

*The other side
of the story...*

Swindling the People's Penny



SPET 2019 is a radical change. The community was locked-out of the process. Our electeds killed the community-driven SPET.

They began innocently, saying: We need a couple small projects to keep the 1-penny SPET tax alive. We electeds will do the small 2019 projects. Later we'll have community-driven SPETs again.

Didn't happen! The 2019 ballot is \$77-million, the most ever.

If we approve more than just a smidgen of the 10 SPET ballot measures, we'll never have community-driven projects again.

In 2016 there was a heavily promoted 1-penny tax increase — it lost. So, our electeds, hunting for money, have now taken over the people's SPET program. They've repackaged old projects

that voters have already said no to.

This SPET ballot is full of ordinary budget items; they're not our traditional SPETs. Unless we vote NO, government will use SPET to fund everyday government services from now on.

Then there's "bundling," combining projects together so you can't vote on individual items. Read the 10 SPET measures carefully, can you really tell what you're getting? Probably not.

Bottom line, this SPET is a minefield of confusing information. If you've got to have a project, vote yes. But if you're not sure, it's best to vote NO. There are 5+ years of spending on this ballot.

If most of these pass, our community-driven SPET is lost forever.