

R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189

**MINUTES OF THE SPRING RATEPAYER'S MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2009**

The Lumsden Rural Municipal council convened a spring ratepayer's supper meeting in the Lumsden Community Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. with Agriculture Committee Chairman, Councillor Tom Harrison presiding.

Present: Reeve: Jim Hipkin
Councillors: Jim Atcheson, Kent Farago, Tom Harrison,
Herman Wagner,

Administrator: Wayne Zerff
Assistant Administrator: Darcie Cooper
Mgr. of Public Works: Don Barnett

Attendees: Approximately 80 ratepayers

Absent: Councillors: Bill Marquardt & Al Szeles

Reeve Jim Hipkin called the ratepayer's meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and introduced the members of Council, Administration and the Manager of Public Works. Reeve Jim Hipkin welcomed the ratepayer's to the meeting and extended thanks to the Lions for operating the bar and to the caterer, Sheila McNally for catering the supper.

Presentations:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance

- Kevin Brice provided the ratepayers with a power point presentation regarding the changes in the crop insurance program for 2009.

Buffalo Pound Qu'Appelle River Watershed AEGP:

- Carmen Wilcox, Group Plan Advisory, provided the ratepayers with a power point presentation on the Buffalo Pound Qu'Appelle River Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan.

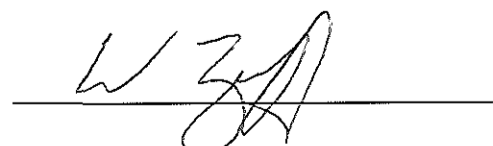
Municipal Report

- Reeve Jim Hipkin provided a report on the municipality including introducing Don Barnett as the new Manager of Public Works and an update on the Public Works employees' union contract negotiations.
- Administrator, Wayne Zerff, provided a power point presentation on an overview of the 2008 revenues and expenditures as well as a budget overview for 2009. Also, he provided a presentation on the 2009 Assessment Re-evaluation and changes to the education property tax rates.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Chairman


Administrator