

Mayor's Message

This update is being provided to let everyone know what is happening with Town Council deliberations and projects that we hope to move forward in the near future. I would like to be able to tell you everything is progressing exactly as we would like, but that is not the case. We have recently finished the budgeting process and tax notices are now in your hands. There was a lengthy debate before the decision was made regarding a tax increase. Our town is facing many challenges that need to be addressed in the near future.

The major project that we are dealing with is a new Waste Water Treatment Facility. I am not at all happy with the way things are going with this project although I do not have a better answer. We have done the preliminary design work on this facility and the major concern is cost. We have been given a \$12.4 million price tag for this project. This does not include a \$500,000.00 detailed design cost and any overruns over the budgeted projections, which seem to be inevitable on a project of this size. Needless to say, this number is not something we can afford with our small population. Our efforts to discuss funding options with provincial and federal governments have not provided any significant funding solutions for this project. We are continuing to discuss our situation with our government representatives and hope to make progress in the near future. As well, we continue to look for other alternatives, although we are limited by the Ministry of Environment in our options.

The Waste Water project is a huge issue for our community but it is not the only one and we need to address other issues as we move forward. We have ongoing maintenance and upkeep as well as smaller capital projects that need to be addressed. Paving of James Street South is a concern and I would like to see this project started as soon as possible. After our recent budgeting process we have been forced to put this project into the 2013 calendar year. We have relied on revenue from the sale of the town lots on 5th Avenue to contribute to this project. The sale of lots have not progressed as quickly as we anticipated so we have delayed the James Street South project until next year. We will be resurfacing the bridge on James Street this year. We need to have the bridge assessed to determine what repairs are needed and we will complete those repairs later this summer. Our borrowing powers are limited at this time as we near the end of paying for the Water Treatment plant. Once this loan is paid off the town will then have to borrow for the Waste Water Facility.

Other capital cost items include new equipment such as a garbage truck and a street sweeper along with continued upgrading of our water and sewer infrastructure. We are also facing the need to expand our administration offices. We share the building and Administration staff with the RM of Lumsden and with both the RM and the Town expanding, the need for more staff and space are evident and we are exploring our options for this expansion.

On an administrative note, we welcome Byron Tumbach and his family to our community. Byron started as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town and RM of Lumsden on January 1st. Welcome to Lumsden!

Bylaws: Councils, both past and present adopt bylaws from time to time in an effort to maintain a certain level of order in our Town. Bylaws may be traffic bylaws for safety, noise and nuisance bylaws for the general conduct of everyone. The handling of the situations that arise from the enforcement of these bylaws are often very difficult for council. Not only are they time consuming for the staff but they also cause a great deal of angst for those involved. No one enjoys telling someone that you need to "clean up your act" but we need to be conscious of the rights of everyone. The easiest way to deal with this is for each of us to be aware of what we are doing. First, is it lawful? Then, does it affect our neighbours? If we would all think, "do unto others as we would have them do unto us" life would be considerably better. Please take a look at your yard and ask yourself if things could be cleaned up? An unlicensed vehicle is not considered a lawn ornament, but an infraction under the nuisance bylaw.

Civic elections. We will have elections this fall and we need you! If you have any interest in contributing to the town in the form of being on council, please consider putting your name forward for election. I won't kid around, there are some hassles when you are on council but it is very interesting and your contributions would be much appreciated by your community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss participation on council, please give me a call.

Enjoy the summer. Enjoy Lumsden. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful community.

Mayor, Bryan Matheson

Council Members and Committees

Below is a list of the 2012 Council along with their respective Committee assignments. Should you have feedback regarding municipal programs or issues, you may provide your written comments to the municipal office, attend a council meeting as a delegation or contact an elected council member.

Bryan Matheson	Mayor (is an ex-officio member of all committees of Council)	731-7631
	<u>Group 1 Committee</u>	
Doug Mader	Chair, Recreation & Culture	731-3607
Jayne Leibel	Chair, Planning & Development, Protective Services	731-3889
Dan Kirby	Chair, General Government, Lumsden Fire District	731-2096
	<u>Group 2 Committee</u>	
Rhonda Phillips	Chair, Transportation (Public Works)	731-3141
Jane Cogger	Chair, Environmental Health & Welfare	731-2187
Al Sulma	Chair, Water and Sewer Utility	731-2563



Municipal Election—This Fall

The next general election for Urban Municipalities will take place on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012.**

It is important to become involved in your community's affairs and exercise your democratic right to choose the leaders of your community. **Nomination Day is September 19, 2012.** There will be a Notice of call for Nominations published on or before Sept. 6, 2012 for the Mayor and 6 Councillor positions. The positions are elected for a 4 year term.

Who Can Run?

Persons eligible for nomination as a candidate must be:

- Be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- Be a Canadian Citizen

- Have resided in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date the nomination paper is submitted; and have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date nomination paper is submitted.

Who Can Vote?

Eligible Voters must be:

- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A Canadian Citizen
- A resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day; and
- Either
 - A) a resident of the municipality for at least 3 consecutive

months immediately preceding the day of the election; or

- B) An owner of assessable land for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election

Your Community relies on your participation, both as a Voter and/or as a Candidate!

For General Election information please visit Municipal Affairs Website: <http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/Administration/Elections-General>

Spray Pad Fundraising



The Lumsden Spray Pad committee is currently raising funds to build a new Spray Pad in Lumsden. Our goal is \$150,000, we would like to construct the facility in 2013 !

For more information contact:

Shannon 731-2362/Chris 533-6147
c.exner@sasktel.net

Summer Swim Program

You can now sign up for Summer Swim Lessons. Session 1 is July 3-13th, Session 2 is in August TBA. Swim fees are \$30 child/session to a max. of \$90 family/session.

To obtain forms, please visit the website at www.lumsden.ca or drop by the municipal office. We facilitate the Red Cross Swim Program offering: Parent and Tot, Pre-school and Levels 1 to 10. We use private pools and classes are in the mornings between 8 am and noon

More Info Chris 533 6147 or
c.exner@sasktel.net

Thank-You

Lumsden and District Lions Club

The Town of Lumsden and the Lions have partnered for a 5 Year Playground Upgrade Project. Lions contribution to date is \$30,000 with matching contribution from the Town over the next few years.

1st phase of the project will see an upgrade in RiverPark. A new rope climber is being installed.

Proceeds from the Lion's Trip of the Month go directly to the project.



2013 Property Assessment Revaluation

The provincial government mandates Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) to conduct periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years to coincide with the change to a new base date. The current revaluation was completed in 2009 using the 2006 base year. The next revaluation is to be done in 2013. When a revaluation is completed, SAMA provides new values for all properties. Provincial legislation requires municipalities to use these values when determining taxes.

The next revaluation will be completed in 2013 using January 1, 2011 as the base year for valuations. The regulated property assessment valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of agricultural land, heavy industrial property, railway, roadway, pipelines and resource production equipment (mines and oil and gas). Also, the market valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of residential and commercial properties. The three generally accepted appraisal techniques will continue to be used to value property within the market valuation standard - the cost approach, the sales comparison approach, and the property income (rental) approach. For more detailed information about the 2013 revaluation including property valuation approaches please visit SAMA's website at www.sama.sk.ca



Education Property Taxes

School divisions are funded through provincial grants and education property tax. In order to fulfill expectations, school divisions require all their budgeted revenue. Government has had to raise money elsewhere to backfill lost revenue due to discounts. Offered for early payment of taxes. **Therefore, effective January 1, 2013 tax incentives (discounts and rebates) set by municipalities will no longer apply to education property tax.**

Development Applications /Business License

All development within the Town must conform to the Town's Basic Planning Statement and Zoning By-law. Application forms are available at the town office and **no development** shall take place until a permit is issued by the Development Officer.

While there are some exceptions to the bylaw, you should check with the Town Office before commencing **any** development, be it earthwork, building a structure, fence, deck or

swimming pool.

The Town contracts Professional Building Inspectors to help administer the National Building Code and Uniform Building & Acceptability Standards Act. The Building Inspector will review all plans, as well as provide on-site inspections during the various stages of construction. Additional information can be

found on our web site.

Any person carrying on a trade, business or home occupation in town is required to have a business license. The annual regulatory fee for the issuance of a business license was set at \$75.00 effective January 1st, 1997.



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Lumsden Web Site & Electronic Sign

The Town web site was established several years ago and is available to provide the public greater access to key municipal information, including recreation activities, events, public notices and municipal services.

Information on the following items can be found on our web site:

- ◆ Council meeting notice/agendas
- ◆ Council minutes

- ◆ Bylaws
- ◆ Municipal Hours of Operation
- ◆ Landfill Hours of Operation
- ◆ Waste Disposal rates
- ◆ Red Cross Swim program
- ◆ West Nile Virus information
- ◆ Public Notice Information

As you may be aware, the Town has an electronic sign to advertise community and special events. If you have a special community event you would like to advertise on the sign please contact the Municipal Office at 731-2404

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town.lumsden@sasktel.net

**Step into a country
pace!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
WE'RE ON THE WEB:

WWW.LUMSDEN.CA



LUMSDEN, IN THE QU'APPELLE

Attention Dog Owners!

Complaints are received from residents, regarding dogs running at large. The Mayor and Council requests all dog owners to review the regulations outlined below and act responsibly and ensure that their dogs are not allowed to run at large.

- No household shall keep more than two dogs.
- All dogs are required to have a license. Annual license fee is \$6.50.

- No dogs shall be allowed to run at large.
- Keep your dog on a leash.
- Dogs caught running at large will be impounded.

Please keep your animals from making excessive noise and clean up after your pet.

The following impounding fees must be paid before the dog is released:

First Offence

– Licensed Dog \$ 50.00

– Unlicensed Dog \$ 60.00

Subsequent Offences \$100.00

** Impound Fees include an additional \$5.00 per day for each day that the dog remains in the pound after the day it is caught.*



SNOWMOBILES / ATV's

There have been concerns expressed over snowmobiling within Town limits. Snowmobiling is permitted on Town streets and public roadways, for the purpose of leaving Town, but not in the parks or on any private property or dykes. If you see anyone snowmobiling other

than on Town streets or roadways, please contact the R.C.M.P. at 731-4270.

Town Council and the RCMP would like to remind residents that it is illegal for any person to operate an ATV within the limits of the Town; and that

this will be enforced with a maximum fine of \$2,000 that may be imposed.



Need a Meeting Space? Having a Small Event?

If you are in need of meeting space or are holding a small event, the Riverpark Centre at the Campground can be rented. There is a concession that is located at the Riverpark Centre as well. Please contact the office at 731-2404 to book the space.



TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

Council recently created 10 residential lots. These lots are located on an extension of 5th Avenue (north of the high school). Some development restrictions/requirements apply.

- Lots 6 - 15 Parcel EE, Plan 101991348 - Residential
- Lots close to both Elementary and High Schools

Lots are fully serviced. Pavement, curb & gutter will be completed in 2013

For additional information please contact Faith Realty at 731-3323.