after Ron Martin's testimony.
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 6 discussions with him about potentially calling
- 7 responding evidence to Mr. Martin's evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Say that one (1)
- 9 more time.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 11 discussions with him about potentially calling
- 12 evidence to respond to Mr. Martin's evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: What do you mean by
- 14 calling evidence? Sorry.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: I mean asking the
- 16 Inquiry to hear from -- evidence from somebody that
- 17 you introduce in order to respond to Mr. Martin's
- 18 evidence.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I wasn't sure
- 20 about -- if you're asking about an expert witness kind
- 21 of thing? No, I never once considered Mr. Dempsey
- 22 because I think, for exactly what you're suggesting,
- 23 he's somebody that I know and he's somebody that Mr.
- 24 Bonwick knows.
- 25 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. And my

- 1 question is, did you have any discussions with Mr.
- 2 Dempsey about calling anybody to respond to Mr.
- 3 Martin's evidence?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I asked -- I asked
- 5 him at that point in time if he knew of anyone that
- 6 might be somebody that you could call as an expert
- 7 witness.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And what was his
- 9 response to that question?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He said I'd -- he'd
- 11 have to think on it.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 13 other discussions with Mr. Dempsey about calling
- 14 evidence in response to Mr. Martin's evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't believe so,
- 16 no.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you have any
- 18 discussions with anyone other than Mr. Dempsey or Mr.
- 19 Chenoweth about calling evidence in response to Mr.
- 20 Martin's evidence?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Any -- anybody
- 22 beside Mr. -- I don't believe so.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: To your knowledge,
- 24 did anyone other than yourself or Mr. Houghton (sic)
- 25 speak to Mr. Dempsey about calling evidence in

- 1 response to Mr. Martin's evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did you mean Mr.
- 3 Chenoweth or Mr. Houghton?
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Sorry. Mr.
- 5 Chenoweth. Thank you, Mr. Houghton.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: So -- so now I lost
- 7 it too. Did I speak to anybody or -- my apologies.
- 8 Can you state the question again?
- 9 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Oh no, it's okay.
- 10 Let me -- let me do one for you again because I -- I
- 11 made a mistake.
- To your knowledge, did anyone other
- 13 than yourself, your counsel, or Mr. Dempsey speak with
- 14 Mr. Scott about his report or the work that he was
- 15 doing for you?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I have no specific
- 17 knowledge of anybody, no.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Do you have any
- 19 general knowledge of anybody?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I'm -- sorry,
- 21 I'm trying to -- I was trying to be specific. No, I
- 22 have no firsthand knowledge of any of that stuff.
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. You've
- 24 disclosed to us a memo that you prepared for Mr.
- 25 Scott, so I'd like to go through that with you. It's

167 at EHH192.3 2 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You prepared this memo, correct? 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. Actually I was -- I prepared it but it was based on discussions that I was having with Mr. Chenoweth about what we would need to have an expert witness talk about. 10 11 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I don't want to ask you any questions about the conversations you had with 13 Mr. Chenoweth right now. 14 Did you have any discussions with 15 anybody else about what was going to go into this 16 memo? 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you discuss 19 more generally the work that you were doing on this memo with anybody else? 20 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Just Mr. Chenoweth. 22 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Fair to say that this memo contains the questions and issues that you 24 wanted Mr. Scott to address in his report and 25 evidence?

168 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Could we go to page 3 of this memo, please? 3 5 (BRIEF PAUSE) 6 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Scroll down so we can look at point number 3. Point number 3 says: 9 "We need to understand the benefits 10 of sole sourcing and the possible 11 pitfalls. What are the experiences 12 of sole sourcing? The town, after 13 review, realized that there is only 14 one (1) company that built fabric 15 building such as Sprung. The Town 16 also tried to have Sprung/BLT know 17 that we were investigating other 18 types of construction to ensure that 19 they kept their pencils sharp." 20 At any point in time before you or your counsel received a draft report from Mr. Scott, did 21 you let him know that you didn't want him to answer 22 23 this question anymore? 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I never spoke to Mr. 25 Scott, save and except for when I called and asked for

- 1 his CV. I never spoke to Mr. Scott.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: To your knowledge,
- 3 at any point before Mr. Scott provided the first draft
- 4 of his report to you or your counsel, did anybody tell
- 5 him that you didn't want him to answer this question
- 6 anymore?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't -- I'm
- 8 -- I'm not -- I was not apprised to the conversations
- 9 that my lawyer had with Mr. Scott.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. So I take it
- 11 you're not aware of anyone saying, Mr. Scott, please
- 12 don't answer -- answer question number 3 anymore?
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do not know.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we go to page
- 15 6, please? And can we look at question number 6 on
- 16 this page or wherever it is -- page 7, sorry -- oh,
- 17 page 8. There we go, page 8.
- 18 Question 6 says:
- 19 "This item is in regards to when Ron
- 20 Martin became involved with the
- 21 design build project. He stated
- that like a conventional project, he
- should have been involved at the
- 24 beginning. He stated that when he
- 25 received all of the drawings, et

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1	cetera, and had discussion of what's
2	in and what's out, was a bit of a
3	shock. Is it not true that the
4	design or sorry, that the project
5	coordinator does not need to get
6	involved with the designs, et
7	cetera, since he has no experience
8	in recreational facilities? Sprung
9	is partnered with performance
10	recreation consultants who are the
11	experts of these types of
12	facilities."
13	And then the bullet point says:
14	"We need to understand that in a
15	design build, the Town needs to
16	provide the desired components and
17	the design build team do the rest."
18	Do you see that?
19	MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do.
20	MS. KATE MCGRANN: So there you're
21	providing him with the information that you need him
22	to be giving to the Commissioner. Is that correct?
23	MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, I was I was
24	putting down the information that I was asked to put
25	down in the memo, yes.

- 1 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, you say that
- 2 you spoke with Mr. Scott once. Have I got that right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You called him to
- 5 ask him where his CV was. Is that correct?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Did you discuss
- 8 anything else with Mr. Scott when you spoke to him on
- 9 the phone, other than where his CV was?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: My understanding is,
- 11 or my -- my recollection is, is that I called -- I
- 12 don't even know if I identified myself. I might have
- 13 just said I'm calling on behalf of Mr. Chenoweth.
- 14 We're wondering where the -- your CV might be.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: And did you discuss
- 16 anything else on the phone with him at the time?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 18 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Now, we've heard
- 19 your evidence that two (2) sentences were removed from
- 20 Mr. Scott's report. Can we pull up the EHH188?

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And can we scroll
- 25 down, please. Sorry, can you scroll down to point

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  number 3?
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Okay. Point number
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   4, sorry. My mistake. Scroll down a little bit.
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                   This paragraph reads:
                      "The selection and nego --
 9
                      negotiating with a sole-source
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                      contractor may have some small
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                      risks, so get the most competitive
                      pricing available, but careful
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                      selection of the contractor will
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                      provide many benefits that far
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                      outweigh the risk. Professionals
16
                      are available to vet costing
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                      proposals and generally research is
18
                      done to ensure the key suppliers and
19
                      contractor are providing a
20
                      competitive price."
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                   And my understanding of what was
22
   removed was --
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: What you just read.
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: -- the whole thing.
   No, up until "competitive price," right?
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- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 2 MS. KATE MCGRANN: What was retained
- 3 was, "Sprung is rep -- recognized as experts," but the
- 4 rest of it comes out.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. The whole
- 6 thing you read.
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: So from "The
- 8 selection and negotiating" to the sentence that ends
- 9 with "providing a competitive price." Correct?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's -- that's
- 11 what I was asked to remove, yes.
- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: You'll agree with
- 13 me that what's described in the two (2) sentences that
- 14 removed there, that's exactly what you didn't do on
- 15 behalf of the Town when you moved through the summer
- 16 of 2012.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: To be specific,
- 18 again, I did not remove those sentences without
- 19 instructions, and I did that and it was based on
- 20 instructions that I got.
- I -- I look at that number 4, and I
- 22 wasn't -- and I'm not even that fussed about it. It
- 23 just says:
- 24 "The selection and negotiating with
- a sole-source contractor may have

- 1 small risks ... but careful
- 2 selection of the contractor will
- 3 provide many benefits."
- 4 So again I looked at it from the
- 5 perspective that Sprung/BLT were going to be that
- 6 contractor, and because again they had said on more
- 7 than one (1) occasion that they would love to have
- 8 this as a -- as a -- as a showcase for them, that --
- 9 that that portion of it was gone.
- 10 So I was -- I didn't even read it when
- 11 I was asked to remove those sentences, but when I look
- 12 at it and I looked at it afterwards when we were
- 13 putting this information together for you, it -- it's
- 14 not something that I would have been terribly fussed
- 15 over.
- 16 But I was told at the time that what we
- 17 were trying to do was talk about design build based on
- 18 what Mr. Martin said, and that it should stay -- it
- 19 should stay within the design build realm.
- 20 So I didn't question it, I removed it,
- 21 and this was all a function of just being able to --
- 22 to not -- I was acting as a back office for my legal
- 23 counsel, trying to -- to make sure that we're trying
- 24 to keep costs in check at the same time.
- 25 I -- If I had been told that this was

- 1 not the correct thing to do, I wouldn't have had
- 2 anything to do with it.
- 3 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Part of the section
- 4 that was removed says: "Careful selection of the
- 5 contractor will provide many benefits." BLT was
- 6 selected from a pool of one (1), correct?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, correct.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This goes on to
- 9 say: "Professionals are available to vet costing
- 10 proposals." The Town did not retain any professionals
- 11 to review or vet the costing proposals that BLT
- 12 provided.
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 14 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This section says:
- "Research is done to ensure the key
- suppliers and contractors are
- 17 providing a competitive price."
- No such research was done on behalf of
- 19 the Town, correct?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: This section
- 22 highlights steps that the Town did not take before it
- 23 signed the contract with BLT, correct?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I think
- 25 maybe the second sentence, but I think the first

- 1 sentence did.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: We haven't had the
- 3 opportunity to compare the different drafts that we
- 4 see being sent in emails. What I'm going to try to do
- 5 with you right now is this -- when we do do that
- 6 comparison, are we going to see any other changes to
- 7 the substance of Mr. Martin's report?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Not that I'm aware
- 9 of.
- 10 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Those are my
- 11 questions.
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr.
- 13 McDowell...?
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Could I just
- 15 cover this area here off and then maybe we can break
- 16 for lunch at that point? I can tell you --
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'll
- 18 break for -- I'll break for an hour. Go ahead. Let's
- 19 finish this off and then --
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 22 then I'll break for an hour.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Because I can
- 24 tell you that given the thoroughness of Ms. McGrann's
- 25 examination, there's a lot that I can stroke out over

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1 the lunch hour.
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- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Please
- 3 -- please en -- enjoy the entire lunch break to do
- 4 that, but -- but if you want to cover this off before,
- 5 that's fine.

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- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So
- 9 we pull up 19 -- EHH192.0003?

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So this is --
- 14 this is your memo to Mr. Scott.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: This is the memo
- 16 that I was -- sorry. This is the memo I was asked to
- 17 put together so that it could -- I mean, we -- we sent
- 18 the entire transcript. It was an opportunity for him
- 19 to sort of look at this and kind of boil it down, yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right, but this
- 21 memo is intended to focus his thoughts, I take it?
- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. I -- I believe
- 23 so.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And in saying
- 25 to him, for example:

- 1 "Benefits of design build, including
- 2 single source accountability, budget
- 3 management, enhanced communications.
- 4 Can we agree that these were features
- 5 of design build that you wanted Mr. Scott to include
- 6 in his report?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would expect that
- 8 when -- when it was -- when we put it together like
- 9 that, it was like here are some of the things that we
- 10 know, not being experts, to con -- to consider. You
- 11 can say yes or no or whatever, yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, your hope
- 13 and expectation is, in making these suggestions to
- 14 him, he is going to include them in his report as
- 15 favourable features, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would -- well, I
- 17 don't know anything about an expert witness. I -- I
- 18 can't -- you know, I'm -- I'm -- I'm thinking that,
- 19 again, if -- if we were providing him with this memo,
- 20 what we were trying to do was say, here are some of
- 21 the thoughts that we have, if you agree, great; if you
- 22 don't agree, I mean, you don't -- you don't include
- 23 it. We wanted to be thorough.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, let's
- 25 keep scrolling down. And you also include evidentiary

- $1\,$  excerpts so that he has the ammunition at hand to --
- 2 to address that, correct?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: When you say
- 4 evidentiary, you mean like the -- the portions of the
- 5 transcript?
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. We -- again,
- 8 what we were trying to do was narrow down so he didn't
- 9 have to read through two hundred and eighty-five (285)
- 10 pages to find what we were talking about.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But you sent
- 12 him two -- two hundred and eighty-five (285) pages,
- 13 right?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: We sent both of
- 15 them, yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 17 then if we keep going. And then you say:
- "We need to explain."
- 19 And there's a list.
- "Performance bonds are not simply an
- 21 insurance policy,"
- 22 And then you address costs. Do you see
- 23 that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: "But we need to
- 25 explain," yeah.

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So "We
- 2 need to explain," you're asking the expert to include
- 3 the explanation that you set out below. Is that fair?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. See, not
- 5 knowing -- I thought -- I mean, obviously this is from
- 6 not knowing. I thought the expert witness was our
- 7 expert witness. I didn't -- you know --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, here --
- 9 here's the problem.
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I accept the
- 11 problem. Now I understand --
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No, no. I
- 13 mean, like, you're in an unusual position because your
- 14 the party who is directly dealing with the expert
- 15 witness.
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I never -- I never
- 17 dealt directly with him, save and except for the call
- 18 of asking for the CV.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, yeah, but
- 20 you -- you're dealing with him directly here.
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay. I'm -- this
- 22 was in --
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Isn't the
- 24 answer to that question "yes"?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, yeah. I guess

- 1 I'm trying to explain that I didn't realize, because
- 2 nobody explained to me, that this was not -- was not
- 3 the right thing to do.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right,
- 5 because --
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I wouldn't have done
- 7 it if --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: It happened, it
- 9 happened. It's not the end of the world. But the
- 10 problem is that the expert is not your expert. He's
- 11 actually the Court's expert. He's -- do you
- 12 understand that now?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I totally
- 14 accept all that now.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so
- 16 he's got a duty of independence.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And you now
- 19 understand that.
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And I thought that
- 21 he would still have independence as -- you know, as --
- 22 as a -- as somebody that knows what he's -- of what
- 23 he's speaking. I completely get that. I wish that --
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Wish that you
- 25 knew that before this.

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yeah. Well,
- 3 no, look -- there's lots of lawyers that made the same
- 4 mistake. Don't -- what's unusual though is that
- 5 you're dealing as the party directly with the expert.
- 6 But I won't go through all this with you.
- 7 The problem is that when I look at
- 8 this, if I might say so, it is very expertly done, but
- 9 what you're doing is you're giving the expert kind of
- 10 a paint-by-numbers guide of what's supposed to go in
- 11 this report. You see that?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I see all the
- 13 pitfalls of what --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- we did here, yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And the
- 17 worry is that by doing this, you have undermined the
- 18 independence of the expert.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I accept
- 20 that. I mean, I don't know what else I can say except
- 21 that I didn't know -- no one -- I mean, two (2) things
- 22 I did. I -- I brought my binder in the first time,
- 23 thinking I could have that, and -- and this. I didn't
- 24 know either of those.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. Right.

- 1 Well, this -- this part's kind of clear.
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Both of them are.
- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But --
- 4 and then if we look at -- if we scroll -- probably
- 5 don't need to scroll down for this.
- In this note, you ask the expert to
- 7 address the question of sole sourcing. Do you recall
- 8 that?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I wrote that, yes.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: You wrote that,
- 11 okay. And he addressed that in his draft report.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I know.
- 13 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yeah. And it
- 14 is clear that the -- that your expert, as you put it,
- 15 thought that the Town would negotiate to get the best
- 16 possible price, or to get a competitive price.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Maybe he says that.
- 18 I don't know. Yeah.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yeah. He says
- 20 that.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then you
- 23 were acting on instructions when you took those two
- 24 (2) sentences out.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Totally.

1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Were they the

- 2 instructions of Mr. Chenoweth or were they the
- 3 instructions of the expert?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand that --
- 5 am I allowed to talk about Mr. Chenoweth?
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I think so.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand that --
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No, but you can
- 9 get some -- I think there's waiver over this area
- 10 frankly, but --
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 12 -- I don't really -- I -- I have a -- I -- I don't
- 13 feel it's -- I don't feel it's necessary. I have Mr.
- 14 Houghton's evidence that as a result of informa --
- 15 conversation he had with Mr. Chenoweth, he removed
- 16 these two (2) sentences.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. That's
- 18 fine.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: T -- T
- 20 don't need to get into the specifics of --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, neither
- 22 do I.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 24 what that conversation sounded like.
- 25 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No. Neither do

- 1 I. I -- I may have missed that that's where the
- 2 instruction came from.
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 4 think that that was the general tenor of the --
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- I
- 7 think I'm -- I think that was the wording of it.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All -- all
- 9 right. That's fine.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And
- 11 I'm satis -- I'm satisfied with that. I don't want to
- 12 get into it any deeper. It's -- it's too easy to
- 13 stray over into something else --
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Sure, sure.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 16 that we really shouldn't get into.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
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- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But I guess to
- 21 follow up on Ms. McGrann's questions about this, it's
- 22 sort of bad luck that the two (2) sentences that come
- 23 out refer to steps that the Town should have taken and
- 24 did not take.
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I -- I would

- 1 agree with the second sentence, yes. And -- and I --
- 2 I can honestly tell you, I was sitting in my driveway
- 3 when I was asked to remove those. I quickly turned my
- 4 computer on, removed it. I didn't know what was
- 5 removed until we were asked what was removed and I
- 6 looked at it.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 8 Just you hadn't turned your mind to it.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I hadn't read
- 10 it.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Hadn't read it,
- 12 okay.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I mean, this -- this
- 14 happened -- this happened so quickly that we didn't
- 15 have anybody to be able to put it together. I whole-
- 16 heartedly said I can -- I can put a cover page on and
- 17 cut and paste, and we did. And then there was a
- 18 discussion, I understand, and I was asked to remove
- 19 those two (2) sentences.
- 20 I did finish the report, sent it off to
- 21 them. It was all done within a very short period of -
- 22 like within -- like, an hour and a bit.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And -- but if -- if
- 25 I had known -- like, I knew that you could look at

- 1 that. I mean, I even made the cover page almost
- 2 identical to the OEB -- the lady from the OEB. So it
- 3 wasn't like -- I didn't know I was -- like, I was
- 4 hiding something.
- I thought that we're -- we're providing
- 6 this information, this guy is an expert, he's going to
- 7 -- he's going to either say what he wants to say or
- 8 not say, and he did.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Could we just
- 10 pull up EHH188?
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- 12 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And look -- go
- 15 to paragraph 4. So Ms. McGrann's taken you through
- 16 this, but --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- the point
- 19 is, there was negotiation. You've dealt with that.
- 20 You have acknowledged that no professional vetted the
- 21 costing proposals and so on, right?
- 22 And my only point to you is that it is
- 23 bad luck when you look at this that the sentences that
- 24 come out, if the expert had that in his report, it
- 25 would have been clear and would have been raised in

- 1 examinations that this -- these are the steps that he
- 2 contemplates being taken, the Town didn't take them.
- 3 And I just make that observation, that
- 4 you see why it -- it looks unfortunate, but he was
- 5 asked to opine on this, he did opine on it, and it
- 6 looks like somebody didn't like his opinion and
- 7 therefore it came out of the report.
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I absolutely see
- 9 what you're -- you're saying. Again, yeah, I'm not
- 10 trying -- in no way, shape, or form would I want to,
- 11 have you say, that the shou -- shouldn't have been in
- 12 there because I, quite frankly, I -- I don't disagree
- 13 with what you're saying.
- 14 I was told -- we asked about design
- 15 build. This is about sole sourcing, removed. And I
- 16 gave full disclosure on whatever day that was that we
- 17 -- I even remember the number. It was number 4 in the
- 18 first -- first two (2) sentences. I said that. It
- 19 was about sole sourcing. I -- I've been totally up-
- 20 front. Like, I get what you're saying.
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well you've got
- 22 an admirable memory. That's one (1) of the things
- 23 that I've picked up from all this.
- Just a couple of questions; really one
- 25 (1) question. The lady from the OEB, sort of a

- 1 shadowy figure in my notes, just who is that? Who --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It's
- 3 the expert witness that testified for -- that's who I
- 4 assumed everybody's -- you were referring to.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Oh, from Phase
- 6 1.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: From
- 8 Phase 1. I -- I didn't take the witness to be
- 9 indicating that someone from the -- there was a woman
- 10 from the OEB who was part of Mr. Chenoweth and his
- 11 discussions dealing with the report.
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Thank heavens.
- 13 I've been lying awake.
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- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: The other
- 17 question is, Mr. Dempsey, some of the stuff -- he's
- 18 involved in getting the expert, right? He identifies
- 19 the expert to you. Is that right?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, he did not
- 21 identify him to me.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: To Mr.
- 23 Chenoweth?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. But then

- 1 he gets -- he gets the CV of Mr. Scott at some point.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: For whatever reason,
- 3 he was -- he was supposed to send this information to
- 4 Mr. Chenoweth.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He sent -- he sent
- 7 the -- the -- the information to Mr. Chenoweth, but
- 8 for whatever reason, the -- the CV went to Mr.
- 9 Dempsey, and I'm not sure why that happened. So it
- 10 was -- I -- I actually said it was at night, but I was
- 11 wrong.
- 12 When I looked at it -- and because I'm
- 13 -- I'm literally Mr. Chenoweth's assistant about
- 14 getting -- doing stuff and getting stuff, he said to
- 15 me, your task today while I'm at court is to find out
- 16 where the CV is. I did.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And
- 18 then did Mr. Dempsey also get a draft of the report?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- there -- there
- 20 was a couple of copies. I think -- I think I -- I
- 21 think I may have sent it to him as well. Actually I -
- 22 I know that there was a copy to Mr. Dempsey about
- 23 something.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yes.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: But I don't remember

- 1 what that was of.
- 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And you -- and
- 3 he had no communication with you about the contents of
- 4 the report?
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- I -- I have
- 6 not spoken to Mr. Dempsey about it at all.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And --
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And, quite frankly,
- 9 when I called Mr. Dempsey, I said I understand that
- 10 you have the CV, could you please forward it to me.
- 11 He said, yeah, do it right now, and he just flipped it
- 12 to me with no comments or anything.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. And do
- 14 you know whether Mr. Scott had any discussion with Mr.
- 15 Dempsey about the contents of the report?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No clue.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right,
- 18 Commissioner, those are my questions in this area.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 20 you. We'll take an hour for lunch.
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- 22 --- Upon recessing at 12:52 p.m.
- 23 --- Upon resuming at 1:55 p.m.
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- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Mr. Houghton,
- 2 just before we leave this question and the expert
- 3 report, there -- there was one (1) thing I forgot to
- 4 ask you, and that is in your memo to Mr. Scott, you
- 5 made a number of statements that were critical of Ron
- 6 Martin.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Critical or stating
- 11 what he had said?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Stating what he
- 13 had said and --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- and
- 16 suggesting that what he had said might be the subject
- 17 of criticism. Is that fair?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- yes. Okay.
- 19 Yeah.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And I -- I
- 21 guess I'm curious about why you wanted to call an
- 22 expert on that issue when, after all, it's you who
- 23 assigned Mr. Martin to the role that he -- that he
- 24 took.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: You're making the

193 assumption that I wanted to do that. 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay, well, fair enough. Fair enough. I think I'd better drive 3 past that, then. 5 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. ED HOUGHTON: I had a different opinion. 9 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: M-hm? MR. ED HOUGHTON: I had a different 11 12 opinion. 13 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I think I'd 14 better keep driving. 15 16 (BRIEF PAUSE) 17 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And 19 I -- I appreciate that clarification. 20 Now again, I have -- I have a few spots I wanted to ask you about, about the process. 21 22 Can we pull up the purchasing bylaw, 23 which I think is TOC517154? 24 2.5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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                  MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then if we
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 2 scroll down to -- keep going.
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                 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. So there
 7 we are, 2.1.
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                  MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: This sets out
12 the general rule that there's going to be tendering.
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                  Is that fair?
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                  MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
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                 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And if we keep
16 going down.
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                         (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay, hold on
21 for a second.
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                         (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then keep
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   going up. I think it -- is it 6.3?
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                  MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Sorry, keep
   scrolling up. No, sorry, the other direction. I
   apologize.
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                   MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So
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   -- and let's just go down. I just wanted to catch the
   beginning of -- sorry, stop. Keep -- I wanted to get
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   (a) as well, sorry.
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                   So this sets out the sole sourcing set
16 of exam -- examples.
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                      "Circumstances may arise where
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                      competitive tendering is
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                      undesirable, and the pro -- proposed
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                      procurement excluded from the
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                      requirement to obtain competitive
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                      bids or were in direct negotiations
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                      are appropriate, provided that" --
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                  And then there are a couple of
25 exceptions. And then they go down. Sub (a) is the
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- 1 emergency one, and then sub (b), so this is 6.7(b):
- 2 "Conditions may dictate the conduct
- 3 of negotiations for the acquisition
- 4 of goods provided that the clerk has
- 5 received either verbal or written
- 6 authorization prior to the start of
- 7 negotiations with any supplier.
- Negotiations may be authorized when
- 9 any of the following conditions
- 10 apply."
- 11 So the one that seems to have been
- 12 relied upon is sub (b), where there is only one (1)
- 13 known source for the goods or services, (sole source).
- 14 You see that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So there's a
- 17 question as we go into this, which is: what are the
- 18 goods that we're talking about? And to illustrate
- 19 this, let's go to TOC600353.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So again, this
- 24 is the Whistler study. And it's 2015. So it's
- 25 several years after the fact.

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                   But if we scroll up.
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                   MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Go to the first
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   section, the overview.
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                   MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
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                      "The purpose of the study is to
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                      investigate the capital and
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                      operational costs for a potential
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                      new indoor multiuse sport facility
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                      located in Whistler."
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                   So if we're thinking about Collingwood
    and its problem with the need to cover an ice surface,
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   or create a new surface, and cover the pool, aren't
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   the goods in question just the means to do that?
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                   MR. ED HOUGHTON: Sorry. I'm not sure
   if I follow.
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                   MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, if we go
23 to Whistler, so Whistler's got a -- a very similar
24
   problem. We have a soccer field. We can't use it
   for, let's say, seven (7) months of the year. So we
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- 1 want to find some way of covering that.
- If you say we want to cover it by
- 3 getting an -- an indoor multiuse sport facility,
- 4 that's one (1) way of defining the goods. Another way
- 5 of defining the goods is to say no, no, no. It has to
- 6 be a fabric structure, or it has to be an
- 7 architectural membrane.
- 8 And I just want to ask you about this,
- 9 because if we look at the -- the purchasing bylaw, how
- 10 we think of what the goods are becomes really
- 11 important, because if the goods are generically a way
- 12 of covering a pool and a rink, then there isn't just
- 13 one (1) supplier of that.
- 14 Could we agree on that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: You're talking the -
- 16 there was different construction types? Is that
- 17 what you mean?
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So in
- 21 the end -- and I'm not suggesting this is just you,
- 22 but in the end, staff seem to have persuaded
- 23 themselves that there was only one (1) supplier of the
- 24 goods, because they'd persuaded themselves that the
- 25 goods were an architectural membrane, when in fact, I

- 1 -- I guess it's a matter for submissions, ultimately.
- 2 The goods are really just different ways of covering
- 3 the rink and the pool, aren't they?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Can I break it down
- 5 a little bit so I can --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Absolutely.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- totally
- 8 understand? You -- you're talking about that staff
- 9 had convinced themselves that -- that the Sprung type
- 10 technology was the only one (1) of fabric, and you're
- 11 suggesting that -- that again, there's reengineered
- 12 steel, or whatever is the other part -- is -- and
- 13 that's the other good?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: That's
- 15 potentially another good, yes.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't -- I don't -
- 20 I -- I don't -- I'm not following the connection. I
- 21 --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, the
- 23 problem is that if you set out to define something
- 24 really particularly, then you narrow the field of what
- 25 you're going to consider.

1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And I -- and I don't

- 2 think that there was any intent to narrow the field,
- 3 per se.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think that -- and
- 6 I've never really had a chance to sort of say, but if
- 7 you -- if you think about what I thought, and I'm just
- 8 going to only just talk about me right now, that the
- 9 Council resolution was pretty prescriptive for the
- 10 pool, thou shalt kind of thing, fabric building. We
- 11 looked at it. We felt that the Sprung answered that
- 12 question. Check.
- 13 The -- the other one, we felt that --
- 14 and there was a whole bunch of considerations in the
- 15 mix, right? There's, you know, let's kind of keep it
- 16 -- let's make sure that whatever we do, we protect the
- 17 ball diamonds and the other assets. Check.
- 18 Let's -- let's make sure that we can
- 19 twin it without creating any issues for the other ball
- 20 diamonds and assets. Check.
- 21 Let's -- let's be respectful of the
- 22 fact that a number of people put together the Central
- 23 Park Steering Committee report, and that this may not
- 24 be the end, but the means to the end. And would a
- 25 Sprung type building be the best ends to the mean --

1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Other way

- 2 around.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- means to the end,
- 4 sorry -- where it could potentially be repurposed or
- 5 sold. And I know that, you know, that doesn't maybe
- 6 happen every day, but that was part of the thinking.
- 7 So that if you were to -- if you wanted
- 8 to build the multiuse facility in that location,
- 9 albeit it would have to be somewhat altered and
- 10 changed because of the location we put in that far --
- 11 excuse me -- southeast corner, but at the same time,
- 12 then you wouldn't -- be better not to connect it to a
- 13 heritage building, which was the curling club.
- 14 But those -- those were the -- kind of
- 15 the thoughts that came into it. So I don't think that
- 16 -- I don't think that any -- at any point in time, we
- 17 -- we tried to besmirch any other technology, but it
- 18 appeared like, when Mr. McNalty finished his -- his
- 19 review of the numbers, that it -- the Sprung was
- 20 significantly cheaper. That's -- and that's kind of
- 21 where we went with that.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay, let me --
- 23 just because we're here in this report, could we put -
- 24 go to 4.1 within this report.

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202 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So these are the different options. So go to 4.2. 5 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So we get into this comparison in this report, which is in some ways peculiar to Whistler, because of the amount of snow. 10 11 So there's a discussion in the second paragraph, at 12 the end of the second paragraph: "Manufacturers claim the outer skin 13 14 can last over twenty (20) years, but 15 in most cases, partial or whole re-16 skinning is required between ten 17 (10) and fifteen (15) years." 18 Do you see that? 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I read that in this 20 report, yes. 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And again, without being unduly critical, because a lot of 22 this thinking was delegated by you, that's the kind of 24 information that no one went looking for, to look at what the actual performance was of Sprung buildings?

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1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I believe at the
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- 2 time, they were telling us that there was actually a
- 3 warranty, a full warranty up to twenty (20) years.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I won't
- 5 take the time to go into the warranty, but it's a
- 6 little more complicated than that. But --
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: War -- and
- 8 warranties are, yes.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So then
- 10 going to the third paragraph, there is a statement
- 11 about being highly susceptible to vandalism, usually
- 12 requiring a perimeter chain-link fence.
- Do you see that?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I -- again, I'm
- 15 reading what this person's saying.
- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And you
- 17 did turn your minds to that, and you decided that on
- 18 the odds, vandalism in Collingwood, or in that part of
- 19 Collingwood, wasn't a big deal?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, but as I --
- 21 I'd mentioned, they'd said that in twelve thousand
- 22 (12,000) buildings, they have installed -- less than 5
- 23 percent of those buildings, they've installed the
- 24 Sprung shield.
- 25 And that -- that -- it's -- again, the

- 1 comment was made, it's not downtown Detroit. Low
- 2 vandalism. And again, any -- you can break into any
- 3 building.
- The one (1) thing that was always --
- 5 also attractive was graffiti, where graffiti is very
- 6 easily rubbed off this, where it's not on a steel
- 7 fabricated building, those kinds of things.
- 8 So I -- I read what this person's
- 9 saying. It's not -- it's not kind of in keeping with
- 10 what I was -- I remember from back then.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And
- 12 then could we go to 4. -- I -- I think it was 4.3 --
- 13 sorry, 4.4.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So the second
- 18 paragraph:
- 19 "Pre-engineered metal buildings are
- far more durable than any fabric
- 21 building, but the pre -- price leap
- 22 upward is significant. That said,
- the PEMB could be expected to last
- two (2) to three (3) times longer
- 25 than a fabric building in total

Transcript Date October 22, 2019 205 building life, with lower and fewer 1 2 capital upgrades during the years of 3 operation." So -- so I take it that nobody explored 5 that question, which is, there might be a price difference, but there is a difference -- or there might be a difference in the longevity of the buildings? 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, we have been 10 told that -- that the aluminum structure is virtually 11 indestructible. 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: M-hm. 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: So I -- I don't buy 14 what this gentleman's saying. 15 The -- the membrane may need to be replaced, but so does a, you know, a built up roof on a -- on a flat roof building, or those kinds of things 17

- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: M-hm.
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- about it -- about
- 21 the same time. There -- it may be more -- slightly
- 22 more costly, but there's also -- from the energy
- 23 perspective, which -- I mean, if you were to do a
- 24 complete analysis, I -- I think it would be an
- 25 interesting thing to do.

- But yes, I -- I don't -- again, don't
- 2 quite buy what this gentleman is saying, but I
- 3 understand what you're -- you're pointing out to me.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 5 really, the broader point is you didn't -- you --
- 6 Collingwood didn't retain an expert to do this kind of
- 7 comprehensive side-by-side analysis?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: You're -- you're
- 9 correct. And again, Council wanted deliverables in
- 10 this term, and they were also not big on hiring
- 11 consultants and things.
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well --
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And I think that I
- 14 was even a party to that, where I was -- I think
- 15 that's why I stayed longer than I should have stayed,
- 16 because I was free.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Lesson learned,
- 18 I take it.
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- 20 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: In hindsight,
- 23 do I take it that you would not have agreed to take on
- 24 this extra job, given everything else you had on your
- 25 plate?

1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Excuse me. That was

2 just me clearing my throat, there, a second ago.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was very proud of
- 7 the work that I did in Collingwood. I received awards
- 8 for my volunteerism, Order of Collingwood, all of
- 9 those kinds of things, the provincial volunteerism
- 10 award, the highest award that's given to a water
- 11 professional in North America on an annual basis.
- I was proud of what I was doing. I
- 13 literally did not think, when I accepted to do it for
- 14 a couple months, that this would ever happen. And --
- 15 and the -- my focus, I tried my best to have the focus
- 16 on everything so that nothing fell through the cracks.
- 17 I -- I tried to be respectful of the fact that I was
- 18 in in-kind service to the Town of Collingwood. I
- 19 tried to make sure that everything I did was for all -
- 20 for -- for the benefit of the community.
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right, but it
- 22 was -- it's really a simple point. Looking at it in
- 23 hindsight, this was too much for you to take on?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now I just
- 4 wanted to ask you a couple of questions about the
- 5 development of momentum for the idea of the Sprung
- 6 structure.
- 7 So if we look at paragraph 161 of the
- 8 Foundation Document.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So scroll up
- 13 towards, you know, 158 or so.
- So you get the information from
- 15 Mr. Mills. You send it on to Mr. Lloyd. Go to 159.
- 16 Rick Lloyd then makes the request to
- 17 get a price for the Sprung buildings, and I won't take
- 18 you through it, but there are -- there are a bunch of
- 19 email response to this, and there -- there's
- 20 enthusiasm from a number of councillors. Right?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And I
- 23 guess there a couple of issues with this. One is that
- 24 Council had deputed you and staff to look at options.
- 25 Right?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Deputed?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Requested.
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay. After the
- 4 June 11th, you mean?
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Correct.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so staff
- 8 were going to research options. Right? That was the
- 9 idea?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- my
- 11 understanding was that when we came back on the 16th
- 12 of July, we -- we provided a presentation of what was
- 13 the original Central Park resolutions that had been
- 14 passed and not passed and deferred and that there was
- 15 a host of other options.
- 16 And -- and as you could see from the
- 17 emails, there was the option at (a) which would kind
- 18 of carry -- carry on down the path of the Central Park
- 19 Steering Committee and (b) which would be sort of all
- 20 these others.
- 21 I -- I didn't have a -- I didn't have a
- 22 great deal of -- of input to any of that stuff at that
- 23 point in time.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And I'm
- 25 not actually in July yet, but if we look at the way

- 1 that this is unfolding as part as the public knows,
- 2 you had this retreat. You're then going to look at
- 3 options.
- 4 Then Rick Lloyd goes to Saskatoon, and
- 5 he finds this structure -- this idea. He sends an
- 6 email. There's a lot of buy-in to his email, and he's
- 7 kind of gotten in front of the process of looking at
- 8 options.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I don't know
- 10 if it was -- I don't -- I don't recollect them saying
- 11 for us to look at options at that point in time.
- 12 I think what they were doing was to --
- 13 to identify options that would be available to them.
- 14 It wouldn't -- it wasn't -- I don't think it was --
- 15 like I don't think that there was any investigation or
- 16 looking into, you know, option number 3 on that list
- 17 kind of thing.
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, in the --
- 19 the paper coming out of the retreat says what it says
- 20 and can move on.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Your Honour,
- 22 I just have a little trouble by the word "retreat."
- 23 That's not in keeping with the evidence as I
- 24 understand it. The June 11th meeting was a -- an open
- 25 and public meeting.

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MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: That's fair.

THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay.

3 Thank you, Mr. Chenoweth.

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- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Mr. Chenoweth
- 7 would prefer "advance," I guess, to "retreat" but...
- 8 So -- and if I can just ask a couple of
- 9 questions if we go to paragraph 241 of the Foundation
- 10 Document.
- 11 This is Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd on July
- 12 16th indicating -- I may have the wrong spot, but at
- 13 July 16th, it -- Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd says:
- 14 "I really would like to work with
- staff and our CAO to come up with an
- 16 alternative."
- 17 You're not seeing that there, I don't
- 18 think, but --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I'm in the
- 21 wrong spot. But that was -- keep -- keep going down.
- 22 Sorry.

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand what
- 2 you -- what your --
- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. And
- 6 isn't the way the process is supposed to work that
- 7 Council says we want to examine the idea of covering
- 8 the rink and covering the pool.
- 9 And we want staff to give us advice as
- 10 to the options or the different ways that we might
- 11 proceed. And the staff acts independently in giving
- 12 that advice?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Are you suggesting
- 14 that's a -- a different approach?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's -- that is a
- 17 different approach to what happened.
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: A different
- 19 approach to what happened. Have you heard the phrase,
- 20 fearless advice and flawless execution?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. That's
- 23 a -- that's a phrase that when I worked in Ottawa, I
- 24 would hear this phrase that this is the way that
- 25 public servants is supposed to operate, that they give

- 1 completely unvarnished advice, advantages,
- 2 disadvantages, and then they're given direction.
- 3 We've heard your advice; here's what we want you to
- 4 do.
- 5 But you don't intermingle political
- 6 considerations from the legislators with the advice
- 7 that's being given by the public servants. Isn't that
- 8 your understanding of the way it's supposed to work?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: In a small
- 10 community, it does have -- I mean, it's not one size
- 11 fits all kind of thing. In a small community, the
- 12 Council members are significantly more involved than -
- 13 than in larger communities.
- 14 And -- and that might be from a
- 15 bureaucracy perspective, that may be in a larger
- 16 municipality, as I think that even we heard Marta say
- 17 something like her Toronto or somebody had made that
- 18 comment in her Toronto bureaucracy or whatever.
- 19 In a smaller community, you -- there's
- 20 less bureaucracy from that perspective, like that
- 21 there's less so called red tape in getting to the
- 22 issue and getting to a resolution.
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But
- 24 here's the problem. So staff are putting together
- 25 their advice in a draft staff report. And the advice

- 1 includes things such as there is no pool in Ontario
- 2 that is covered by a Sprung structure, and that's
- 3 something that is relevant for them to know.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yeah. And the
- 6 reaction of Mr. Lloyd, the politician, is, well, we
- 7 don't want to tell them that; just say there are all
- 8 kinds of pools elsewhere in North America that have
- 9 got Sprung structures. That -- that's what he said,
- 10 in essence.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And the
- 13 problem with that is that, you know, that's coloring
- 14 the unbiased advice that -- that staff are giving on
- 15 an important point.
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. And I don't
- 17 know -- honestly, I don't know why it was removed,
- 18 whether I spoke to somebody or somebody else to
- 19 somebody or Rick spoke to somebody. I don't know.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But it looks
- 21 like he's the author of the idea of removing it.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, he suggested
- 23 it.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 25 similarly, the phrase, which I think is standard for

- 1 staff reports and the whole governance should Council
- 2 decide to proceed, he wants that phrase out because he
- 3 takes it as a given that Council will proceed.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I think
- 5 there's -- there's many staff reports that would say
- 6 that, or there's many staff reports that would say --
- 7 more direct as well. I think there's both -- both
- 8 ways, certainly in Collingwood for sure.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 10 what I'm -- what I'm coming to all of this is that
- 11 when Rick Lloyd says, I would like to help, and his
- 12 help, as it turns out, wasn't all that helpful because
- 13 what he's doing -- I mean, he's kind of the genre de
- 14 peau of this project -- we gotta get this thing
- 15 covered, and we gotta do it now. And his help is
- 16 simply to build the case for Sprung to be the -- the
- 17 preferred option.
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I like the idea of
- 19 Council not being involved, I think, as they've --
- 20 they've evolved here to that. I think that was a wise
- 21 move.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 23 then when he raised this idea in the Council meeting
- 24 of July 16th that he wanted to be involved and he
- 25 wanted to help -- to make the point that nobody

- 1 objected.
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 4 Ms. Proctor says, well, you were the senior public
- 5 servant in Town. You know, you should have objected.
- 6 That was part of your job to object and to protect the
- 7 public servants, if you will.
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: She said that about
- 9 me?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yes.
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: She was the one who
- 12 spoke, 'cause at July 16th, this was her report, and
- 13 she said, I may have a little concern.
- Honestly if she had been more
- 15 demonstrative about it, if she had spoke up and said I
- 16 need time -- I'm going to be away for three (3) weeks
- 17 out of the next five (5) that you're asking for --
- 18 there may have been something significantly different.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, that's
- 20 a --
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: She didn't -- she
- 22 didn't do that though.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. That's
- 24 on the timing. But in the question of Rick Lloyd's
- 25 involvement, her position was -- and I think Ms. --

- 1 Ms. Leonard's position also was, somebody should have
- 2 objected, and you were that somebody.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay. I didn't hear
- 4 them say that, but they blame me for a lot of things.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now, I know
- 6 that you -- you put a lot of emphasis on the word
- 7 "acting" but --
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, it -- 'cause
- 9 that's what -- it was only supposed to be for such a
- 10 short period of time, and we never got anything too
- 11 formal. I didn't -- I didn't implement process. I
- 12 didn't implement new policy. I didn't do any of those
- 13 things because I thought I was going to be gone soon.
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But the
- 15 acting colonel is still the colonel. Right? So --
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The acting colonel
- 17 is doing that job full time. This -- this acting
- 18 colonel was not.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So it
- 20 was mostly acting then, not -- I'm kidding.
- 21 But -- but it -- I mean, it's a small
- 22 point, but do you think that it was your -- part of
- 23 your job to say, hang on, we're better off not having
- 24 the politicians involved in this analysis.
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Honestly? I -- I

1 can -- I did not think about it at that point in time.

- 2 I did not -- Council was involved, especially the
- 3 deputy mayor on many, many, many files. Maybe I was
- 4 just more accustomed to it.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: And...
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 8 you've given -- we won't spend time on it, but you've
- 9 given examples of public works instances where the
- 10 politicians would be involved --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well --
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- and
- 13 certainly, we've heard that evidence.
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. And he -- he
- 15 was very much involved.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then just a
- 20 very few questions about the staff report itself, if
- 21 we go to paragraph 403 of the Foundation Document.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So this is the

- 1 email from Ms. Leonard on August 23rd in the evening
- 2 and you see that Ms. Leonard says:
- "We supplied our wish list to BLT
- 4 Sprung, and they were aware that
- 5 they were competing against two (2)
- 6 other forms of construction."
- 7 So this point makes its way into the
- 8 final staff report. Correct?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And I've heard
- 11 your evidence that in discussions with BLT Sprung or
- 12 discussions with Sprung, Sprung may have been aware
- 13 that, in fact, there were other -- other forms of
- 14 construction being considered? Correct?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. And I
- 16 think -- now, I think that this kind of gives the
- 17 example that -- that Marjory thought -- at least at
- 18 this time, Marjory thought that they -- that they were
- 19 aware as well.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But
- 21 just -- there's no document that I've seen anywhere
- 22 that suggests that they were aware that they were in
- 23 competition with other forms of construction.
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. It would have
- 25 been verbal. You're right.

220 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then: 1 2 "Nobody possesses the Tedlar 3 technology." I think that's the word you were looking for yesterday, and this is the -- kind of the hard membrane? 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think -- well -and I think Marjory said that she added this. 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: But -- like, she 11 said, I dictated everything else, but she added this, but -- I disagree with that -- but Tedlar, I -- I 13 believe, is what they kind of call the way they 14 combine the exterior or the interior, the insulation, 15 the connection points, the stretching points, all of that. I think that's what they call it. 16 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: 18 "Nobody else can prove that they 19 have done this type of construction 20 without collapse." 21 You see that. 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: It's an 24 important point, right? 2.5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.

1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But my problem

- 2 with this is nobody else was asked.
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Nobody else where?
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, you know,
- 5 Ameresco, you had some discussions with, but they
- 6 never got far enough in the process where they were
- 7 asked to pitch, to make a bid, where they would have
- 8 provided information about this kind of thing.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I -- that's
- 10 where, I think -- I mean, the Deputy Mayor met with
- 11 Ameresco four (4) times. The former CAO met with
- 12 Ameresco once. The -- the -- the Mayor met with
- 13 Ameresco twice. I -- I believe Councillors Hull and
- 14 Councillor West met with Ameresco twice. They made
- 15 the presentation to Council.
- 16 The reality was they were just doing an
- 17 alternative to the Central Park Steering Committee
- 18 full plan, which, quite frankly, had some really nice
- 19 attributes to it. You know, there was some really
- 20 interesting things to it. But it was 27 or \$30
- 21 million. It was also going to -- to -- to displace
- 22 the ball diamonds and those kinds of things.
- 23 And when they talked about the pricing,
- 24 they talked about the fact that -- and he -- he
- 25 actually did a -- a bit of a -- you know, I wish that

- 1 my boss was here, or whoever it was, because he said
- 2 he would know. But you're -- you're probably going to
- 3 pay two (2) or three (3) points more than what you
- 4 could get at Infrastructure Ontario.
- 5 So the -- they -- they're not --
- 6 to me, it's not even an apples-to-apples at this
- 7 point.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But
- 9 here -- here's the thing. Mr. Miceli of Ameresco --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: M-hm.
- 11 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- after the
- 12 contract is awarded, Mr. Miceli writes a letter, and
- 13 we'll come to it. But in the letter, he says, look,
- 14 if we had known that you were moving completely away
- 15 from the Central Park proposal and you wanted to cover
- 16 the rink, you wanted to cover the pool, you should
- 17 have had an RFP, because then we could have responded
- 18 to that. You're aware that he said that, right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I am now.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. But this
- 21 goes back to my point that it's a bit disingenuous to
- 22 say nobody else can prove they have done this type of
- 23 construction without collapse, because Ameresco is
- 24 never asked to make a pitch for then new -- for the
- 25 project as it -- as it is now conceived, where these

- 1 kinds of points would have been answered.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: But no, I think -- I
- 3 think, again, you're -- you're -- you're taking it
- 4 incorrect. What Marjory is speaking about is from a
- 5 membrane or a fabric type building, no other type of
- 6 construction has occurred without collapse.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So you take
- 8 that to be no other type of fabric building.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Absolutely. That's
- 10 what she's talking about.
- 11 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 12 Then paragraph 442...

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Sub (a):
- "WGD Architects knew they were in
- 18 competition with the architectural
- 19 membrane structures when producing
- 20 estimates."
- 21 So Mr. Dabrus came to testify here and
- 22 says that's -- that's just wrong, that the WG (sic)
- 23 weren't in competition. If Council had decided to
- 24 proceed with a bricks-and-mortar solution, then there
- 25 would have been an RFP from that point. What they

- 1 were doing was simply providing advice to the Town.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Certainly, that's, I
- 3 believe, unfortunate text. But I believe that -- I
- 4 don't know if this is Marjory's draft or this is the -
- 5 the redraft of -- of David McNalty, but both the
- 6 first paragraph and the fourth paragraph had edits to
- 7 them. So both Marjory and Dave had a cut at that
- 8 paragraph (a).
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so
- 10 if we go to paragraph 675, at the time Mr. Dabrus
- 11 called you on this -- called the Town on this and
- 12 expressed his concern, and as you've acknowledged, you
- 13 responded -- if we keep going down. You say there at
- 14 the end:
- "I believe the word 'competition'
- 16 meant that we were looking at
- 17 different types of structures, and
- 18 your firm was aware that we were
- 19 getting prices on other types of
- 20 structures, and your firm provided
- 21 us the estimated numbers on the
- 22 steel fabricated building. It did
- not mean, however, that you were in
- 24 a competitive bidding process,
- 25 because we well know that you were

- 1 providing budget numbers or
- 2 estimates as our Central Park
- 3 project architect and not firm
- 4 numbers, as we may have gotten from
- a construction contractor."
- 6 You said that, right?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I wrote that, yes.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Wrote that.
- 9 And that was to clear the air with him?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, as you could
- 11 see, Ms. Proctor got the complaint. She had had the
- 12 most contact with WGD. I had never had any contact
- 13 with WGD. She forwarded the complaint to me with no
- 14 comments.
- So I called her and spoke to her about
- 16 it, and she just said, you know, so I put together an
- 17 apology to say that we were not trying to misrepresent
- 18 that, and I thought he had accepted it.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But in
- 20 writing that, you were acknowledging that the staff
- 21 report contained erroneous information about WGD.
- 22 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I've -- there's
- 23 two (2) or three (3) things in the staff report that
- 24 should have been changed. I acknowledge that.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: By -- there's

- 1 probably more, but anyway --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Three (3) or four
- 3 (4) then.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I know. But --
- 5 but that's the only point I want to get, that Council
- 6 was not given correct information about the role of
- 7 WGD.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I wasn't given erec
- 9 -- correct information about the role of WGD.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I'm not -
- 11 I'm not blaming you --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I accept that.
- 13 I guess what I'm saying is, it was never the intent to
- 14 -- to -- and -- and if you think that Council
- 15 would have looked at this particular couple words and
- 16 made a decision on it -- they're not going to, but --
- 17 but as I was saying, though, Mr. McNalty took a cut at
- 18 Marjory's words and made changes to that paragraph as
- 19 well, and obviously, it was kind of his understanding
- 20 or whatever -- I'm not blaming any of them, but that's
- 21 what they did.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right, but just
- 23 go back a little bit here. If you think that
- 24 Council's going to look at this and read this and that
- 25 they're going to change their minds, respectfully, you

- 1 can't look at it that way, because if you look at it
- 2 that way, the whole system breaks down.
- 3 You put the advice in. You want to be
- 4 complete and accurate. They read it or they don't
- 5 read it.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: One hundred (100)
- 7 percent you would like to do that. But -- but --
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I hope
- 9 you do that, actually.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, 100 percent.
- 11 That's exactly. One hundred (100) percent you hope
- 12 you do that. And -- and hope you do it only because
- 13 people do make mistakes.
- 14 And -- and, I mean, this has been put
- 15 under a fine microscope, a very high-powered, fine
- 16 microscope, and there are a couple issues within --
- 17 within the -- the staff report. This is one (1) of
- 18 those, and all it really said was that WGD was in
- 19 competition.
- 20 We -- we provided the numbers, and that
- 21 was what -- that's what we were thinking with the WGD.
- 22 And I've made an apology. If this gentleman was in
- 23 any way, shape, or form -- and I don't think -- I
- 24 think he was more coerced by David Wood and others to
- 25 do that, because, again, they've now lost the

- 1 opportunity for any kind of future revenues, which
- 2 David Wood pretty much did all of our stuff. He
- 3 worked for me a ton over the years.
- So I -- I acknowledge that that --
- 5 those -- that was unfortunate wording.
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: We can agree
- 7 that architects can be fussy about this kind of thing.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, you know.
- 9 Let's -- he -- he went on saying that -- that -- that
- 10 he would be -- he potentially could be called up into
- 11 the -- for his association for something that we said
- 12 in one (1) little sentence. I think that was a little
- 13 bit over the top.
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So
- 15 moving along.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Mr. Tom Lloyd
- 20 testified here that Rick Lloyd recommended that Mr.
- 21 Bonwick become involved with the ice and water
- 22 project. You heard that evidence?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I heard that, yes.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so Council
- 25 were to consider options and decide how to proceed in

- 1 their meeting of August 27th? That's the way that
- 2 shook out?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Shor -- sorry, say
- 4 it one (1) more time.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Let me back up.
- 6 So the way this played out was that Council were going
- 7 to consider how to proceed in the ice and water
- 8 project in their meeting of August 27th.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now obviously,
- 11 Rick Lloyd was going to be centrally involved in that
- 12 consideration as the Deputy Mayor?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: He'd -- he had asked
- 14 me, yes. Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 16 again, this is not of your doing, but are you troubled
- 17 by the fact that in those circumstances, Rick Lloyd is
- 18 recommending to Tom Lloyd that Mr. Bonwick get
- 19 involved on behalf of Sprung/BLT?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Even at the time
- 21 when he said that they had the conversation, which was
- 22 -- I -- I'm not exactly certain why he would have
- 23 suggested it. I know he -- he suggested he didn't
- 24 suggest it, but I'm not sure --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, you --

- 1 and his evidence is a bit equivocal on that point, but
- 2 --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: What?
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: His evidence is
- 5 a bit equivocal on the conversation that he --
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: You keep saying
- 7 words I don't understand.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I'm not
- 9 clear in what his evidence was on that point, but if
- 10 Mr. Tom Lloyd is to be believed, is there not
- 11 something troubling about the Deputy Mayor suggesting
- 12 a consultant get involved?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, as I say, I'm
- 14 not sure why he would have done that, because we were
- 15 quite capable of working on this on our own and
- 16 working forward on it.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And to come to
- 18 a point that you made in your evidence this morning,
- 19 you said, look, by the time Mr. Bonwick got involved,
- 20 in fact, the process is -- is well underway, correct?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. It -- my
- 22 understanding, he got involved somewhere around --
- 23 well, when I heard about it, August 1st or 2nd,
- 24 something like that.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so

- 1 do you have any idea why Mr. Bonwick was asked to
- 2 become involved at that late stage in the process?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Do I have an
- 4 understanding of that?
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't have an
- 7 understanding of that. No.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now, if we go
- 12 to section 7.13 of the Foundation Document, sorry. So
- 13 this is in the week leading up to the preparation of
- 14 the staff report. And in the third paragraph, you
- 15 say:
- "I have no clue what the price is
- 17 because I didn't want them to tell
- 18 me until it is in the form we want."
- 19 And you explained what you meant by
- 20 that earlier on, correct?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, because if --
- 22 if I had thought that there was an opportunity to
- 23 negotiate, I might have said, you know, let me know
- 24 what the -- the total numbers are at this point in
- 25 time. But I thought to protect it, I cou -- I didn't

- 1 want to know. I didn't want to be the only one (1) to
- 2 know. I wanted it to be sent to me, and then I could
- 3 forward it immediately on to others.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And you
- 5 gave the evidence that the price is the price, and --
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That was my opinion,
- 7 yes.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: That was your
- 9 opinion, that there was no opportunity to negotiate.
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That was my opinion,
- 11 yes.
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Actually, can I
- 14 change my word 'opinion' to that was my belief?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. Sure.
- 16 So this is a construction contract, right?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so
- 19 I review -- reviewed you the end of the morning's
- 20 testimony that your own expert contemplated that there
- 21 would be negotiation.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure whether
- 23 he's talking about private companies, private
- 24 construction projects, or municipal construction
- 25 projects. I was always under the impression, from

- 1 these kinds of things, that the price was the price.
- 2 If I'm wrong, I'm wrong, but that was my belief.
- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. Can
- 4 we pull up Ms. Leonard's testimony, Oc -- October
- 5 15th, at pages 247 and 248.
- 6 You touched on her evidence in your own
- 7 evidence this morning.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay, so let's
- 12 scroll down. Keep going.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAMS MCDOWELL: So, stopping
- 17 here, line 19, Mr. Barrow, for the BLT, appeared as a
- 18 witness, and he gave evidence that:
- "The Town did not attempt to
- 20 negotiate the price or the payment
- schedule for the two (2) buildings.
- 22 What is your reaction to that
- 23 evidence?"
- 24 Ms Leonard, "I'm stunned." And
- 25 carrying on. "Why is that?" Ms. Leonard says"

Transcript Date October 22, 2019 234 "I would have expected that the 1 2 department head or the person in 3 charge would have negotiated the best possible price and best possible for the Town, the 5 6 taxpayers, the community." Keep going. And then she carries on with other evidence. So, her evidence was, even if you've 10 got a sole source contract awarded, there is, 11 nevertheless, an opportunity to thereafter negotiate? 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: She also said in 2012 she didn't believe we could negotiate in her 13 14 evidence. 15 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I look at these excerpts. And later on in her evidence -- look 17 -- let's go to October 16 at page 75. 18 19 (BRIEF PAUSE) 20 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Leave aside me 22 saying I have no idea what's going on here. Go past 23 that point. Go past the Elvis Festival. 24 So, there's an exchange of Mr. Bonwick.

"Is it your experience through

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1	procurement that when the community
2	when the municipality awards a
3	contract, they negotiate after in
4	fact they've approved the selected
5	service provider."
6	And keep going.
7	"Specifically in relation to new
8	fire trucks to fire trucks rather
9	we we do that. We've just
10	done it on the new one. It's been
11	handled by the purchasing officer,
12	and the accountability officer and
13	so on."
14	Keep going.
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16	(BRIEF PAUSE)
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18	MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
19	"Are you aware that when fixed
20	prices came in, that the
21	municipality would typically
22	negotiate beyond that point? No,
23	I'm not aware of it."
24	So, that's what you're talking about?
25	MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. And if they've

- 1 changed the -- their procurement policies to be able
- 2 to do that, God bless, because there's many times over
- 3 the years where you might have been able to -- to save
- 4 money, yes.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So -- so, it's
- 6 your position that there's something particular in the
- 7 procurement?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I'm just --
- 9 practice. How about that? In my past practice --
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- my -- my
- 12 understanding, we couldn't do that.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 14 Because one (1) of the things that's striking about
- 15 this is that on the evidence of Mr. Barrow from BLT,
- 16 Mr. Bonwick did negotiate with BLT and in fact got BLT
- 17 to agree to give up half of its profit on this deal in
- 18 order to pay his fees?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Mr. Bonwick was
- 20 negotiating on -- on behalf of the Town?
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No. Mr.
- 22 Bonwick --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm sorry.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- was
- 25 negotiating on behalf of Mr. Bonwick.

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1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Okay.
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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And, in fact,
- 3 successfully, you know, if that evidence is accepted,
- 4 that he got BLT to give up half of this pro -- profit
- 5 to -- to pay for his fees, then in fact it was
- 6 possible to negotiate with BLT.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: For me? I'm not --
- 8 I'm sorry, I'm -- I'm honestly not trying to be dumb.
- 9 I'm just saying that I did not believe that we could
- 10 negotiate. I can't -- I did not -- I did not
- 11 understand. I've never been told. Nobody said
- 12 anything.
- 13 Dave McNalty, who purchases all the
- 14 time, never said, by the way, we could probably do
- 15 this. Marjory never said we should -- we should do
- 16 this. Nobody said, by the way, we could do it.
- 17 If -- if somebody had said that, I
- 18 would have said, great, let's try to negotiate.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Ms. McGrann
- 20 raised this point with you, that in the Collus deal --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 22 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- effectively,
- 23 and Mr. Muncaster, who said to Collus, look, you can
- 24 do better than that on the price.
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I -- and again,

- 1 I think -- I think the reality of it was -- and I
- 2 think that the evidence of -- of both Dennis Nolan and
- 3 -- and Brian Bentz was that they offered it.
- And, again, what we were looking at was
- 5 selling a portion of it. They offered it. We quickly
- 6 accepted it. We didn't think -- or I don't think in
- 7 this situation, and, again, I'm not trying to belabour
- 8 it, I was not aware in a -- in a municipal situation
- 9 we could go out and try to negotiate a better price.
- 10 I understand the -- why you would want
- 11 to do that, but I didn't think we could.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, there are
- 16 a couple of questions I have arising from that. One
- 17 (1) is I took you through the purchasing bylaw which
- 18 uses the language"
- 19 "Where competitive tendering is
- 20 undesirable, where direct
- 21 negotiations are appropriate."
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, I saw that in
- 23 a 2006 --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- document, yes.

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: That's talking
- 2 about sole sourcing. So, right in the bylaw it sa --
- 3 it says you can negotiate. In fact, it arguable
- 4 directs you to negotiate.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm -- I'm not
- 6 saying it doesn't say that. My understanding at the
- 7 time, the only reason that I didn't was because I
- 8 didn't know any different. Nobody pointed it out that
- 9 we could.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But,
- 11 also, in the thirty (30) years you're working for the
- 12 Town, is it your evidence that you never negotiated
- 13 over the price of anything?
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, I don't think
- 15 we ever did. I think when we -- and -- now, typically
- 16 we went out for tender. We never negotiated a price
- 17 after we had a price.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But --
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: In -- in the tender
- 20 documents it would say maybe that wouldn't accept the
- 21 lowest price, but... And I was only thirteen (13)
- 22 years, by the way, just --
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Were you
- 24 thirteen (13) years old or thir -- you're only
- 25 thirteen (13) years with the Town?

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was only thirteen
- 2 (13) years when I was working for Public Works, of
- 3 that part of it, yes.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. But
- 5 if you can't -- just to close this off, if you can't
- 6 negotiate in circumstances where you're going to sole
- 7 source, then you're completely at the mercy of whoever
- 8 it is who has the "unique good"?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I understand what
- 10 you're saying. And -- and that's why we wanted to
- 11 make sure that they were in keeping -- and I -- I know
- 12 what the -- the answer -- the in keeping of the July
- 13 16th estimates and that we had mentioned that and
- 14 discussed that, that we were looking at other options.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now, when Mr.
- 19 Bonwick -- let's move on to Mr. Bonwick. When Mr.
- 20 Bonwick is acting for Green Leaf, you recognize that
- 21 he was in this role from about the beginning of August
- 22 --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- 2012? If we
- 25 go to paragraph 387 of Foundation Document...

241 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Let's go to -sorry, go to 388. 5 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Sorry, I've got the wrong reference. Do you recall that I think on the day of the Council meeting Mr. Bonwick forwarded 10 11 some information about a public private partnership 12 involving a ice rink that had gone wrong? 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And he 15 sent that to the mayor? 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct. 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so, you 18 realized that when he was acting for BLT, he was also, 19 at the same time, giving advise to the mayor? 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Did he copy me on that? I -- I'm not saying -- I just remember reading 21 22 it in the court book. 23 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It's 24 to do with the MasterCard centre, I think. 2.5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. Yeah,

- 1 there we go, 391.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. Okay. Yeah.
- 3 Thank you.

- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And he says to
- 7 that group, which includes you, the deputy mayor:
- 8 "This may be a useful article to
- 9 read for members of Council and
- 10 staff, very useful to have Marjory
- sent it out as an example of how an
- 12 expensive private partnership can go
- 13 wrong."
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And you said in
- 16 your testimony this morning that you advised Mr.
- 17 Bonwick of a certain step in the deal. I think it was
- 18 that the deal had actually been signed because he was
- 19 an advisor to the mayor?
- 20 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm -- one (1) more
- 21 time.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: In your
- 23 testimony this morning, you were asked why you had
- 24 sent Mr. Bonwick an email about a certain step in the
- 25 -- in the deal. And you said, well, it was because he

- 1 was advising the mayor?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Step in the deal, or
- 3 was it that -- that I was -- when I was complaining
- 4 about quitting?
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, that, as
- 6 well, I think.
- 7 "Complaining about quitting. Why
- 8 did you do that? Answer -- because
- 9 he was a close advisor to the
- 10 Mayor."
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- he was a
- 12 personal advisor for Her Worship.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so,
- 14 when you have this problem that, on the one (1) hand,
- 15 he's advising again a commercial partner on the other
- 16 side of the divide, in BLT, and he's also advising the
- 17 mayor, isn't that problematic?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, I -- when I -
- 19 I don't remember seeing this, but reading it here, I
- 20 would have just probably thought about the fact that
- 21 he's forwarding something to Mayor Cooper that she --
- 22 he felt she should know.
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But in
- 24 this instance, he's advising both sides on the subject
- 25 matter of the ice and water deal, correct, because he

- 1 -- he's advising BLT on the one (1) hand, but he
- 2 continues to be a close advisor to the mayor?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, I think that
- 4 this was a public private partnership which is more
- 5 from the Ameresco side, I guess, but I -- I hear what
- 6 you're saying. I don't know.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But wouldn't
- 8 that be a reason all by itself to tell the mayor, oh,
- 9 by the way, Mr. Bonwick's an advisor to BLT?
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I have said, and I
- 11 could be wrong, that I thought both the mayor and the
- 12 deputy mayor knew. And I...

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So,
- 17 can we turn up -- if we go to the part 1 submissions
- 18 of Mr. Houghton. If we could go to paragraph 61.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 22 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: We need some
- 23 music like on Jeopardy when we're waiting like this.
- 24 Keep going to part 1. Okay, go to paragraph 61.
- 25 There we go.

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4	MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so, in the
5	middle of the paragraph there it says:
6	"It's telling that when Houghton
7	received his copy of Bonwick's email
8	to Bentz he reacted and described in
9	his evidence that he had an
10	emotional allergy to Bonwick's
11	involvement in matters relating to
12	the Town and to the activities of
13	the company of which he was
14	president and CEO, being Collus
15	Power.
16	It is clear that he had an enate
17	sensitivity to the prospects that
18	might arise to the mayor's brother's
19	involvement in a possible share
20	sale."
21	And then if we scroll down
22	MR. PAUL BONWICK: Your Honour, if I
23	may just raise an objection here. When I was doing
24	some cross-examining and asked to refer back to part
25	1, my understanding is you quickly suggested we're not

- 1 going to be revisiting part 1 and I do not want that
- 2 brought forward.
- I'm okay with whatever's in here. I'm
- 4 just concerned that if -- are we going to start cross-
- 5 examining again on part 1 evidence?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- 7 we're not. I wanted to wait until I got the question
- 8 to see whether it has anything to do with part 2 or
- 9 whether it's taking us part to 1. And if it was
- 10 taking us back to part 1, I was going to ask Mr.
- 11 McDowell to go on to something else.
- 12 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.

- 14 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 15 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And in the last
- 16 line:
- "It is submitted that Mr. Houghton's
- 18 actions with respect to this issue
- 19 showed an appropriate sensitivity
- 20 for issues of potential -- keep
- 21 going -- conflict and public
- 22 perception."
- 23 And then we carry on. So, this is your
- 24 submission --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- that you and
- 2 Mr. Chen -- Chenoweth drafted, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And one (1) of
- 5 the things that you focussed on there was the issue of
- 6 public perception, correct?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. But I was -- I
- 8 had that issue. I had the emotional allergy. It was
- 9 taken away by full disclosure. And then I was told
- 10 there were no conflict of interest, there were no
- 11 issues with that.
- So, I didn't -- at that point in time,
- 13 I didn't -- I didn't have a concern about it because
- 14 it appeared like nobody else had a concern.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, go back
- 16 up to page 18 again.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So, I
- 21 appreciate it's probably Mr. Chenoweth drafting about
- 22 your enate sensitivity, but isn't this another point
- 23 at which, frankly, one would have expected you to be
- 24 sensitive to the problem of the mayor being involved,
- 25 getting a very substantial fee --

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The mayor?
- 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Sorry, the --
- 3 sorry, the mayor's brother being involved, getting a
- 4 very substantial fee and questions of public
- 5 perception that might arise from that?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You're
- 7 -- you're talking about part 2?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: In part 2, yes,
- 9 of course.
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: As -- as I've said,
- 11 because we went through this in part 1 on July the
- 12 28th, there -- there didn't appear to be any concern
- 13 at that point in time, so. And he was working
- 14 directly for and being paid by them. He's doing the
- 15 same thing here; there's no difference.
- 16 I -- I did not think that it was going
- 17 to be an issue.
- 18
- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, let's
- 21 take that apart. First of all, he dis -- he disclosed
- 22 -- in part 1, he disclosed to the mayor and the deputy
- 23 mayor and Ms. Wingrove, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And so, if you

- 1 look at those two (2), leaving aside Mr. Wingrove, you
- 2 know, the mayor is his sister and the deputy mayor's a
- 3 good friend, and that's who the disclosure's made to.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Correct.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: It's not made
- 6 to Council --
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Correct.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- right?
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We're
- 10 moving off part 1, right?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Oh, yeah. I'm
- 12 about to leap right past it.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Your Honour, I'm
- 14 going to have to raise this again. If -- if Mr.
- 15 McDowell is going to cite references from part 1 and
- 16 you're permitting him to do so, I would ask that he do
- 17 so in an accurate manner and also relay the fact that
- 18 the CAO, the clerk, the chairman of Collus, others
- 19 were advised, as well.
- 20 And this is my concern about going down
- 21 the road of referencing bits and snippets out of part
- 22 1.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, no --
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You can see my
- 25 concern now.

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: It's just on
- 2 the -- it's just on the Town side, so I'll add the
- 3 clerk to that.
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But --
- 5 but this is exactly why I'm somewhat sensitive to
- 6 this, why I didn't want Mr. Bonwick to do it, and I
- 7 don't really want you to do it, because I don't want
- 8 to get back into rehashing part 1 becau -- for obvious
- 9 reasons; we'll never end.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, no, fair
- 11 enough. But the re -- the question is this. If this
- 12 disclosure were of such paramount important --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- 14 don't answer until I hear the question, Mr. Hough --
- 15 Mr. Houghton. Just -- just --
- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: If it's -- if
- 17 it's so important in part 1 to have disclosure, you
- 18 know, even to that limited extent, then why is it not
- 19 important here --
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 21 think --
- 22 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- is the
- 23 question.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 25 think the witness has answered the question, Mr.

- 1 McDowell. His answer was he -- he thought it was
- 2 important, thought -- but he interpreted the events
- 3 that we had talked about in part 1 as assuaging that
- 4 concern.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.

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- 7 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now, you also
- 9 said...

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: ...that you
- 14 were concerned about questions of liability, that --
- 15 that, if this were disclosed and it was -- let's
- 16 imagine it was disclosed to all members of Council and
- 17 somehow Council didn't approve the deal, you're
- 18 worried about liability accruing to town --
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I -- I think I
- 20 was sort of alluding to the fact that I've given this
- 21 a thousand thoughts since then, and all of these
- 22 things go through your mind.
- I don't think that was my thought at
- 24 that point in time. I didn't -- I didn't think about
- 25 it at that point. I think I was talking about -- I've

- 1 asked myself a thousand times what -- what was I
- 2 thinking, what was I doing, what -- you know, what was
- 3 the appropriate thing to do, who -- who was -- who did
- 4 he -- who did he disclose to.
- I don't know. I didn't ask.
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right, you
- 7 didn't ask. But we can agree that there was, in fact,
- 8 no risk of liability to the Town if you told
- 9 Council --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 11 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- that he was
- 12 involved.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I was -- no.
- 14 One (1) of the things I talked about in my -- in -- in
- 15 my 2019 thinking was, if I had disclosed, does that
- 16 put any liability on me? Like, if all of a sudden, I
- 17 sit there -- and this was just me -- me thinking now.
- 18 It's not then, so I -- I think it's --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. So
- 20 another couple of questions about this. One is, is it
- 21 the case that if all members of Council had been
- 22 advised that Mr. Bonwick was acting for BLT and that
- 23 he was receiving substantial compensation that members
- 24 of the Council might not have approved this deal?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Do I think that?

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No, I don't think
- 3 that.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No. They --
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: They would have
- 6 probably --
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- they would
- 8 have been serene about the fact that Mr. Bonwick was
- 9 paid \$750,000 in relation to this public transaction.
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I think that
- 11 if you look at the -- the people involved, they would
- 12 have -- you know, he's a private -- private guy,
- 13 whatever. You know, it might be the mayor's brother,
- 14 but I think -- I think the -- the deal would have been
- 15 the same.
- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Oh, but he's a
- 17 private quy who, over the course of a month, earns
- 18 three-quarters of a million dollars.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I accept that.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And on
- 21 this question of this coming out of BLT's profits, you
- 22 had that understanding, I gather. This wasn't costing
- 23 the Town anything. It was costing BLT something?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's right.
- 25 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: You -- you

- 1 gained that understanding from Mr. Bonwick?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The very first night
- 3 he talked me about it -- or not the very first night,
- 4 sorry -- the night that we had the discussion.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: You didn't take
- 6 any steps to go to BLT and say, look, I just want to
- 7 be assured that this is -- is, in fact, true?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I trusted him
- 9 to tell me that was the case.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But, I mean, he
- 11 says this to you, but does it makes sense that a party
- 12 to a contract has to incur a cost of three-quarters of
- 13 a million dollars, and it doesn't, as a business, try
- 14 and pass that on to its customer?
- 15 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- he -- I -- I
- 16 knew the number afterwards after I had -- a couple
- 17 hours later.
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But
- 19 once you knew the number, I mean, you're, frankly, a
- 20 sophisticated guy, and does that not seem a little
- 21 odd --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: The number?
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- that this
- 24 cost would not be passed on?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I had no

- 1 idea the terms of their agreement either. I had no
- 2 idea of whether this was a part of something that
- 3 they're going to be in the future. I -- I didn't
- 4 know.
- 5 All I know is that he said, I worked
- 6 three (3) years or -- or three (3) weeks or three (3)
- 7 years, it's -- it's going to be the same price and --
- 8 and that we're thinking about being able to transfer
- 9 this into other locations.
- 10 And it -- it's all part of the BLT
- 11 partnership that we're forging or whatever the word
- 12 you would use, and -- and I accepted the -- the
- 13 explanation.
- 14 And he -- he did say, I'll give you the
- 15 pri -- I don't need that; if what you're telling me is
- 16 what you're telling me. It -- I was -- I was trying
- 17 to determine, too, the level of involvement over the
- 18 last three (3) weeks.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so
- 20 you got the number --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 22 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- and you
- 23 accepted the explanation. It wasn't going to cost the
- 24 Town anything. You read the number, and I'm showing
- 25 you a device -- a little BlackBerry.

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I saw yours.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then you
- 3 passed -- so -- so you flipped that to another email
- 4 account so you could read it.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And that's the
- 7 only reason that you flipped it.
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: The only reason I
- 9 flipped it.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And to
- 11 be -- to be clear about this, it -- I think your
- 12 evidence is clear about this -- you received no
- 13 benefit from Mr. Bonwick in relation to this.
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Zero benefit.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Have you --
- 16 since that time, have you had business dealings with
- 17 Mr. Bonwick of any kind.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Have you the
- 20 two (2) of you invested together in any -- any
- 21 project?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. No.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And
- 24 Mr. Bonwick's made no gift to you of any substantial
- 25 amount.

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I see
- 3 that you bought him a coffee maker.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I -- I didn't
- 5 buy it for him.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We're
- 7 moving on past the coffee maker. It -- if that's all
- 8 that happened.
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He -- he asked me to
- 10 pick it up for him.
- 11 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: What kind of
- 12 coffee maker? Oh, I see. All right.
- So I -- I had pages to go on the coffee
- 14 maker, so could we take a break here, Commissioner,
- 15 and we'll come back?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Do you
- 17 want to take a break for a moment?
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Yes. Thanks.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Sure.
- 20
- 21 --- Upon recessing at 3:09 p.m.
- 22 --- Upon resuming at 3:18 p.m.
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- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I know I was

- 1 making light of it, but just to be clear, you said
- 2 something that might not have been picked up.
- 3 What you did in relation to this
- 4 coffee maker is you just picked it up and delivered it
- 5 to Mr. Bonwick. Is that correct?
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I had -- I
- 7 had one in my office which he liked, and I -- I was
- 8 heading there one time; I said, do you want me to pick
- 9 you up one. That's...
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. Fine.
- 11 Thanks. Just so people watching at home aren't --
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah,
- 13 fair enough.
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- aren't
- 15 mislead.
- 16
- 17 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Now, if we
- 19 could go to paragraph 623 of the Foundation Document.
- 20 So this is this email exchange between
- 21 you and Mr. Lloyd. This is Tom Lloyd of Sprung which
- 22 you reviewed a number of times, I'm sure?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes
- 24 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And if we go to
- 25 paragraph 276 for a second.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 3 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So here
- 4 Mr. Lloyd says in an email to Mr. Barrow:
- 5 "We are working with Abby Stec and
- 6 her partner Paul Bonwick on the
- 7 Collingwood projects."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I do, yes.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And
- 11 this is an introduction to BLT for Mr. Bonwick and
- 12 Ms. Stec.
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's how it
- 14 appears to be, yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. So let's
- 16 go back to paragraph 623.
- So as of September 7th, 2012, you know,
- 18 of course, that Mr. Bonwick has been working for BLT?
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And through his
- 21 company, Green Leaf.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And you knew
- 24 both of those things at this date. Correct?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Both of those?

1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Both of those

- 2 facts.
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I believe so, yes.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And
- 5 you knew, in fact, that -- that he had done so on a
- 6 paid basis?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And, in fact,
- 9 you knew that he'd been paid at least \$675,000.
- 10 Correct?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: We know that
- 13 Mr. Lloyd knows, of course, that Mr. Bonwick is
- 14 involved with BLT. We just reviewed that. He made
- 15 the introduction to BLT.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I didn't know
- 17 that. I wasn't part of it.
- 18 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I understand
- 19 that, but it appears that he knew that obviously.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So we have this
- 22 exchange where you're saying:
- "I heard a rumour that the mayor's
- 24 brother benefitted from Council's
- decision to purchase from Sprung."

- 1 Well, in fact, at this point, you know
- 2 that he benefitted from Council's decision to purchase
- 3 from Sprung, don't you?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. I quess --
- 5 again, what I'm asking about, did -- because Abby had
- 6 said something about being a manufacturer's rep. So
- 7 is he being paid by BLT and by Sprung? That's --
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 9 That was -- you say that was your concern, but we can
- 10 agree that, in fact, you knew that Paul Bonwick had
- 11 benefitted from Council's decision to purchase from
- 12 Sprung because he'd been paid by BLT.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, poor choice
- 14 of words, I guess, if you're dissecting the words, but
- 15 my -- my intent at this was, did Sprung pay him as
- 16 well?
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Oh, but -- but
- 18 just so the transcript is clear, you did know that
- 19 Mr. Bonwick had benefitted from Council's decision to
- 20 purchase from Sprung.
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I knew that he was
- 22 working with BLT, yes.
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And had been
- 24 paid.
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And had -- had been

- 1 paid.
- 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. And
- 3 so there's this unfortunate appearance to this email
- 4 where you're sending Mr. Lloyd an email and asking
- 5 whether Mr. Bonwick had benefitted from Council's
- 6 decision to purchase from Sprung. Mr. Lloyd knows
- 7 that he's benefitted, it would appear.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And as you've
- 10 conceded, you knew that. Correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Again, you're
- 12 talking about dissecting an email later, I wanted to
- 13 know whether he was working for -- or getting paid by
- 14 Sprung as well as BLT. That's -- that was the -- the
- 15 intent of this.
- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 17 then -- so we look at Mr. Tom Lloyd's response, there
- 18 is absolutely no relationship between Paul Bonwick and
- 19 Sprung.
- 20 Well, there is a kind of relationship
- 21 between Mr. Bonwick and Sprung, isn't there, because,
- 22 as you've said, you treated BLT and Sprung as being
- 23 the same entity?
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: And I think maybe I
- 25 didn't do a very good job of it. I thought of BLT

- 1 Sprung being partners in the sense of that they
- 2 would -- they were the -- they were the constructors
- 3 of their technology.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's what I
- 6 thought. I mean, I think Sprung is a completely
- 7 different company and BLT's a completely different
- 8 company, but when we are looking at the erection of --
- 9 the erection of the -- the structures that Sprung BLT
- 10 were partners.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And so
- 12 when I look at this exchange of emails -- right -- you
- 13 send that question; you get that answer.
- 14 Now, did you get this answer back and
- 15 think, well, we've put that question to bed?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I -- I put
- 17 the -- the question in my mind, whether or not there
- 18 was payments from both Sprung and BLT.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So that
- 20 question was resolved. Right?
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That -- and that's
- 22 the only intent of that.
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But it left
- 24 unaddressed, as the elephant in the room, is the fact
- 25 that --

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Except the elephant
- 2 in the room was well known by Mr. -- Mr. Lloyd, as you
- 3 said.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right.
- 5 Really --
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: -- the elephant
- 8 and the membrane structure maybe. But, you know, this
- 9 -- this exchange doesn't address the fact that there's
- 10 been a very substantial payment in relation to this
- 11 transaction.
- 12 You don't have to repeat your evidence,
- 13 but you've said what you've said about that. I guess
- 14 the question really is, is this an email exchange that
- 15 has been contrived so that you have something in your
- 16 file so that if anybody asks, you can produce it and
- 17 say, well, here's my exchange?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Thank you for asking
- 19 that. No.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay. You're
- 21 sure about that 'cause it -- 'cause I'll be honest
- 22 with you, it certainly reads that way.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I'm being
- 24 honest with you. No. I -- again, Paul had talked
- 25 about BLT; Abby had talked about being a

- 1 manufacturer's rep. I had had -- I had had
- 2 discussions with -- or I wanted to have a discussion
- 3 with -- with Tom Lloyd just to know.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But
- 5 there's the further question was, let's imagine that
- 6 both Sprung and BLT on that side of the transaction
- 7 had paid Mr. Bonwick. Why would you care about that?
- 8 You didn't care about the fact that BLT was paying
- 9 him.
- 10 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was only trying --
- 11 well, I did care actually. I mean, I cared.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But you didn't
- 13 think it was a concern.
- 14 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. It -- it wasn't
- 15 something that I felt that I needed to -- or I was --
- 16 I was required to -- to disclose. I didn't -- there
- 17 was no process or policy put in place to do that. If
- 18 there is today, great.
- 19 But there was nothing then, and -- and
- 20 I -- my concerns had been put aside a year earlier,
- 21 and I was trying to find out for my own probably
- 22 personal interest or -- or --
- 23 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Perient
- 24 (phonetic) interest? Is that what --
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I was thinking

- 1 about -- my -- my brain's getting tired, but I -- I
- 2 wanted to find out if he was paid for -- by Sprung as
- 3 well and double ending it. Sorry.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But your only
- 5 concern about that would have been that he hadn't told
- 6 you that.
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That may have given
- 8 rise to other questions then.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, we're
- 10 here. What other questions would that have raised
- 11 that the BLT payment didn't already raise?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I -- again,
- 13 it's a hypothetical question 'cause it didn't -- it
- 14 didn't happen. So...
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. Now as
- 16 the most senior public servant in Collingwood, do you
- 17 accept that you had a duty to be honest and forthright
- 18 in dealing with members of Council?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I tried to be, I
- 20 think.
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But was
- 22 that your duty?
- 23
- 24 (BRIEF PAUSE)
- 25

1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not sure that I

- 2 wasn't being forthright, if you -- you could give me
- 3 an example of that.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, let's
- 5 start with the basic proposition. When councillors
- 6 are communicating with you, do you accept that you had
- 7 obligations to tell them the whole truth?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I would try to
- 9 answer the question they were asking, if that's what
- 10 you're asking.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Fully and
- 12 accurately. Correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would try to do
- 14 that.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: The truth, the
- 16 whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I would try to --
- 18 I -- I would try to provide them with the information.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: The accurate
- 20 information.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And if we go to
- 23 the Foundation Document paragraph 892.
- 24
- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: These are the
- 2 questions from Councillor Gardhouse at the end of
- 3 May 2013?
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. When I wasn't
- 5 the CAO.
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: You weren't the
- 7 CAO. But my friend has gone through this with you,
- 8 but if you go to paragraph 894, we have this question.
- 9 Councillor Gardhouse says:
- "I don't know who Abby is. This
- 11 letter sent to me says Green
- 12 Leaf/Bonwick is a distributor for
- Sprung, and they were using a sales
- 14 pitch. They then have three (3)
- 15 Sprungs in Collingwood. Is
- 16 Green Leaf Bonwick?"
- 17 And your response is:
- 18 "Bonwick is not involved. Abby is
- 19 Green Leaf. Talk to her, and she
- 20 can tell you the facts."
- 21 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I was answering the
- 22 question which was May and June of 2012.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, look,
- 24 when I'm reading this, it's -- it's in the present
- 25 tense. "Is Green Leaf Bonwick?"

- 1 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I quess he -- well,
- 2 you've seen how Councillor Gardhouse -- and -- and he
- 3 well knew who Abby was, just so you know, too.
- But I was -- what I was trying to do --
- 5 as I've seen many people do lately, deflect -- I was
- 6 trying to say, I'm not involved anymore. Please talk
- 7 to the people who know better and talk to them.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So in
- 9 answering this way, you're simply trying to put
- 10 Councillor Gardhouse off?
- 11 MR. ED HOUGHTON: No. I tried to -- I
- 12 tried to answer Councillor Gardhouse. I called him
- 13 and left him a long message about it all explaining
- 14 all of it.
- 15 And -- and this was just -- this was a
- 16 long protracted email thing. I know that I spoke to
- 17 Abby. She had left him two (2) messages to try to
- 18 explain it all
- 19 it was becoming hugely frustrating for
- 20 me -- me trying to do now my Collus PowerStream job
- 21 and being dragged back into this.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But you
- 23 can understand how -- how looking at it now
- 24 unfortunately some years later and looking at the
- 25 black and white, "Bonwick is not involved," in

- 1 relation to Green Leaf, that's not an accurate answer,
- 2 is it?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: It is when you look
- 4 at the date and timeline, yes. I was answering the
- 5 date and timeline of what he was -- what he was
- 6 saying.
- 7 Again, at that point in time of -- Abby
- 8 was working on Green Leaf at that point in time. I
- 9 had no clue about it.

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, can we
- 14 leave it at this that at the time you're answering
- 15 this question, of course you know full well that --
- 16 that Mr. Bonwick has been involved substantially in
- 17 Green Leaf.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Later on, yes.
- 19 Yeah.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: He was involved
- 21 in the evidence here as early as June 2012 and before
- 22 that. It was June 2012 when he sold 20 percent of it
- 23 to Ms. Stec.
- 24 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Oh, about the
- 25 Green Leaf part. Yes. Yeah. He was an owner of

- 1 Green Leaf. Again, maybe unfortunate words sent very
- 2 quickly to somebody who's extremely busy to somebody
- 3 that I'm hugely frustrated with.
- 4 It was Bonwick was not involved at this
- 5 point in time as far as I knew. Abby was may -- is
- 6 Green Leaf; talk to her. Again, Abby is Green Leaf;
- 7 talk to her. Bonwick was not involved at this time.
- 8 That's what I was trying to say.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I'm looking at
- 13 an email if -- if -- can we look at CPS10922 00001?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And keep
- 18 scrolling down.
- 19 So here's Councillor Gardhouse:
- "My phone doesn't work. I'm getting
- a new one tomorrow. Joe."
- 22 Anyway, keep scrolling up and then stop
- 23 there.
- 24 And you say there:
- 25 "I just left you a long message,

- 1 too. But in a nutshell, Bonwick nor
- 2 Green Leaf was involved. Just Abby
- 3 as a former employee and friend of
- 4 the Academy. She was helping, not
- 5 being paid. She is part owner of
- Green Leaf."
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah. So I'm -- I'm
- 8 trying to give the information. I'm -- I'm putting it
- 9 in the place of the question that's being asked. She
- 10 was a -- a former employee or PRA and a friend of the
- 11 Academy. I didn't think she was being paid at that
- 12 point in time. That was maybe a stretch in my part.
- 13 And she is part owner of Green Leaf.
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. But,
- 15 you know, if you -- if you wanted to give a full
- 16 answer to that, the other -- the bigger part owner of
- 17 Green Leaf was Paul Bonwick.
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. I think he
- 19 knew that Bonwick was Green Leaf but --
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I mean,
- 21 we don't have his evidence, but he seems to be asking
- 22 the question repeatedly whether or not Mr. Bonwick was
- 23 involved with Green Leaf or was Green Leaf. It
- 24 doesn't appear from these exchanges that he does know.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: And -- and again, I

- 1 had given him a long message explaining all of this.
- 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. And
- 3 then can we pull up TOC 600374.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So if we scroll
- 8 down, this is Mr. Seglins of CBC News.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Your Honour,
- 10 I'm having a little trouble with this. Is this
- 11 Mr. Seglins' text message or communication part of
- 12 this -- part of this Inquiry's evidence?
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 14 I assume it's in the court book.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, I -- I
- 16 actually saw it in the court book. I was -- became
- 17 aware --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 19 can ask him about it.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- I became
- 21 aware of it only in the court book mid-morning this
- 22 morning, and I was going to come to the question of
- 23 whether this text from Dave Seglins is -- you're
- 24 telling me it's in the court book. I under -- I now
- 25 understand as of mid-morning today that it's in the

- 1 court book. Is -- is this proper evidence? I mean --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: He --
- 3 he's --
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I mean,
- 5 should this be before the Inquiry --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 7 it depends on -- it depends on what use you try to
- 8 make of it, but I think he can ask Mr. Houghton about
- 9 the statement. You can ask him about it.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, that
- 12 would -- that would appear to make it evidence before
- 13 this -- this panel. But --
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I'm having
- 15 trouble reading the date but...
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: My copy's very
- 17 faded. It's trying to read the date.
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Whoa,
- 19 whoa. It's -- the date is October 18th, 8:55 a.m., I
- 20 guess. I guess he just tweeted it out.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm --
- 22 I'm --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 24 can ask him about it.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, I've

- 1 heard that from you, Your Honour, and it's not my
- 2 purpose to press on it, but I'm just -- I'm just
- 3 wondering it would seem to make it evidence and
- 4 correct evidence -- it's assumed it's correct
- 5 evidence -- from which we're supposed to take some
- 6 inference as a result of the question as a result of
- 7 the question my friend's about to ask.
- I am wondering if -- if we are taking
- 9 the position that the text of Dave Seglins of
- 10 October 18th expresses proper interest -- or proper
- 11 evidence that should be before this Court and should
- 12 be the subject of putting questions to this witness?
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: He can
- 14 put the statement in the tweet to the witness, and
- 15 we'll see and go from there.
- 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. Let
- 17 just me ask this --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 19 Assuming that's what you were going to do .
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I've got a
- 21 couple of questions, and then we'll see where we go.
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- 23 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So before we
- 25 get into this, do you recall having some interaction

- 1 with Dave Seglins of CBC?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I don't honestly
- 3 recall back then, but I have -- I did subsequently,
- 4 yes.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: He's an
- 6 investigative reporter for CBC News?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's what I
- 8 understand.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And we scroll
- 10 up to the tweet, there we have his statement, but then
- 11 I ask that we pull up CJI0011395.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So this appears
- 16 to be a transcription of an exchange that you had with
- 17 Mr. Seglins at the end of May 2018?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: He called me. He
- 19 didn't tell me he was taping the -- the discussion,
- 20 but he called in May of 2018.
- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right. So
- 22 you recall that he spoke to you, and you were on the
- 23 golf course, I think, in this first discussion.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, I was.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right. So we

1 keep -- keep going down.

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then he
- 6 says that he's going to call you the following day,
- 7 which is June 1st. You see that?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then if we
- 10 go to June 1st. Keep going down. Keep going down.
- 11 Have you seen these exchanges before?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I believe they were
- 13 part of the CBC online article or something.
- 14 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: They're on the
- 15 CBC's website, I think, as an attachment or something?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yeah, I think so.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Okay, so keep
- 18 going down. Keep going down.
- 19 All right. So Mr. Seglins says that he
- 20 is working on a story about the Sprung deal, and then
- 21 at the bottom of the page, he asks:
- 22 "Was there ever a consultant
- 23 involved?"
- And go to the next page.
- 25 And you say:

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1	"Were ther was there consultants
2	involved? Well, you mean from an
3	engineering perspective? From what
4	perspective?"
5	There's some back and forth, and Mr.
6	Seglins asks:
7	"But was there a facilitator kind of
8	person who helped facilitate the
9	construction company's relationship
10	with the Town?"
11	And you answer him:
12	"No, not that I'm aware of. No. We
13	dealt directly with Sprung when we
14	let the contract and our staff look
15	after that."
16	Mr. Seglins asks:
17	"What about BLT? Was there anybody
18	that worked to help BLT land the
19	deal?"
20	And you say:
21	"BLT was a contractor that installed
22	the Sprung stuff. Yeah, no, we just
23	again, it would be the same as a
24	normal contract, but we did
25	oversight, and I can't remember if

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	1	there was an engineer involved and
	2	who the engineer was at the time.
	3	But I don't actually I don't
	4	recollect. I can't remember."
	5 Ar	d Mr. Seglins asks:
	6	"So what was Paul Bonwick's role?"
	7 Yo	ou answer:
	8	"In the Sprung?"
	9 Mr	. Seglins says:
-	10	"Yeah."
-	l1 Ar	swer:
-	12	"Nothing with me."
-	13 Ar	d Mr. Seglins says:
-	14	"Nothing?"
-	15	"No. I knew that Mr. Bonwick was
-	16	involved with a lot of things, but
-	17	certainly, from Collingwood's
-	18	perspective, Collingwood never paid
-	19	him to do anything or anything like
2	20	that."
2	21 Mr	. Seglins asks:
2	22	"What about Green Leaf Distribution?
2	23	What was its role? What role was it
	24	in the Sprung/BLT deal?"
2	25 Ar	d you say:

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1	"I don't know if Green Leaf
2	Distribution had anything to do with
3	the Sprung deal. From the Town's
4	perspective, I don't know."
5	So then you're asked:
6	"Why were you in communication with
7	Mr. Bonwick and Abby Stec of Green
8	Leaf over facilitating the BLT
9	contract?"
10	Keep going down.
11	And you say:
12	"I don't know if that's the correct
13	term at all. I mean, certainly, one
14	(1) of the things that we were
15	trying to do is to make sure that
16	these things are what do they
17	call it? gold leaf."
18	And then keep scrolling up. So go back
19	to the top, or further up.
20	Well, so when you're asked the
21	question, "So what was Paul Bonwick's role?" isn't the
22	answer to that question that he was a consultant for
23	BLT, both in relation to securing the contract and
24	otherwise?
25	MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes. In 2018, when
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- 1 this gentleman calls me, do I have an obligation to
- 2 talk to him about things that happened six (6) years
- 3 previously?
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, whether
- 5 you've got an obligation or not, it wasn't really
- 6 smart to try and mislead him, was it?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Well, in fairness to
- 8 me, I was outside doing other things when he called,
- 9 and this was bringing back a whole bunch of memories
- 10 that I didn't really want to think about and I'd tried
- 11 to push to the back of my mind.
- 12 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Right, but
- 13 that's why you hang up on these people when you --
- 14 when they call. If you're going to get --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I'm not very good at
- 16 that.
- 17 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well,
- 18 evidently. But when you look at this back-and-forth:
- 19 "What was Paul Bonwick's role?"
- "In the Sprung?"
- 21 "Yeah."
- "Nothing with me."
- 23 "Nothing?"
- 24 Well, that simply wasn't true, was it?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I accept the

- 1 fact that -- that six (6) years later, when this
- 2 gentleman called me, I -- I was avoiding answering his
- 3 questions, yes.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, you did
- 5 answer his question, and your answer was incorrect.
- 6 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Answer was
- 7 incorrect.
- 8 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I know that
- 9 you're -- at this point, 2018 -- you're a retired both
- 10 public servant and retired CEO of Collus, correct?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Do you
- 13 appreciate by -- that by having this kind of exchange
- 14 that this might well damage Collingwood's reputation
- 15 eventually?
- 16 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I certainly never
- 17 thought about Collingwood's reputation. But you don't
- 18 know why I was a retired guy either.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, I do
- 20 know. You testified about it in Part 1, and we won't
- 21 revisit that.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: No, I
- 24 appreciate that there's a story behind that, and --
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: A lot.

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I appreciate
- 2 that. But in my experience, it has never served my
- 3 clients well when they try and mislead the national
- 4 broadcaster.
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I accept that.
- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Do you regret
- 7 having this exchange with him?
- 8 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I regret doing
- 9 everything here.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, let's
- 11 stick with this one (1).
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I regret this, yes.
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- 14 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Can we go to
- 17 paragraph 596.
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- 19 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So this is this
- 22 letter of Mr. Miceli's, sent after the fact, so August
- 23 the 30th, 2012.
- 24 Scroll up. Right, so keep going down
- 25 into the body of the letter, I meant. Sorry. Keep

284 1 going. 2 So I think we probably have covered this, but his first question is: 3 "If the scope of work changed from a 5 multi-use recreational facility to a 6 single-pad arena and a roof over an existing pool, why was an RFP not prepared and issued to solicit these 9 solutions from the marketplace?" 10 And is your answer that because Council 11 had given direction and Council thought that this was 12 an urgent matter? 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I be -- I believe 14 that Council had expressed an urgent need to get ice 15 and water. 16 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And keep going 17 down. 18 19 (BRIEF PAUSE) 20 21 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Keep going 22 down. 23 24 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2.5

- 1 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Keep going
- 2 down. Oh, sorry, go up again. I apologize.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: The thrust of
- 7 his letter, ultimately, is, look, if you had this kind
- 8 of competition, this RFP, in the end, Council might
- 9 have made the same decision that it made, but there
- 10 would have been more acceptance of it generally.
- 11 So when you look back on this, the way
- 12 that this was done, would it not have been better, and
- 13 this is with hindsight, to have done it over a more
- 14 protracted period, had an RFP, had more information
- 15 about alternatives. Then the decision is made, and we
- 16 don't have all of this public dissatisfaction and
- 17 demonstrations and all the rest?
- 18 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I think a
- 19 departure from the Central Park, you would have had
- 20 the same complaints from that perspective, I agree. I
- 21 -- I think there's a few things that I would, if I was
- 22 looking back -- what I would be making suggestions of
- 23 how to move forward in a -- in a new way in 2019.
- 24 All I can tell you is in 2012, when we
- 25 were doing this, I felt in my heart that we were

- 1 answering what Council asked for, that we were
- 2 delivering what they were hoping for, and we did it in
- 3 a very short time frame in a -- in a way that was in
- 4 the -- the best our abilities at that time.
- 5 And I think they've been somewhat of a
- 6 proven success. We've had -- obviously, they've got
- 7 issues with the floor or whatever right now, but other
- 8 than that, I understand -- I've never been in the po -
- 9 or, the arena, so I've never been inside it, but I
- 10 understand it's great. I was only ever in the pool
- 11 once, but I understand it's great too.
- 12 You -- when you spend --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Apart from the
- 14 flying Elvis issue.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: -- when you spend --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Oh, I said --
- 17 just said apart from the flying Elvis problem, but
- 18 anyway, go ahead.
- 19 MR. ED HOUGHTON: When you -- when you
- 20 -- you spend -- well, both Parts 1 and Part 2. I
- 21 started looking at this thing in June of 2018, you
- 22 know, fifty-seven (57), fifty-eight (58), fifty-nine
- 23 (59) days of hearings. You look at four hundred and
- 24 forty thousand (440,000) documents. You've got forty-
- 25 eight hundred and sixty (4,860) documents in the court

- 1 book. You look at everything from a negative
- 2 perspective or a very critical perspective. There's
- 3 always ways you could do things better.
- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Inclu --
- 5 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Not every decision
- 6 I've ever made in my life has been a bad one (1), but
- 7 I'll tell you, I feel like that's what it's been in
- 8 the last year and a half.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, look.
- 10 For what's it's worth, I think everybody appreciates
- 11 that in the -- in the Part 2 part of this, you were in
- 12 a very difficult position, having one (1) or two (2)
- 13 full-time jobs, and then having a third one.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Four (4).
- 15 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And there's a
- 16 saying that the reward for good work, sometimes, is
- 17 more good work.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: No good deed goes
- 19 unpunished.
- 20 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Just a moment,
- 21 Commissioner.
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And then if we

- 1 could go back to the tweet just first here. Sorry, if
- 2 we could go back to the tweet just for a second.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 6 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: One one three
- 7 nine five (11395), I think.
- 8 THE COURT OPERATOR: It's actually
- 9 TOC600374.
- 10 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Thank you.

- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL:
- 13 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: So these are
- 14 Mr. Seglins's tweets speaking of a discussion in 2013.
- 15 It says:
- "That's strange. In 2013, then-CAO
- of Collingwood Ed Houghton told CBC
- 18 News he didn't believe the Mayor's
- 19 brother Paul Bonwick was working
- 20 with BLT/Sprung."
- 21 And then keep going down.
- 22 And he cites a time, March 5, 2013:
- "My notes: Doesn't believe Bonwick
- 24 was involved in Central Park or
- 25 Sprung. Insists didn't have real

- 1 numbers from Sprung before the
- 2 August 27th."
- 3 So just the first part of that,
- 4 "Doesn't believe Bonwick was involved in Central
- 5 Park," did you say that to Mr. Seglins, who seems to
- 6 have made a note of it?
- 7 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't know if
- 8 it was 'doesn't believe Bonwick was involved in the
- 9 Central Park' or 'Bonwick wasn't involved with
- 10 Sprung'. I -- I don't know.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: But did you say
- 12 something like that to Mr. Seglins?
- 13 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I don't recall
- 14 this conversation, honestly. It -- it -- this was a
- 15 very stressful time as well, and so I do not recollect
- 16 the conversation. I'm not doubting what Mr. Seglins
- 17 is saying or his -- his integrity. I -- I don't -- I
- 18 don't recall.
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And is it after
- 20 the conversation that you had with Mr. Seglins at the
- 21 end of May 2018, the beginning of June -- is it at
- 22 that point that you -- you do tell Mayor -- former
- 23 mayor Cooper about Mr. Bonwick's involvement in Green
- 24 Leaf?
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Th -- this -- this

- 1 was a significant event in 2013.
- 2 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: I'm asking
- 3 about 2018, though.
- 4 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I spoke to Her
- 5 Worship about the information in 2018. I'm just
- 6 saying this was a significant event in 2013.
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 8 Thank you, Commissioner. Those are my
- 9 questions.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 11 you.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: And thank you,
- 13 Mr. Houghton.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: Thank you.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr.
- 16 Chenoweth?

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 20 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Just dealing
- 22 for the moment, Mr. Houghton, with the matter of John
- 23 Scott. I take it it's a re -- a result of -- of a
- 24 request from me that you had occasion to call Mr.
- 25 Dempsey and ask him to send the -- the CV of -- of

- 1 John Scott to you.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: I think to be 100
- 3 percent accurate, you had asked me to speak to Mr.
- 4 Scott. He had told me Mr. Dempsey had -- I contacted
- 5 Mr. Dempsey without me telling you or you telling me,
- 6 to be accurate.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 8 Is it your memory that I had inquired with you and
- 9 asked you to prepare a memo for Mr. Scott following
- 10 reading the transcript and identifying the issues that
- 11 were spoken to by Mr. Martin?
- 12 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 14 And is it your memory that it is the case that before
- 15 you forwarded on the memo to Mr. Scott, that I had an
- 16 opportunity to review the memo?
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You
- 19 indicated that -- that I called you about 8:00 p.m. on
- 20 that particular evening and -- and caught you in the -
- 21 in your car in your driveway and directed you to
- 22 make certain changes to the email that Mr. Scott had
- 23 sent us. You would have been aware at that time that
- 24 I had that evening had a call with Mr. Scott?
- 25 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 2 weren't part of that telephone call.
- MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, there
- 5 has been certain reference in cross-examination to the
- 6 -- to the memo that you prepared, which is EHH1920003.
- 7 Can we just pull that up for a second.
- 8 And can you scroll up ever so briefly, please, so we
- 9 can see all of paragraph 1. Try and get us all of
- 10 paragraph 1. That's great.
- 11 And there's -- there's a -- a reference
- 12 to the benefits of -- of design build in that
- 13 paragraph 1. I take it to find out whether Mr. Scott
- 14 made any reference to -- to the bullets under
- 15 paragraph 1, our best source of knowing that would be
- 16 to go to the report of Mr. Scott, correct?
- 17 MR. ED HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 19 it that would also be the case with respect to the
- 20 bullets that are part of paragraph 2, if you can go
- 21 down a little further.
- 22 Right, so we have paragraph 2, and
- 23 there's some bullets following that and to find out
- 24 whether Mr. Scott made reference to those in your --
- 25 in his text, rather than ask you, the best way to do

- 1 that would be to go to the text of the report,
- 2 correct?
- 3 MR. ED HOUGHTON: Yes, that's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 5 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Well, again, if
- 6 this is --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It's a
- 8 matter of argument.
- 9 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm sorry?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- 12 just carry on, Mr. Chenoweth.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
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- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, Mr.
- 17 Houghton, in your cross-examination by Mr. Marron, Mr.
- 18 Marron inquired about whether or not your activities
- 19 when you were CAO with the Town -- whether or not your
- 20 activities relating to Collus and Collus PowerStream
- 21 were a full-time endeavour.
- 22 While you were with the CAO -- while
- 23 you were the CAO of the Town, just to clarify the --
- 24 the questions that you were asked by Mr. Marron, do I
- 25 take it that you carried on your full-time obligations

- 1 as President and CEO of Collus PowerStream?
- 2 MR. ED HOUGHTON: I -- I fulfilled tho
- 3 -- that duty. I spoke at length with my board
- 4 members, specifically the chairs, Mr. Bentz and Mr.
- 5 McFadden. We had regular board meetings, all of those
- 6 kinds of things. It was busine -- excuse me, business
- 7 as usual over at the -- at Collus PowerStream.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 9 had the impression, Mr. Houghton's evidence was that
- 10 he carried on all of the jobs he had and took on, in
- 11 addition to that, the responsibilities -- or, became
- 12 the acting CAO. I -- I didn't have the impression
- 13 that Mr. Houghton had said that he cut back on any of
- 14 the jobs that he was doing.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Neither did
- 16 I, Your Honour, which is why I'm raising the question
- 17 --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Then
- 19 there's no --
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- because
- 21 the assertion in -- in Mr. Marron's cross-examination
- 22 was that he may not have been carrying on his full-
- 23 time obligations as President and CEO of Collus.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That
- 25 may have been the assertion, but it's clear what the

- 1 witness's evidence was, and the re-examination is not
- 2 clearing up an ambiguity or -- or -- or whatever. The
- 3 witness was clear.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good,
- 5 Your Honour. Thank you.
- I can tell you I have no further
- 7 questions of this witness.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 9 you, Mr. Chen -- well, Mr. Houghton, thank you very
- 10 much for a long process. Appreciate your effort.
- 11 We have to depart until tomorrow. Is
- 12 nine o'clock work for everybody tomorrow morning? All
- 13 right. Nine o'clock tom -- you know, Mr. -- Mr.
- 14 McDowell, I'm trying to be democratic at nine o'clock
- 15 tomorrow morning.

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17 (WITNESS STANDS DOWN)

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19 --- Upon adjourning at 4:00 p.m.

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21 Certified Correct,

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- 24 Wendy Woodworth, Ms.

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