

Springfield News and Views

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL AREA

Council recently passed third reading of the Local Improvement District for the Industrial Area west of the Floodway. The LID includes 3.6 million dollars of upgrading projects to the roads in this district and also involves a drainage study for the area. This means the properties within this district (area) will directly pay for these improvements over a selected time period (20 years). The 3.6 million dollars for the project will be borrowed from the provincial government or a financial institution and paid back including the set interest rate over the set time period (20 years). The properties, lands, and businesses of the LID have been identified and notified in respect to the local improvement tax which is to be imposed on them. Property and business owners have had the opportunity to voice their approval and/or objections through the public hearing process. The balance of the municipality will not pay for any part of this LID project.

OUR BIGGEST RESOURCE, OUR CHILDREN

One just needs to look around at the Canada Day Celebrations in Dugald, Anola Community Club Expansion Kick-off, Springfield Days Parade in Oakbank, or the sports fields during the week. You will soon realize we have thousands of children or about 30% of our population. They will be one of the largest users of our recreation facilities and library services. This year the majority of council has committed an unprecedented \$500,000.00 to recreation capital projects throughout the RM. The majority of Council just passed a resolution to increase the operational grants to the community clubs by approximately 14% from last year's figures. The \$55,000.00 in grants will be used by Anola, Oakbank, Dugald, Hazelridge, and Cooks Creek Community Clubs to assist them in paying for the rising electrical, natural gas, propane utility expenses. We have turned the corner as a municipality from the crumbling recreation infrastructure to remodeled vibrant community clubs and enhanced sports fields which we can be proud of. More work and projects are on the horizon, I believe we are on the right path.

