

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **THE TIME TO REPAIR THE ROOF IS WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING**

Sometimes we may overlook a need in a community until you exchange a few words with a local child and family services worker. Some residents of our municipality are having a difficult time putting food on the table on a consistent basis. It is heart breaking news to be informed that some children are being provided with breakfast in school and given food to take home for supper. A number of different problems and challenges may affect families every now and then. I am grateful we have volunteer groups in our municipality who help these families with food and clothing when needed.

The council now recognizes they should start to give some assistance to these volunteer groups. In the coming months we hope to provide needed support and guidance to a New Springfield Food Bank, in an area where there is the greatest need. The chosen facility could include non perishable and refrigerated perishable items for distribution. It is during this intake process that the individuals may also be provided with information on other helping groups by the volunteers.

The Food Bank would receive financial support for operations and food purchases from the public, the United Way, grants from foundations, and other sources. Donations of food products would be accepted from the public and businesses. These are just some of the ways that you can assist your local food bank in helping those who are less fortunate. Cash donations could be made through the RM office for tax receipts. Further details will follow.