

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **SPRINGFIELD'S PIECE OF THE VANIER CUP**

Oakbank's own Blake Zawada helped win the Vanier Cup on November 23, 2007 playing with Manitoba Bisons who defeated the Saint Mary's Huskies in the 43rd edition of the final. Blake attends the University of Manitoba and is member of the 2007 Manitoba Bisons and holds the position of running back. In 2003 he achieved the High School Male Athlete of the Year at Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau. Blake was also one of six recipients of the prestigious Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship for the 2004-05 school year. He played for the Transcona Nationals Football Club early in his football career. Congratulations on bringing home the Cup.

### **MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS**

Firstly I would like to thank the Honourable Minister Ron Lemieux for his invitation which included councilor Ken Lucko and myself to attend the witnessing of the throne speech for the Second session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba. Some of the most interesting facts were with our newly elected members. We now have an Assembly that more closely reflects the face of Manitoba. In actuality, it includes the largest number of women elected in our province's history and the largest proportion of women of any legislature in Canada. Well done!

Later in the afternoon our CAO Larry Tetrault, councilor Ken Lucko and I met with Minister Lemieux to discuss the transportation concerns of our residents. The topics in dialogue included improving our major highways in the rural municipality of Springfield. We presented traffic count studies which point toward highway #15 the most heavily traveled two lane highway in the Province, we had conversations regarding access and egress to the new section of the Perimeter highway, and also asked him to review improvements to the dangerous highway intersections in our municipality. At the end of the day we achieved and agreed to have continued open communication between the municipality and the Minister to ultimately improve Provincial highway infrastructure in the RM.

