

OUR COMMUNITY - YOUR PRIORITIES

Municipality of Springfield

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Springfield Horse Community

Known around the world for being involved in two Pan Am Games, the Rural Municipality of Springfield is one of the larger horse communities in Canada. Springfield is also the largest and most picturesque municipality adjacent to Winnipeg. No wonder so many horse enthusiasts live here. The jewel of our community is Birds Hill Provincial Park, an 8000 acre park northwest of the municipality. Housed inside this beautiful park is a unique equestrian facility run by the Manitoba Horse Council (MHC), which is the governing body for equestrian activities within the province. There are a number of shows held at the MHC equestrian facility all during the spring, summer and fall season. Your membership in MHC provides you with a number of things including great liability insurance for a very reasonable cost. For complete information go to www.manitobahorsecouncil.ca. When you go to the MHC website you will also find information on the many horse clubs with membership right here in our own community. This community also has well established support systems for the equine owner. You can find vets, farriers, feed suppliers, everything you need as a horse owner - right here in our own community. Some of these services can be found by checking out the following website: www.manitobaequinedirectory.com.

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY SKATE PARK UPDATE

Construction has begun on the Springfield Community Skate Park. This park will be located at Springfield Centre Drive and will include a dish volcano, flat ledge, flat rail, china bank, wedge to curb, hubba stairs, and a mini derby spine. Construction is slated to conclude

mid-Fall, with a ribbon cutting planned for the spring of 2020. This park is a much anticipated and sure to be popular feature coming soon to our community.



Reminder: We kindly ask residents who receive garbage pick up to only leave house hold waste and recyclables for pick up.



R.M. OF SPRINGFIELD Solid Waste Management Program Review



The Rural Municipality of Springfield is planning on changing the funding structure of its residential solid waste management program. At the present time, curbside waste pickup and the use of transfer stations are services that are funded by the R.M.'s general tax base.

Although the tax that residents contribute to this service is equalized, the actual solid waste management services that residents receive is not equal. Currently, curbside pickup is only provided to a portion of the R.M. and residents who produce more waste are being subsidized by residents who produce less waste and recycle more.

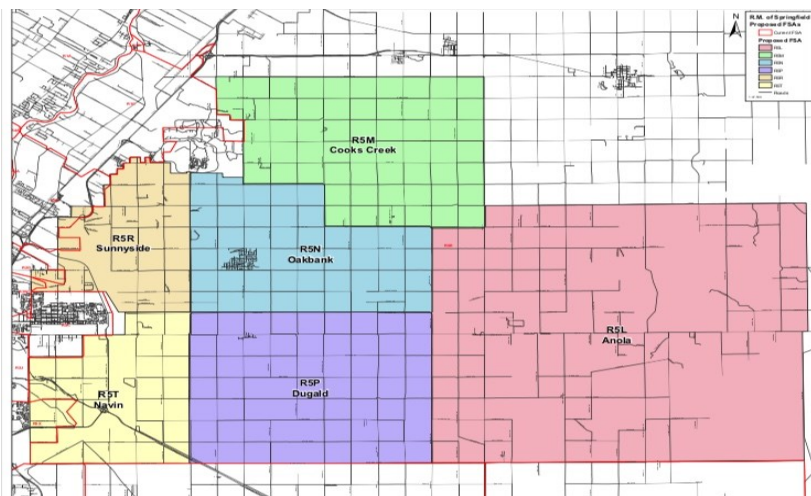
The R.M. is exploring a change to the existing funding model for curbside pickup and the use of transfer stations in order to provide a more equitable solid waste management service to its residents. At the same time, the R.M. is encouraging the reduction of garbage that is produced, resulting in more local recycling.

The R.M. is in the initial phase of this project, and is looking to work with residents to provide information on the concept and gather feedback.

We will be hosting a series of Workshop events between September 23 and October 2, 2019. You are invited to attend any one of the five Workshops to learn more about this project and share your thoughts. Workshop dates and information can be found on our website, www.rmofspringfield.ca.

Canada Post Update

Recently Canada Post embarked on a project to change addresses across the RM of Springfield. The official changeover took place on August 19, 2019. Council heard requests from residents to change the name of their postal address. In an effort to address these concerns Council met with Canada Post and was told that creating an alternate address was possible. On the September 2, 2019 Council meeting a resolution was passed with 2 further options.



All residents can now choose between their current area (ie: Anola, Oakbank Sunnyside etc.) or Springfield. Please note that your Postal Code DOES NOT change. Additionally, in the designated area of Cooks Creek, residents can choose between Cooks Creek, Hazelridge or Springfield. Again, the Postal Code DOES NOT change, but residents can use the name that they prefer. Please see the example below. If you have any further questions or require clarification, please contact your local postal outlet.

Example: 100 Springfield Center Drive, Oakbank, MB ROE 1J0 or 100 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, MB ROE 1J0.



2019 Property Tax Information

2019 Property Taxes are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019

2019 Property Tax Bills were mailed out in July. If you have not received your bill please contact the Municipal Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address.

To avoid line ups leading up to tax due date, several payment options are available as follows:

Pay by Phone / Internet: Most financial institutions offer pay-by-phone services or on-line banking. Use your property tax roll number for bill payment. (enter all 10 digits except the decimal point) Please allow 2-3 business days to process.

Pay by Mail: Insert your payment (cheque or money order), drawn in favour of the "R.M. of Springfield", add postage and mail to Box 219, Oakbank, Manitoba R0E 1J0. Please make reference to your property tax roll number. Mail must be post marked on or before October 31. Post dated cheques are accepted.

24 Hour Drop Off: Drop your payment in the mail slot located at the front entrance of the Municipal Office, 100 Springfield Centre Drive, Oakbank.

Pay in Person: Bring your bill payment to the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Payment options include cheque, cash and Interac.

Please note: Credit Cards are not accepted for property tax payments.

Please contact the Municipal Office at 204-444-3321 or info@rmofspringfield.ca for more information .

Springfield Community Recreation Centre Update

The Planning process for the Springfield Community Recreation Centre is underway. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Springfield Community Recreation Centre survey and potential user group meetings to date. The feedback we have received will inform the design, building components and programming that will be offered in the new facility, in addition to assisting us with developing the fee structure and business plan. Please note that if you're organization hasn't been contacted but you wish to provide feedback, please contact Shawn Wilkinson, Director of Community Services at (204) 444-4119 or swilkinson@rmofspringfield.ca.

The first community open house will be scheduled for early October, in efforts to update the community on progress to date. This will be an opportunity for community members to meet the consulting team, and to learn more about the plans to date.

Transfer Station Information

For information on how to reduce, reuse and recycle, visit www.rmofspringfield.ca

Hillside Transfer Station (204) 222-7516

25 082 Hillside Road
Winter hours: Nov 1 to Mar 31
Tuesday thru Sunday
8 am to 6 pm
Closed Monday's

Oakwood Transfer Station (204) 755-2220,

40 159 Oakwood Road
Winter hours: Nov 1 to March 31
Mon. and Wed. Friday to Sunday
12:00pm to 6:00 pm 9 am to 6 pm
Closed Tuesday and Thursday's

NEXT HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: Saturday, October 5th - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Springfield Municipal Council is committed to:

- excellence in service
- on-going community development and
- timely, effective responses.

RM Springfield

Frequently Used Numbers:

- **Municipal Office** (204) 444-3321
- **Public Works** (204) 444-2241
- **Community Services** (204) 444-4119
- **Planning Department** (204) 444-3824
- **Protective Services** (204) 444-4308
- **Springfield Library** (204) 853-2039
- **Services to Seniors** (204) 853-7582
- **Springfield Handi Van** (204) 444-4119
- **Municipal Office Fax** (204) 444-2137
- **Animal Control** (204) 223-5521

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**OPEN Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

We are here to assist you and we encourage community members to contact Springfield staff with your questions, comments and concerns.



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