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THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER AWARDED SAFER AND VITAL COMMUNITIES GRANT

SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP/ June 16, 2009 – The Township of Springwater is pleased to announce that they have been awarded the Safer and Vital Communities grant through the Ministry of Community safety and Correctional Services – Public safety Division.

The grant will be used to develop an educational anti-graffiti program for Springwater Township residents, with the goal of promoting graffiti removal awareness and developing educational strategies to help combat graffiti.

“Graffiti is an unfortunate growing trend in the community,” said OPP Huronia West Detachment Commander Kevin Hunter.

“In 2008 there were over 89 mischief complaints, many of these being for acts of graffiti,” Hunter said.

The program will target local residents to encourage them to report incidents of graffiti in the community, and to school children to help decrease the graffiti sub-culture in the Township of Springwater.

The grant application was produced by the Springwater Community Policing Committee, which works towards promoting community commitment and involvement in policing problems and participating with other community agencies and special interest groups to address police and community concerns. The committee consists of volunteers who are working towards a better community.

“The Committee is an important part of our community,” said Springwater Township Mayor Tony Guergis.

“It’s a group of dedicated volunteers who help to increase safety and security for all our residents and visitors,” said Guergis. “Their work in securing the Safer and Vital Communities grant will help the Township of Springwater move forward on combating graffiti.”

Springwater is a municipality of approximately 18,000 residents located in the heart of Simcoe County. 2009 celebrates the 15th anniversary of the amalgamated Township of Springwater. The Township is governed by a seven-member council with a complement of 60 full and part-time staff. The municipal office is located at the Simcoe County Administration Centre in Midhurst, with Council Chambers situated in the Village of Elmvale.

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