

Springfield News and Views

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TEAM SPRINGFIELD

The majority of council stands behind our Chief Administrative Officer and solidly supports his management team and the employees of the municipality. His energy for public service is astonishing with an impressive commitment to customer service. Our job on council is to work with all the employees to encourage their pride in workmanship, support continued education and self-improvement initiatives, and to improve the overall quality of the system and the service they provide to our ratepayers. The establishment of a remarkable work environment will bring out the creativity and productivity of every employee. Negativity, stubbornness, pessimism and deceitfulness have no place on Team Springfield.

EVERGREEN AND PLEASANTVIEW VACANCIES

The municipality operates two Elderly Persons Houses, Evergreen and Pleasantview Lodges. Evergreen Lodge is located on Hwy #15 in Dugald and Pleasantview is located on Hwy #12 in Cooks Creek. Currently one suite is available for rent in each lodge. Application forms can be picked up at the administration office, 628 Main Street, Oakbank. Further information on rental rates and eligibility is available by calling 444-3321.

SUMP PUMPS SHALL NOT DISCHARGE INTO TOWN SEWER SYSTEMS

In accordance with Bylaw 76-9 "No person shall make or permit to exist and direct or indirect connection which allows the discharge from a weeping tile system (sump pump) or any other form of land drainage to enter a public wastewater system." The reason for this is that it overloads the wastewater system, especially during major rainfall events, potentially causing the system to overcharge and back-up into basements of homes. This is also additional water to pump in the sewage liftstations and to treat in the municipal lagoons, which increases the operational costs to operate the systems (hydro costs, maintenance costs (wear and tear on the parts). Unnecessary sump water entering into the main regional lagoons will increase capital costs to construct additional lagoon cells and related facilities to handle the additional flows. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.