

TOWN OF LUMSDEN/ R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15TH, 2013 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The RM of Lumsden No. 189 Council hosted the Joint Council Supper meeting for Council members of the Town of Lumsden and R.M. of Lumsden No. 189, held at the Lumsden Hotel & Steak Pit meeting room, on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 at 7:34 p.m. with Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present: Reeve: Jim Hipkin
Town Councillors: Randy Bogdan, Jane Cogger, Trevor Grohs (left at 7:56pm), Rhonda Phillips
RM Councillors: Albert Szeles, Kent Farago, Dale Srochenski, Ian White, Jim Atcheson
Chief Administrative Officer: Darcie Cooper
Asst. Administrators: Krystal Strong

Absent: Mayor: Bryan Matheson
Town Councillors: Wes Holobetz, Reggie Newkirk
RM Councillor: Tom Harrison

Minutes:

Srochenski/Cogger: "That we approve the minutes of the January 17th, 2012 Joint Council supper meeting, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Library Relocation-Office Expansion:

- Members of town council discussed the library relocation and updates regarding negotiations with the Lumsden Legion regarding the purchasing of their building

Administration Report:

- Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper provided a verbal report on delegates scheduled to attend the February Joint Administration (JADM) Committee meeting as well as an update regarding the external review that has commenced in the municipal office.
- Jim Walters of Crosby Hanna & Associates will appear at the JADM Committee meeting in February to discuss future development in the Town and RM
- Representatives of Advoco Consulting Ltd. will attend the February meeting to discuss their initial findings regarding the functionality of the Lumsden Municipal Office and present a recommendation regarding staffing levels.

Phillips/Atcheson: "That we approve the administration report as presented." **CARRIED**

Town of Lumsden –Wastewater Treatment System Update:

- An update was provided on the current status of the plans for sewage treatment in the Town of Lumsden. A new option was recently presented to Town Council for a tertiary sewage lagoon, incorporating the already existing exfiltration lagoons. The new option is estimated to cost 60% of what a mechanical wastewater treatment facility would cost and appears to have many advantages over a mechanical plant.
- Discussion took place regarding the 2014 deadline set by the Ministry of Environment and the difficulty the Town will have meeting that deadline.
- The Town has applied for a municipal debt limit increase and is awaiting approval.
- The Town is beginning the process to apply for funding through the Green Municipal Funding and is hoping for 1/3 funding from the Federal Government, 1/3 funding from the Provincial Government, and providing 1/3 funding from the municipality.
- Regional solutions were also discussed.

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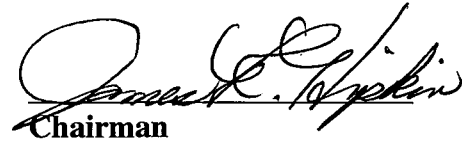
Future Development in the RM of Lumsden:

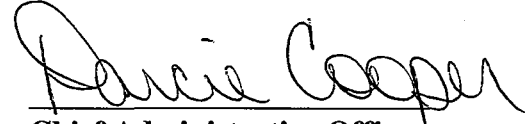
- Reeve Jim Hipkin discussed the future of development expected in the RM. A large impact on development will be in part due to the adoption of the new Zoning and Official Community Plan Bylaws
- Reeve Hipkin presented housing starts, development application and subdivision application statistics from the last 10 years. Consistent growth is evident.
- Discussion also took place regarding the RM's potential benefit of the Town's proposed wastewater treatment system. The ability to connect to the Town's system may attract
- additional developers in the RM.

Adjournment:

Cogger/Srochenski: "That this meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m."

CARRIED


Chairman


Chief Administrative Officer