

Springfield News and Views

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Navin Road Railway Crossing

Council will be hosting a public forum on the Navin Road Railway Crossing with CN Rail, Transport Canada, and Manitoba Highways. The RM of Springfield will perform a mail-out to invite residents and businesses within a one kilometer radius of the crossing.

Rescue Tools (Jaws of Life)

Council approved the \$21,620.00 purchase of a new set of Rescue Tools for the Anola Fire Hall. This device will accelerate the extraction of people from vehicles involved in accidents in the area. The new "jaws of life" will reduce the vital minutes involved in taking out a trapped person from the damaged vehicle.

Initial Invocation

Council would like to thank Reverend Dawn Ballantine-Dickson for her charming invocation speech in November. The following words of inspiration are much appreciated. "God of the love's power and freedom's might, bless the new reeve, new councilors, those who have been re-elected and all others who work within this administration. Give them the compassion to hear the needs and ideas of the people of Springfield, and the discernment to make just laws, and in special circumstances the insight to make exceptions. Grant them the willingness to work together and the courage to stand alone. As they attend to the desires of their constituents keep them mindful of the greater needs of our province, country and our world the together as all your children we may both work for and live in peace. Amen."

New Chief Administrative Officer Hired

Council would like to welcome our new CAO Mr. Larry Tetrault who officially started on January 22, 2007. Mr. Tetrault has 32 years of experience in Manitoba Municipal affairs as a CAO.