

Springfield News and Views

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PROVINCE WORKING WITH MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES

In 2007, rural municipalities received on average a funding increase of 10% from the Manitoba Building fund and an overall increase of 17% in VLT revenue. The province created a new 7.4 million municipal recreation and library fund for municipalities to access. Springfield received a grant of just over \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a new handi-transit bus. The government amended the Aggregate Mining and Transportation Fees and Agreements Regulation allowing municipalities to increase the aggregate mining fee by 127%. The Manitoba Government also provided the necessary training and assistance to support municipalities towards full Public Sector Accounting Compliance.

Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Steve Ashton and his staff are to be commended for meeting with reeve and council on items such as planning, aggregate mining fees and a capital region public transit study. His department's continued cooperation will enhance our communities and build a remarkable Springfield.

OPERATION PUBLIC ALERT

Council has asked our Protective Services Department to train our Public Works and Planning field staff in the Operation Public Alert (PAL). All municipal vehicles and road equipment will be labeled with identifiable visible PAL labels. These trained municipal staff will report any suspicious activities, abandoned vehicles, and criminal activity to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Operation PAL is designed to help the public, RCMP and the public safety officers keep our communities safe. The program should be ready and operational by the summer of 2008.