

**R.M. OF LUMSDEN NO. 189
MINUTES OF THE MEETING RE: CRAVEN COUNTRY JAMBOREE
HELD ON APRIL 30th, 2012**

The RM of Lumsden No. 189 hosted a meeting for municipal governments that are directly impacted by the Craven Country Jamboree in the River Park Centre, on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present:

RM of Lumsden: Reeve Jim Hipkin,
Councillors Tom Harrison & Dale Srochenski
Chief Administrative Officer Byron M. Tumbach

Village of Craven: Councillor Brook Arnold
Fire Chief Marvin Reiter

RM of Longlaketon: Councillors Doug Slough & Marilyn Gibson
Administrator Murray Cook

Lumsden RCMP: Sgt Craig Cleary
Cpl. Dean Gherasim
Sgt Doug Coleman, Traffic Services Regina.

Dept. of Highways: Mike Malloreay G
Garrett Roberts

Craven Country Jamboree: Ted Gross & Kim Blevins

The meeting was called to discuss common concerns municipalities are experiencing with the Craven Country Jamboree and to keep dialogue open between the event organizers and affected municipalities in the Qu'Appelle Valley.

Reeve Jim Hipkin welcomed the attendees to the meeting and stressed the importance that Craven Country Jamboree officials hear municipal concerns. Each person in attendance had an opportunity to provide their comments.

RCMP

Sgt Cleary gave an overview of last year's event. He explained the main focus of their involvement is to ensure highways safety. Some of the key observation points are;

- Limit the bottleneck on Highway #20
- Move the traffic onto the grounds as quickly as possible
- Creation of a staging area across Highway #20 from the grounds
- Deterring camping traffic from using Exit C, high drop offs
- Minimize traffic issues on the roads shoulder's

Village of Craven

The concerns put forward by the village representatives were primarily traffic as it relates to getting their residents into town. The use of special passes for residents was attempted in the past, but unfortunately it was abused. RCMP patrols in the village were minimal which resulted in parking issues. The Village does not have a bylaw to enforce parking infractions. There are a large presence of Jamboree Patrons and campers that park around the Village and treat it as a parking lot.

The Village wondered if the organizers of the event could put in place a surcharge on ticket sales to be used to address municipal issues.

RM of Longlaketon

The RM of Longlaketon's concerns are mainly traffic on the Highway and the safety issues regarding emergencies. In order to get the traffic off the highway could the gates be open longer then 10:00 p.m.

RM of Lumsden

As the primary access to the site is through RM of Lumsden and mainly Division 5 the residents of the division are highly effected. Grid roads see high traffic volumes that cause serious visibility issues. Patrons using these roadways seem to be less diligent

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in the driving practises thereby causing major safety issues. The majority of residents would gladly see this event relocated as there seems to be no care or concern offered to them during the week of the Jamboree.

Other concerns put forward by the elected representatives pointed out the mess left in the municipal right of ways and in the river, parking on roadways and the trespassing of patrons on private properties of those neighbouring the site. The Jamboree is an expense to the RM, in which there are no benefits. Assistance in maintaining safety on roadways and reducing dust aggravation to rural residents is needed.

Jim Hipkin had asked if the organizers had considered opening an area further to the west as a way to route the peak traffic off the highway.

Craven Country Jamboree

General Manager Ted Gross thanked the participants for sharing the views of the event. He stressed that the event adds approximately \$8 million in tourism revenue for the province. The staff and contractors strive to educate the patrons to use Highway access at all times to minimize the impact on the RM. Ted Gross would not commit to providing compensation to municipalities as this needed to be reviewed.

The utilization of extra parking and admission staging space to the west of the main entrance is being considered for further events. At present there needs to be services located there to assist in the process. This is not available at this time.

Kim Blevin, Marketing and Communication Manager informed the participants of the pricing models for this year's event and how surcharges would affect the event. Craven Country Jamboree agreed to meet with municipal representatives during the event to discuss areas of concern requiring action as they come up and to keep municipalities informed.

Saskatchewan Highways & Infrastructure

Mike Malloreay stated that the departments' main focus is safety on the Highway. They are willing to assist with signage to minimize traffic concerns.

Future Dialogue

Chairman Jim Hipkin felt that this meeting was a good step in maintaining an open dialogue with Craven Country Jamboree Officials and looks forward to meeting after the event to discuss the event in order to make future enhancements. Jamboree Officials agreed to keep the lines of communication open leading up to this year's event.

Chairman Jim Hipkin thanked the participants for attending and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


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Chief Administrative Officer