

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

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

Town of Lumsden 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 River Park Centre meeting room, on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:22 p.m. with Mayor Bryan Matheson presiding.

**Present:** Mayor: Bryan Matheson  
Town Councillors: Dan Kirby, Jane Cogger, Doug Mader  
Reeve: Jim Hipkin  
RM Councillors: Albert Szeles, Kent Farago, Dale Srochenski,  
Bill Marquardt, Tom Harrison, Jim Atcheson

Chief Administrative  
Officer: Byron Tumbach  
Asst. Administrators: Darcie Cooper, Krystal Brewer

MLA: Laura Ross

**Absent:** Councillors: Al Sulma, Jayne Leibel, Rhonda Phillips

### Minutes:

Mader/Harrison: "That we approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Joint Council supper meeting, as circulated."  
**CARRIED**

### Library Relocation-Office Expansion:

- Mayor Matheson began discussions with the topic of the need to expand the municipal office due to lack of space staff and storage. Both municipalities have agreed that we need to investigate the relocation of the Library to free up the space for the office. Difficulties have also been experienced in trying to schedule meetings around Library hours.
- Councillor Doug Mader and representative on the Lumsden Library Board, informed members that the library will not be willing to downsize or move to a space smaller than the current library location.
- Asst. Administrator Darcie Cooper informed council that Community Coordinator Chris Exner was looking at the possibility of moving the library to the basement of Centennial Hall

### Town of Lumsden – Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility:

- An update was provided on the current status of the plans for sewage treatment in the Town of Lumsden. Town Council members discussed the current proposal of constructing a Wastewater Treatment Facility in 2014 with estimated cost of the project at approximately \$12,400,000. Comments on the need for infrastructure funding from the Federal and Provincial Government were required to go ahead with a project of this magnitude.
- Discussion took place regarding council's frustration in dealing with the Ministry of Environment (MOE), as they aren't willing to help a community find solutions only to regulate it. Councillor Tom Harrison indicated that many other municipalities have the same concerns with the Ministry. He agreed that MOE are regulators only, however, guidance and resources are needed to aid municipalities to come up with viable solutions, so that they are not having to spend significant dollars coming up with a solution to find out MOE won't accept it.
- Councillor Dan Kirby discussed the Municipal Debt Limit is also a hindrance to the project.

### General Discussion:

- Development in the two municipalities were discussed, including Boutros Skaff and Deer Valley.
- Reeve Jim Hipkin informed Town council that a group of home owners from Deer Valley have presented a petition to the RM Council to become an Organized Hamlet and their desire to create a public utility.
- The Town is in the early stages of reviewing their Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. The RM is very near completion of their review and await the final draft of the Plan and Zoning bylaw for 1<sup>st</sup> reading soon, so that they can proceed with the public hearing process.
- Councillor Kent Farago discussed Grid 734 and council's request for the Ministry of Highways to take over the section between Highway 6 and 11

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- Lumsden First Responder Coordinator, Karen Ryan is retiring from her position and it was agreed that administration should review recognition programs that she may be eligible for and nominate her.
- Mayor Bryan Matheson discussed the RiverPark Campground and facility. Revenues have increased from \$10,000.00 in 2010 to \$40,000.00 in 2011 due to having on-site custodians/fee collection contractors. The Meeting room within the new building is also being rented often for family and corporate functions. Plans for the spring of 2012 involve replacing playground equipment, with sponsorship money provided by the Lumsden Lions. In addition, residents of Lumsden have been fundraising to build a splash pad water park in town.

**M.L.A. Laura Ross - Comments:**


- The Honorable Laura Ross, M.L.A. for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley and Minister of Government Services, attended the supper meeting and commented on the good cooperative relationship between the Town and RM of Lumsden and that she enjoys meeting with the group annually.
- She encouraged council's to contact her with any concerns they may have and made notes on the concerns raised about the Ministry of Environment. She also encouraged dialogue at the upcoming SUMA Convention at the Bear Pit session or the Dialogue with the Minister session. She indicated that she would speak to Minister of Environment, Dustin Duncan on the issues and to be prepared to answer questions from Town Council members regarding their concerns.

Mayor Matheson and Reeve Hipkin thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Farago/Matheson: "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m."

**CARRIED**

  
Chairman

  
Chief Administrative Officer