

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **A Piece of History**

The first municipal council of the United Township of Springfield and Sunnyside elected under the Municipal Act of 1873 met on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the house of W.R. Dick in Springfield. The first order of business was that W.R. Dick act as reeve, moved by John M. Smith, and seconded by John Scott. The first meeting included the following resolutions, John Stewart act as clerk and Robert Black was appointed to assessor and to be paid twenty five dollars per year.

### **Preserving our History**

A specialist from Manitoba Archives has been asked to inspect the municipal records and documents dating back to 1873 which are currently being stored in the Administrative Building's damp basement. The 135 year old paper documents include birth records, death records, council minutes and other municipal chronological reports. These priceless historical documents from Springfield's past will be donated to the Manitoba Archives for their future preservation and protection.

### **You're Tax Dollars**

The reeve and council shall safeguard taxpayers money and to make the best use of financial resources when making financial decisions. Each year, the financial plan must be adopted by May 15 and will include the following:

- a) **The operating budget** - Anticipated revenues and estimated expenditures for each program and service (roads, drainage, recreation, utilities, etc.)
- b) **Estimated capital budget** – Expenditures on fixed assets (buildings, equipment, sewer and water infrastructure, etc.)
- c) **Estimated 5 year capital plan** – Expenditures on capital in the 5 year's following the current budgetary year. Including how the expenditures will be financed.

Over the next fiscal year council and the CAO will prepare a ten year capital plan for the RM of Springfield.