

Follow-Up Correspondence

Regarding

■ *The Missing Question in Manitoba's Silica Debate*

The following correspondence relates directly to my submission entitled The Missing Question in Manitoba's Silica Debate and is presented as a companion document in the interest of transparency, the public record, and in recognition of the seriousness of the Sio Silica / SiMBA matter.

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Introduction

Following my submission of The Missing Question in Manitoba's Silica Debate, I received the following response from the Office of Bob Lagassé, MLA for Dawson Trail.

I sincerely appreciate the time taken by Mr. Lagassé and his constituency office to review my correspondence. Their response acknowledged that my submission "raised several important points" and "has contributed to our ongoing review of this issue."

In the interest of transparency and the public record, the following correspondence is reproduced verbatim.

Response from the Office of Bob Lagassé, MLA

Received: July 27, 2026

Subject: Re: The Missing Question in Manitoba's Silica Debate: A Question of Responsible Development

Good morning, Edwin,

Thank you for taking the time to share this with MLA Lagassé. We also appreciate your patience while we reviewed the information you provided.

MLA Lagassé has been having many discussions regarding the proposed Sio Silica

mining project, and your email raised several important points. Your perspective has been valuable in helping our office better understand the concerns being expressed and has contributed to our ongoing review of this issue.

Can you confirm, has the Premiers office responded to your questions as of yet? If not, we would be happy to follow up with them.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Aftan Harvey

Constituency Assistant

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Reply from Edwin Giesbrecht

Sent: July 28, 2026

Subject: Re: The Missing Question in Manitoba's Silica Debate: A Question of Responsible Development

Good morning, Aftan,

Thank you for your thoughtful reply and for taking the time to review my correspondence. I sincerely appreciate knowing that MLA Lagassé and your office have given these matters careful consideration.

At this time, I have received only an automated acknowledgment from the Premier's Office.

Since forwarding my original correspondence, my research has continued well beyond the immediate silica issue. Quite unexpectedly, it has led me back to the 1873 Letters Patent incorporating the Municipality of Springfield—the very foundation and, in many respects, the birth certificate of our municipal government. That journey has opened several new lines of inquiry that I believe may contribute meaningfully to the broader discussion surrounding responsible development, municipal governance, and democratic accountability.

For the moment, however, I am completely immersed in completing my campaign website following my registration as a candidate for Mayor of the RM of Springfield. I am hopeful it will be published and live within the next few days.

Once that work is complete, and if MLA Lagassé would welcome it, I would be pleased to supplement my original correspondence and share additional insights in due course. If it would be of assistance, I would also welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further through a Zoom conference at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you again for your courtesy and your interest. It is genuinely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Edwin Giesbrecht

RM of Springfield Accountability Advocate

Mayoral Candidate

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Closing Reflection

I extend my sincere appreciation to Bob Lagassé, MLA for Dawson Trail, and to his constituency office for their courteous and thoughtful response.

I also appreciate Mr. Lagassé's willingness to give careful consideration to an issue of significant public interest affecting the residents and communities he represents. His office's thoughtful engagement reflects the importance of listening to the people they serve.

Regardless of differing perspectives, respectful dialogue between elected representatives and the people they serve remains an essential foundation of democratic government.