

Springfield News and Views

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HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN 2007

A total of 274 building permits were issued in 2007 which included 109 single family dwellings and 8 mobile homes. This consisted of 54 new homes throughout Springfield and 55 new homes in the town of Oakbank. The municipality also experienced a colossal increase in Industrial/Commercial development with the construction of 27 new related type buildings. The overall value of all new construction in 2007 reached a whopping 42 million dollars up 53% from the previous year. This will result in a considerable boost in revenues for this line item on the financial statement. The new year is shaping up to contain continued growth in new development with residential, commercial, industrial, and accessory buildings while still being mindful to restrict growth around are pristine environmental sensitive areas such as Bird's Hill Park. This municipality is open for business.

EMPLOYEE CHANGE OVER

The following is a current update of the employee change over since I last reported in the first quarter of 2007. Effective November 2007 Gloria Hitra was selected to the position of Planning and Development receptionist, replacing Danielle Erickson who left in September 2007 to work for the Sunrise School Division. Rose Sterritt was hired in January 2008 to replace the Protective Services Administrative Assistant position vacated by Gloria Hitra. The Fire Chief Mike Purtill hours were increased to full time (40 hours/week) effective August 2007. January 2008 Ray Janzen was hired to replace Greg Elson Assistant Manager of Waste and Water who left for employment with the RM/Town of Gimli in February 2007. Chartered Accountant Randall Znamirowski was hired as the new Manager of Finance and Administration effective February 2008 to replace Anne Burns-Bensch who left for employment back home in Ontario January 2008.

In conclusion the number of employees remains the same as in 2005/2006. The hiring of a chartered accountant with several years of experience in municipal economics is a tremendous step forward in the budgeting, accounting and controlling of the municipal finances.