

Springfield News and Views

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LOOK AT THE PAST TO MOVE FORWARD

In 1970 a number of neighbouring concerned citizens assembled to a common goal. Their vision was to build a new ice arena in Oakbank. The people joined ideas and raised funds for the project, with one vision in mind. They asked a local designer and builder to help construct the project. He was a true craftsman. Specializing in laminated trusses, he created many beautiful buildings and churches which have stood the test of time. At a cost of \$100,000 and many volunteer work hours, the arena stands today as a symbol of community volunteerism.

In 1980 the small town of Hazelridge began their vision of a new ice arena to serve the community and surrounding area. Two community club members took a risk and signed a \$100,000 mortgage to begin the construction of the new facility. The local hall and their famous Hazelridge Caterers donated their profits to the new community vision. All groups pulled together. The sports club, 4-H, community hall committee, Legion, Knights of Columbus, curling club, the seniors, perogy pinchers and many volunteers. Three years later, and a true drive to commitment, they celebrated with a mortgage burning social at the Hazelridge hall.

These are just two examples of many, how volunteerism and community spirit has built the required recreational infrastructure of our municipality. Today these facilities are the active centers for baseball, ringette, figure skating, hockey, soccer, dancing, bocce, etc. which bring together citizens from all areas of the municipality. Decades later, we reach a pivotal point to move forward. As your Reeve, I will stand behind in strengthening our support to existing community clubs and also support new movements of volunteerism and vision.

SPRINGFIELD SOCCER SUPREMACY

On September 30, 2007 six soccer teams based out of Oakbank Soccer Club represented Springfield at the City of Winnipeg Outdoor Soccer Finals. All six teams pulled out all the stops during the regular season and play-off rounds to make it to the final. Every one of the six Springfield Soccer teams battled in the fields, on this day, and in the end were all crowned city champions. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and parents for their collective victories.