

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH SERM AND GROUP II MEETING HELD ON APRIL 3rd, 2008

The Group II Water & Sewer Utility Committee attended a meeting in Regina with the Ministry of Environment on the afternoon of Thursday, April 3rd, 2008 at 2:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor:	Verne Barber
Councillors:	Al Sulma, Sid Sikorski, Dan Kirby
Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
Utilities Foreman:	Dave Cherney
Ministry of Environment:	Frank Reid, Senior Approvals Engineer Ben Lichtenwald, Environmental Protection Officer

The purpose of this meeting with the Ministry of Environment representatives Ben Lichtenwald, Environmental Protection Officer and Frank Reid, Senior Approvals Engineer is to facilitate discussions regarding the current restriction on further development Environment has placed on the Town of Lumsden due to the municipality's Lagoon capacity. Representatives from Town Council attended to discuss the town's long term wastewater strategy in attempt to alleviate Environment's concerns and provide an overview of the current exfiltration process and pumping in the fall onto land owned by the Town.

General Discussion:

- SERM is interested in the town's expansion plans, regarding development
- Council indicated that Lumsden has estimated a 2% increase in future growth, 15 new houses were developed in 2007 and a planned increase to sewage rates to build reserves.
- Council indicated that wastewater strategy is in the long term plans for the Town, however drinking water was treated as the first priority and wastewater second. Therefore, wastewater strategy was to be concentrated on after the town's debt for Water Treatment Plant is eliminated. The Town is planning to increase sewer rates to build reserves for a future lagoon expansion.
- Council reviewed the following long term wastewater strategy with Environment representatives:
 - Council agreed to implement a plan to construct a mechanical wastewater treatment facility in 2014, at an estimated cost of \$7 million and subject to the financing plan presented;
- During the next five years (2008 – 2013), council will research in consultation with Sask Watershed, the feasibility of alternative solutions including but not limited to:
 - OPTAER lagoon based treatment system proposed by Nelson Environmental,
 - Rapid clarification system designed to treat secondary lagoon effluent proposed by 3C Water System Ltd.,
 - Shared wastewater evaporation lagoon with the Town of Regina Beach, Village of Buena Vista and Kinookimaw;
 - System design approvals from Sask Watershed

- In the Interim, Council agrees to provide an annual report to our Environmental Protection Officer with the Ministry of Environment, regarding council's evaluation and progress of the options outlined in point 2.
- Council also must agree to:
 - the de-sludging of the Lagoon in 2008
 - New Aeration system in 2009
 - Expand the Oxbow, if recommended by the Ministry of Environment, prior to the implementation of the mechanical wastewater treatment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman

Administrator