

Springfield News and Views

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AGGREGATE CRUSHER

The Municipal Aggregate Crushing Program is currently in the Hillside Pit beside the transfer station. Council had directed Public Works to perform cost analysis on the summer aggregate crushing program at the Moniminto Pit. The results indicated the municipal operation was far more cost effective than contracting the service out. Road gravel has also been crushed and stockpiled at the Mill Road Pit. The intent is to prepare road gravel at various RM of Springfield pits which will reduce the rising transportation hauling costs. Approximately 50,000 cubic yards are used annually in the gravelling program.

WARD APPROPRIATIONS

In 2007 council reverted back to limited ward appropriation to allow each ward councilor to prioritize public works projects in their individual ward. Each ward councilor was allocated \$100,000.00 for improving roads, drainage, applying additional dust abatement, sidewalk maintenance, and/or community club enhancement. This expenditure is approximately 10% of the public works budget. Overall the program has been very successful with a great deal of projects being completed. 30% of the proposed projects still need to be completed before freeze-up.