

**R.M. OF LUMSDEN NO. 189**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The Lumsden Rural Municipal Council convened their special meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office, on the evening of Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:50 p.m. with Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

<b>Present:</b>	Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
	Councillor:	Al Szeles, Jim Atcheson, Herman Wagner, Bill Marquardt, Tom Harrison, Kent Farago
	Administrator	Wayne Zerff
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper

Council held a special meeting to discuss the progress of the Community Plan Review. Council discussed the Planning Advisory Committee's role, Council's role and the Planner's role in the Review. Council reviewed the progress of the Community Plan Review and identified process items that currently are slowing down the review progress.

**Delegation:**

8:00 p.m. Planner John Wolfenberg appeared before council, at their request, to discuss the Community Plan Review.

Council asked John how he felt the Community Plan Review process was going, with respect to the Planning Advisory Committee meetings. John indicated that the education process with the committee took longer than he anticipated and that some of the same things keep coming up over and over. He indicated that he hoped that the committee was beginning to realize that their involvement is more for the development/change of policies rather than regulations. John indicated that the committee, in the first few meetings, were more interested in the implementation of regulations rather than development of policy. John indicated that he felt the committee was established as an advisory on policy and not involved in the regulations.

John provided Council with a copy of the proposed work plan that was given to the Committee on July 8, 2008 for their review. John indicated that the mapping would come forth in February at the earliest; and the committee would be involved in the finalization of a draft plan. Draft policies should be ready by the end of March and the Open House could be held late April. John indicated that the committee would be part of the Open house and it is up to council whether they would want the committee to be involved after the Open House is held. Council agreed that one additional meeting could be held after the open house has concluded, to review the outcome and any potential impact on the draft plan policies.

Council asked if there was a need for the committee to meet every three weeks or should the meetings be called once required/requested information has been prepared. John indicated that there is enough information to be discussed prior to mapping and decision matrix material. John indicated that he is still unclear of the consensus from the committee regarding residential densities and other major policies.

Council requested Councillor's Tom Harrison, Kent Farago, Planner John Wolfenberg and Administrator Wayne Zerff to meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to set out discussion objectives and Agenda items for the next Planning Advisory Committee meeting. Council requested the members keep the group focused and try to achieve consensus in areas that John requires clarification. John will provide a more detailed work plan to the committee for the next few months. It was agreed that the Planning Advisory Committee meeting should be moved back a week to Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Community Plan Review Survey:**

452-08 Farago: "That we agree to send out the Community Plan Survey, as revised, excluding the municipal map and with an auto-numbering system on each form."

**CARRIED**

Council agreed to have the survey should be sent out the first week in January with a two week turn-around date for the return of the survey.

**Adjournment:**

453-08 Atcheson: "That we adjourn this meeting at 9:44 p.m."

**CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Administrator