

Springfield News and Views

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Two Springfield Players Drafted to the WHL

The Moose Jaw Warriors have selected left-winger Quinton Howden, the six-foot-two, 170-pound left-winger of Oakbank, first overall in the Western Hockey League bantam draft. Howden played for the Bantam AA Springfield Ice Hawks this past winter where he had 121 goals and 76 assists in 51 games. The Saskatoon Blades selected centre Tim Beck of Oakbank, who also had a impressive 06/07 season playing for the Springfield Bantam AA team. Council would like to congratulate both players for their accomplishments and putting the RM of Springfield on the map.

Public Safety Report

During the last three months the RCMP have seen an increase in break and enters to the rural area south of highway 15 near Dugald, Glass, and Anola. The entire patrolled region had 5 break and enters into businesses and 19 break and enters into residences in February, March, and April. Increased patrols have been implemented and citizens have been asked to report any suspicious activity. During this same period seven people have been charged with alcohol related driving offences and a total of 192 traffic offences were issued.

Composting

Council is actively strategizing with public works staff to improve the composting methods in the municipality. Presently a large amount organic material is part of the garbage stream which is being hauled off to landfills. Items such as leaves, grass clippings, branches, vegetable and fruit peels cores are the ideal materials for composting. Composting is an important way to recycle, both at home and at work. It is estimated that about 50 percent of the total waste stream could be composted! Composting not only helps to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, it produces valuable soil humus which can improve the texture and fertility of the soil.