

Springfield News and Views

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SPECIAL THANKS

The Oakbank Scouting Group deserves a fantastic thank you for cleaning the ditches of litter along highway #206 between Dugald and Oakbank. A job well done!

SPRINGFIELD HOCKEY DEVELOPS EXCELLENCE

The Springfield Minor Hockey Goalie Brendan Edie was drafted to the Spokane Chiefs of the Western Hockey League during the bantam draft in May. Brendan, 14, is described as a confident and poised goaltender that always makes the big saves in key situations. Also forward Matthew Bailey has verbally committed to the University of Anchorage-Alaska for the 2010-2011 season. Bailey, 17, netted 13 goals and 15 assists for 28 points in 56 games as a rookie last season with Neepawa Natives. The Springfield product won a bronze medal with Team Western at the Under-17 Hockey Challenge and was selected to the Sher-Wood Division prospects team for the 2008 MJHL All-Star Weekend in January. The past and present Association Coaches, Managers, Parents and Executive are to be commended for developing all the players in the organization.

SUMMER STUDENTS

The Public Works Department will be hiring for two summer students for some green initiative projects. For more information please contact the Manager of Operations Shawn Tosh @ 444-2241 or drop off a resume at 27055 Oakwood Road, Oakbank.

2008 OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Operating Transportation Services this year will munch through approximately 4.4 million dollars which will include graveling, snow clearing, bridge repairs, and road reconstruction. Garbage and waste collection, transfer stations, and waste water treatment will cost approximately \$700,000.00 this year. Drainage of land, weed control, contributions to the Cooks Creek Conservation District, and mosquito control is budgeted in at just under one million dollars. Recreation is increased to a \$450,000.00 operating budget which includes the expansion of library services. The Protective Services Area which includes the volunteer fire and rescue service and protective services officers is allocated about \$750,000.00 in 2008. Along with an increased population and fire protection activities this area will require a considerable increase in its operating budget next year. The municipal rate increase of 2.7 % shall result in improved services while dealing with increased energy and labour costs.

