

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZE ARCHIVES**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mavins started organizing the collection of records and documents from the past the 134 years of Springfield's history on March 23, 2007. They have received help from another local resident Diane Heather and our student employee Sarah Makenbach. The files, ledgers, papers, letters, books, statements, records, etc. are located in the basement, vaults and attic of the 102 year old municipal office. The Mavin's to date have tagged all the shelving sections (400 linear feet), filing cabinets, and boxes during the organization process. On July 25, 2007 Jack presented to council a detailed list of the contents of each box, filing cabinet, shelf and/or area. Phase 2 of the endeavor will include an in-depth look into the materials to determine the archiving, record retention and disposition. On behalf of council I would like to personally thank each of these volunteers for their many hours of devotion and hard work in the protection Springfield's history.

### **FEDERAL GAS TAX FUNDING**

The RM of Springfield will receive \$260,727.00 of Federal Gas Tax Funding in 2007. These funds must be used for projects under the Gas Tax Funding Agreement which include environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, water and sewer facilities.

### **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUE DISTRIBUTION**

The Manitoba Government has increased the VLT revenues to municipalities for 2007. The funding includes a per capita payment of \$19.97 based on the 2006 census population information, plus a base payment of \$5000.00 per municipality. The provision of VLT grants reflects the Manitoba Governments commitment to assist municipalities in addressing priority projects and services in their community. The RM of Springfield received a VLT Grant of \$264,411.29 for 2007.

### **MANITOBA BUILDING FUND 2007 PAYMENT**

The Manitoba Government has increased the payments to municipalities through the Manitoba Building Fund. The province shares provincial income tax and fuel tax revenues with the municipalities through a general assistance fund transfer. This year's payment is based on a per capita amount of \$36.53, calculated using 2006 census population information and is provided to assist municipalities with infrastructure and service priorities. The RM of Springfield received a Manitoba Building Fund Grant of \$471,237.00 for 2007.