

## Systems Thinking Ontario – Discussion Notes

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*Please note: this is just a first draft (revision history left on) for your review. We expect to finalize the text of these Remarks from President STRON at the next session of Systems Thinking Ontario (not REALLY).*

### Remarks of President STRON – State of the Union Address As Delivered:

We live in a time of extraordinary change - change that's reshaping the way we live, the way we work, our ~~operating-system~~ planet, our place in ~~virtual-memory~~ the world. It's change that promises amazing Quality of Life, but also intermittent Black Swans - disruptions that strain the imagination. It promises *extreme* levels of education, but also dangerous environmental stress and overpopulation. And whether we like it or not, the pace of this change will only accelerate.

It is not easy. Our brand of ~~lobbing-out-numbers~~ democracy is hard. Sometimes it can be difficult to hear which plan is being voted on ~~—sometimes James votes twice—~~ sometimes we forget how many **Activity Points** resources we have, and sometimes we just can't deploy it all. But we can promise that a little over 5 minutes from now, when we no longer hold this office, we will be right there with you as ~~statistically-valid-virtual-agents~~ citizens.

If we ~~disable “FAN always on” in the BIOS~~ listen carefully we can hear the voices of the people of Cybernetia. They don't get a lot of ~~CPU-cycles~~ attention; but they're busy doing the work this ~~laptop~~ country needs doing. We see them everywhere we travel in this incredible country of ours. I see you, the Cybernetian people. And in your daily acts of ~~computation~~ citizenship, I see our ~~predictive model~~ future unfolding.

I see it in the worker at **Production** who clocked extra shifts to produce manually, and the boss who pays him higher wages instead of laying him off.

I see it in the Dreamer who stays up late to finish her cybernetic thinking and acting, and the teachers – so *many* teachers - who come in early ~~for yoga-class~~ because they know that we, the leaders of Cybernetia, will invest in **Education** until we literally, can't invest *any more... literally* (Applause.)

I see it in the Cybernetian installing windmills and trying to figure out how to most sustainably employ the Stirling engine for combined heat and power deployments.

That's the Cybernetia we know. That's the ~~simulation~~ country we love. ~~Digitally-rendered~~ *creative*. ~~Algorithmically-deterministic~~ *determined*. Undaunted by ~~slow-processor-speeds~~ difficulties or delays. Optimistic that ~~recursive-combinators~~ *truth* will have the ~~halting-condition~~ final word. (Applause.) That's what makes us so hopeful about our future. We believe in ~~virtual~~ change because we believe in you, the Cybernetian people (~~sort of~~).

That is why we are as confident as ever that the ~~score~~ state of our union is ~~62-points strong~~ sustainable (Applause.)

# Certificate



The country Cybernetia developed under your  
12 years in office as follows:

**Policy:** Holds on to power through compromises

**Sanitation:** Trough-going, new adaptive measures

**Production:** Sufficient

**Environmental stress:** Undisturbed, intact ecosystems

**Population:** Average density, good diversity

**Growth rate:** Zero growth

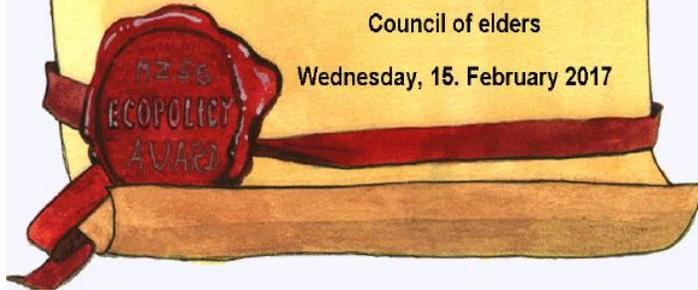
**Quality of life:** Very good

**Education:** Cybernetic thinking and acting

Your score: 62 points

Council of elders

Wednesday, 15. February 2017



Comments to the term of office of:

**STRON**

You too have reached the goal with  
flair. Thanks to wise decisions and  
foresight you have brought about  
some improvement in the state of  
your country.

You may regard yourself as a candi-  
date for the "Club of Cybernetic  
Thinkers".

Game settings: Standard settings