

TOWN OF LUMSDEN / R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21ST, 2008
JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The Councils of the Town of Lumsden and the RM of Lumsden met at the Brickhouse Bistro on Monday, January 21st, 2008 at 7:23 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber and Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present:	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Councillor:	Gerry Tomkins, Al Sulma, Ron Hart, Sid Sikorski, Dan Kirby, Wayne MacKay
	Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
	Councillor:	Albert Szeles, Bill Marquardt, Kent Farago, Jim Atcheson, Tom Harrison
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Asst. Administrator	Darcie Cooper
	R.M. Public Works Mgr:	Adri Vandeven
	Town Public Works	Dave Cherney
	Invited Guests:	MP Tom Lukiwski Honourable Lyle Stewart Honourable Bill Hutchinson & Ministerial Asst., Morgan Bradshaw Marie Gibson, Ministerial Asst. to Minister Christine Tell MLA, Laura Ross

General Discussion:

- Mayor Barber welcomed all guests to the supper

- Reeve Hipkin discussed the following items the municipality is facing:
 - Currently going through a Zoning and Planning review; he reviewed changes the municipality is experiencing such as the fast increase in acreages, Deer Valley growth and ongoing future development proposals.
 - In 2008 council will be looking at repairs to Old #11 highway with a sand seal project for the interim but he indicated that the highway due to its age is in need of extensive pavement and in some locations sub grade work.
 - The request for support from Rail West Management Ltd. to contribute funds to keep the rail line from Saskatoon to Regina open. Reeve Hipkin indicated that the municipality is not interested in providing funding for this project.

- Mayor Barber discussed the following items:
 - The unique and cooperative relationship that exists between the Town and Rural Municipality.
 - Latest population census for both municipalities seems incorrect (low) and remains a sore point.
 - Major current issues facing the town are related to development, as the Town is experiencing growth, and wastewater management strategies are requiring improvement province wide.
 - Concerned with SERM's restricting development in the Town and he indicated that council would be meeting with SERM the next evening to find solutions to this conflict.
 - Environmental sensitivity of the valley.
 - Upper Qu'Appelle watershed have indicated 81 recommendations for preservation, some are very costly.
 - He indicated that town council is encouraging the abandonment of the railway between Saskatoon and Regina and would not be supporting Rail West Management Ltd.
 - Reviewed current joint administration ventures and joint administration discussions.
 - Indicated that council is very positive about the new government, their representatives and the direction they are taking regarding growth of the province.

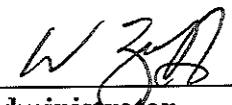
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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Chairman



Administrator