



Municipality of Springfield

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Message from Mayor Tiffany

Welcome to the first Springfield municipal newsletter! We are excited to begin this dialogue with you and we anticipate fruitful discussions about the issues facing our community. One of the top priorities for our new Council is to strengthen the lines of communication between residents and council.

Municipal matters affect our everyday lives and this newsletter is part of the efforts of our new Council to ensure that information is available to all community members. We will strive to deliver timely information related to ongoing projects, community-based studies, open house events, current events and decision-making by council and staff.

You can also find the RM of

Springfield on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

As well, we encourage community members to contact Council or staff with any and all inquiries, concerns or comments. We are here to assist you.

Our first 120 days have been busy. As a start, we updated many of our foundational by-laws; gave 3rd reading to the RM of Springfield Development Plan; made a strategic purchase of the former Oakbank Credit Union building; gave direction to the Municipality Administration to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to plan, design and build a Recreation Centre; and so much more!



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Residents who are clearing snow should not deposit snow, slush and ice onto the roadways and sidewalks. These snow piles contribute to unsafe conditions for driving and walking. This practise contravenes municipal regulations and increases the cost of providing road maintenance.



NEW! Municipal Transfer Station Access Cards

One access card for the new Transfer Station Access Management System will be provided to all single family dwellings, duplexes, bare land condos, condo corporations, institutional and farm properties. This will ultimately save tax dollars by helping to stop unauthorized users of our transfer stations. It will also help to improve services and manage them more efficiently. Please contact Water & Waste (204-444-2241) if you have any questions or concerns.



On November 30, 2019, the new municipal handi-van arrived. The new handi-van can accommodate up to twelve passengers and three wheel chairs. The Municipality would like to thank Farm Credit Canada for their generous donation of \$8,000.00 towards the purchase of the new van.

By-Law Updates

Although changes have been made to the Organizational By-Law, regular Council meetings will still occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 pm. Also, in an effort to align Springfield with surrounding capital region municipalities, the term "Mayor" replaces "Reeve".

Amendments have also been made to the Procedural By-Law. Council's 'Committee of the Whole' meetings now happen consistently on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month beginning at 1:00pm. Matters under the Planning Act will be dealt with at a separate meeting now held on the 4th Thursday of the month at

6:00 p.m. By-law enforcement will be added to the Protective Services and Planning and Development sections.

Going forward, Council Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings and Planning Meetings will all be audio recorded and posted on the municipal website. In addition, all votes in Council & Planning meetings are now recorded votes for the public record.

Fifteen minutes has been allocated in each meeting for questions from the public regarding agenda items. For the convenience of the public, this question period has been scheduled at the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end. This allows a more predictable time as well as an opportunity to ask questions before the final vote has been taken.

Springfield Development Plan Update

After a comprehensive review, consisting of over 17 public engagement opportunities, including workshops, and open houses, the Springfield Development Plan received 3rd reading on February 5, 2019. Thanks goes out to previous Council who began the process in 2016 to update the development plan which was originally adopted in 2001. Next steps are discussed on page 5 of this newsletter. Council would like to thank past council for initiating the process and thank all the community members that participated in the process. By-Laws, including the Springfield Development Plan, can be viewed on our website: www.rmofspringfield.ca.

Purchase of 686 Main Street, Oakbank

On February 5, 2019, Council approved the purchase of 686 Main Street, Oakbank (former Oakbank Credit Union building). The purchase price of \$1,150,000 includes furnishings and an asphalted parking lot. Minor renovations of the building are anticipated to cost \$150,000. 686 Main Street, Oakbank will be home to the Springfield Police Department and the Planning and Development Department. Moving these two departments to their own space will also allow the Public Works Department and Engineering and Environmental Services to have their own space, allowing us to deliver services more efficiently and accommodate future organizational growth.





Springfield Recreation Centre

Request for Proposal (RFP)

A community recreation centre in Springfield has been a topic of interest for many years. At the January 8th Committee of the Whole meeting, Springfield Council gave administration direction to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to design and build a Recreation Centre. Features being considered include, but not limited to a community hall / gymnasium / multi – use turf, multi-purpose rooms, an indoor walking track, indoor play structure, and office space. The total project

cost would be \$8 million with a goal of generating \$4 million through



fundraising efforts. The Director of Community Services and Manager of Facilities will meet with community club presidents, or designates to gather feedback on the request for proposal.



Springfield Police Cadet Corps (SPCC)

The Springfield Police Cadet Corps (SPCC) aim is to develop and implement a sustainable program that engages youth at a number of different levels.

The Cadet Corps is based on the Canadian Military Cadet Programs (Army, Navy, and Air) that have been successfully operated for over 100 years. The Springfield Police Cadet Corps focuses on policing, while providing youth with leadership, citizenship, education, physical fitness, camarade-

rie, and experiences to support their personal development as positive current and future leaders in the community.

The Springfield Police Cadet Corps gives youth the unique opportunity to participate in the Cadet fraternity while experiencing the world of policing and the importance of community. This program is for youth aged 14 to 17.5 years of age. For more information, please contact (204)444-4308 or email: policecadets@rmofspringfield.ca.

Spring Break Camp,

March 25—29, 2019

Registration is open. Spring Break Camp, an initiative of the Springfield Community Services Department. We are pleased to offer a traditional day camp experience for children 5 – 12 years old. Campers can expect a well-rounded and diverse camp experience, with participation in programs ranging from sports, to arts and crafts, active games, and cooperative programming. Participants will enjoy a visit from Dartpocalypse, active time spent outside, as well as awesome programming with camp staff. Please contact Jessie Chubaty at (204) 444-6166, or email jchubaty@rmofspringfield.ca for registration or for more information.

Springfield Skate Park Update

A big thank you to all the community members who participated in our on-line skate park design survey. Feedback gathered from the survey will assist the consultants of Scatliff, Miller, and Murray on the parks design features. A Request for Proposal will be sent out in spring with the goal of construction to start in early summer.





Springtime Road Restrictions

Restrictions generally take effect sometime in March of each season in the Municipality of Springfield. Restrictions are weather dependent and based on the timing of the spring thaw. All roads within the Municipality will be restricted to 65% of normal axle loading unless otherwise posted. See our website for maps of Oakbank, Dugald and Rural areas for restrictions. The purpose of Spring Road Restrictions is to protect roadways from damage during spring thaw conditions. Provincial trunk highways, or provincial roadways, are restricted by the provincial department of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services. Please contact them directly with any provincial road inquiries through the Road Information Line. 65% of legal axle weight: "6.5 kg per millimeter width of tire up to a maximum of 65% of the legal axle weights on all Municipal spring restricted roads unless otherwise posted." Please visit the municipal website, www.rmofspringfield.ca for further details.

Summertime in Springfield — Private Pools & Hot Tubs

Some frequently asked question when you are considering installing a pool or hot tub this summer.

Do I need a building permit for a swimming pool or hot tub? Yes! A building permit is required to construct a pool or any other structure located outdoors which is capable of containing over 600mm (2ft) of water. This includes in-ground and above-ground pools, hot tubs, fish ponds, etc. Permits are also required for associated construction such as decks, mechanical storage sheds, sunrooms, etc.

Where do I apply? Permit applications are available and accepted at the Planning & Development located at Department Unit 1, 27055 Oakwood Rd.

What do I need to bring? Your application must be accompanied by one current copy of the Status of Title and one copy of the site plan.

- For Above-Ground Pools & Hot Tubs you will also need one copy of the manufactures installation guide
- For In-Ground Pools you will also need three copies of the structural design drawings of the pool bearing the seal of a Professional Engineer registered in the Province of Manitoba.

Application fees vary.

For more information call Planning at 444-3824.



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.



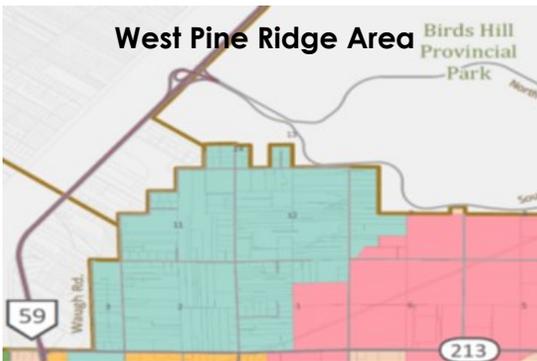
2019 Financial Plan

On January 17th, Council held a 2019 Budget Open House to gather feedback from community members on how they would like to see their tax dollars spent. Deadline for submissions via email (info@rmofspringfield.ca) is Friday, April 5, 2019. All feedback received will be considered by Council in their budget deliberations. A draft budget will be presented to the public at the Financial Plan Hearing in April or May and that date will be published on our website (www.rmofspringfield.ca) when the schedule is finalized.

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Zoning By-Law/Secondary Plans

The recent adoption of the Springfield Development Plan leads us to the next phase of the review of our planning by-laws. The Development Plan necessitates the creation of two Secondary Plan areas (Oakbank South and West Pine Ridge) before any development/subdivisions can occur within these two areas. Our



Zoning By-law must be re-

viewed to reflect both the Development Plan and Secondary Plans. The intent of the West Pine Ridge area is to accommodate additional rural residential development south of Birds Hill Park. Development shall be subject to a Secondary Plan, which ensures compatibility with existing and adjacent land uses while maintaining the rural nature of the area. The objective of the Oakbank South designation will be to strengthen Oak-

bank as a settlement centre. Future land use in Oakbank South could include residential, commercial, highway commercial, light industrial, open space/recreational, and institutional uses.

Our strategy is to initiate all three processes simultaneously; creating the two Secondary Plans and updating the Zoning By-Law. Our next step is the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for planning consultant services. The consultant that we retain must have the capability to facilitate the three processes simultaneously. Our goal is to have the Secondary Plans and the Zoning By-law completed within 8 to 24 months. You can view the Springfield Development Plan (By-law 18-09) on our website (www.rmofspringfield.ca).

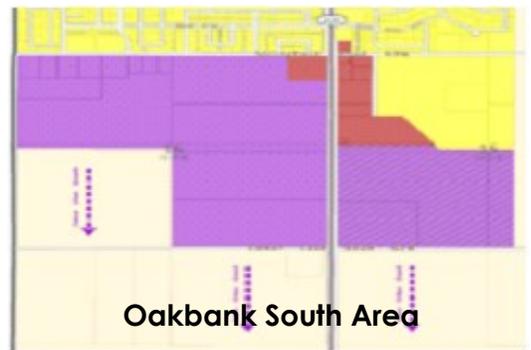
We value your input

Ward Boundaries

Our Council is committed to reasonably balanced ward populations for the next general election. Four options are being considered to ensure equitable representation:

- 1) At Large System (no wards)** – Each Council member and the Mayor would be elected by the community at large.
- 2) Two Ward System** – Springfield population divided into 2 wards (reasonably balanced) with 2 (or 3) councilors/ward.
- 3) Four Ward System** – Springfield population divided into 4 wards (reasonably balanced) with 1 councilor/ward.
- 4) Six Ward System** – Springfield population divided into 6 wards (reasonably balanced) with 1 councilor/ward.

Once a research of these options is complete, Council will host public open house events.





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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. – 4:30 p.m.**

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