

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **MANITOBA HYDRO INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT**

Manitoba Hydro is investing millions of dollars in infrastructure in the municipality of Springfield. The center of the project will be located north of the Deacon Water Reservoirs and near the eastern earthen embankment of the Floodway (eastern half of Section 26, Township 10, Range 4 EPM). The Power Utility is improving the reliability of the existing electrical transmission system serving the Winnipeg area & southern Manitoba. The Riel Reliability Improvement Initiative is a multi-year project which is anticipated to be in-service by 2014. This notable development will result in future new revenue for the municipality's treasury.

### **ELDERLY PERSONS HOUSING**

The RM of Springfield operates two elderly persons housing complexes which contain 10 apartments/units each. They are located in the town of Dugald and the town of Cooks Creek. The rental income basically covers the cost of the utilities and maintenance of the properties. This year the Pleasantview septic field will be upgraded which part of the cost is borne by the municipality. Some elderly people haven't been blessed with large pension incomes and rely on this type of affordable housing. They are on fixed incomes where every cent counts. I believe this is our small contribution in helping our elderly residents which call Springfield home.

### **EMERGENCY HOME PREPAREDNESS**

The world's changing weather patterns are increasing the possibility of local events such as flooding, ice storms and snow storms. Disasters can drastically limit the availability of what you have come to take for granted -- such as communications, electricity, water and access to gasoline. The Canadian Red Cross suggests your emergency preparedness kit should contain a flashlight, radio, batteries, first aid kit, extra car keys, cash, important papers, canned food, bottled water, a manual can opener, a change of clothing, shoes, blankets or sleeping bags, toilet paper, other personal supplies, medication, and a whistle to attract someone's attention. Each person's needs and abilities are unique, but every individual can take important steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies and put plans in place. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation. A commitment to planning today will help you prepare for any emergency situation. Preparing makes sense.

