

Springfield News and Views

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SMILES AND JOBS

Small business start-ups in Springfield have seen steady growth in 2007/2008, and this trend reflects our strong economic growth and the municipality's entrepreneurial "open for business" spirit. The small business sector continues to make its mark as a key instrument of job creation especially for our young people. There is nothing more gratifying then observing the smiles on the young student employees faces at their new places of employment. A number of new small and medium sized business construction starts are forthcoming in the RM. These new companies and businesses will provide a wide variety of additional job opportunities for our residents. Team Springfield is working hard to attract new and/or established businesses and firms to the municipality. A positive outlook brings positive results.

NAVIN ROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

Working collectively with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (Highways), Transport Canada, and Canadian National Railway on an agreement for the permanent closure of the CN railway crossing at Navin Road will result in the inconvenience for a small number of residents in the area. The Canadian National has been interested in a double track extension in this area since 2005. Council reviewed the a traffic study of the area by UMA Engineering paid for by the railway in 2007 with a proposal of extending Navin Road to Murdock Road by 1000 feet. The majority of council concluded the \$250,000.00 in work for infrastructure improvements in the Murdock Road area plus the \$150,000.00 in infrastructure work in the Dugald area and the \$20,000.00 in grant money to the RM was an impressive deal, since this is to be all paid by the Railway and Transport Canada. \$420,000.00 is a huge quantity on revenue to the RM which will not have to be paid by the ratepayers. Ultimately working cooperatively with the businesses in our municipality, different levels of government and their respective departments is moving forward towards the future. Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

GENOROSITY

On behalf of all the residents of the municipality I would like to thank all the people and businesses who have graciously donated to our new Springfield Food Bank in Anola since its recent new beginning. Your kindness is truly remarkable in helping those who sometimes need a hand to get back on their feet.