

R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 17TH, 2014

The Lumsden Rural Municipal Finance Committee convened a meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, on the morning of Thursday, April 17th, 2014 at 2:10 p.m.

Present:	Chairman:	Kent Farago
	Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
	Councillor:	Ian White
	Chief Administrator	
	Officer:	Darcie Cooper
	Financial Officer:	Sheena Carrick
	Acting Mgr. of	
	Public Works:	Adri Vandeven

General Discussion:


CAO Darcie Cooper and Financial Officer, Sheena Carrick provided the following to the committee:

- Written report providing highlights of the proposed 2014 budget
- Review of the projects submitted by the Divisional Councillors and further prioritized by the Public Works Committee
- Review of the 2014 Capital and the 5 year capital plan
- Review of the proposed 2014 operating revenues and expenditures

The Committee discussed the following:

- Hot Mix Financing Plan for Old No. 11 highway - a mill rate amount allocation of \$172,406 in the plan as well as the New Deal Grant funding (Est.\$101,398) has been going into the Infrastructure Reserve over the last couple of years. The Committee agreed with the recommendation from the public works committee to continue the in-house hot mix application with the addition of a packer as the application method with a budget of \$200,000. The \$200,000 for this work in 2014 to be paid out of the reserve allocation. The net transfer to reserves would be approximately \$73,804.
- Committee discussed adding the following items to the budget:
 - cold storage building at the RM shop yard be added to the budget to house equipment at an estimated cost of \$100,000
 - Small Storage shed (Sea Can) to be attached to the shop for additional storage \$6,000
 - Air Compressor - \$2,700
 - Shop lights \$1,900
 - Deer Valley Infrastructure Reserve of 30% of the tax levy from Deer Valley (Approximately \$100,000) for renewal of the pavement, curb and gutter infrastructure
- The Committee discussed the need to create a reserve for other Infrastructure Renewal ie) Road Clay Capping, bridges, etc.
- The Committee included all the high priority projects as prioritized by the Public Works Committee in the amount of \$269,000 and Medium Priority projects in the amount of \$256,200 (out of a submitted \$1,911,900) were included for a total of \$525,200 which represents an increase of \$72,500 over the 2013 budget. It was agreed to finance the budget excess through the surplus from last year.
- The requested hotsey pressure washer (\$7,100) and steel strapping kit for bridges (\$1,500) by the Public Works department were deferred until the 2015 year
- The Committee discussed deferring the purchase of a skid steer until the 2015 year
- The Committee discussed Grader financing and it was agreed that the AWD Cat Grader that is off warranty should be traded in on a new Cat Grader with financing options to be presented by administration through utilization of the Capital Trust Fund and/or Loan financing. Discussed paying off the current outstanding loan of approx. \$71,000 from CTF or paying for the new grader outright, depleting the CTF and carrying the current loan.

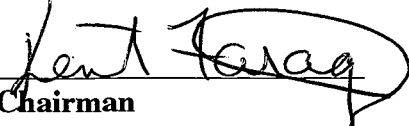
Administration is to come back with financing options of the proposed budget, with an attempt to keep the mill rate increase to .5 to 1 mill for the next meeting.

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The next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Chairman


Chief Administrator Officer