



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189

Municipal Newsletter

August 2012

Municipal Office Hours

Office Hours are Monday through Friday, as follow:

May - September

8am - Noon / 1pm - 5pm

October - April

9am - Noon / 1pm - 5pm

Council Meetings

Council meetings are open to the public, and held the second Thursday and fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of July, August, September and December where one meeting per month is held. Please call the office or check our web site to verify the meeting start times and dates.

Individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation directly to Council must make an appointment two weeks prior to the scheduled Council meeting. Development applications or letters to Council are also required to be submitted two weeks prior to the council meeting date, to be added to Council's next regular meeting agenda.

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Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw Public Hearing

Council has given first reading to the new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. The public hearing has been set for Thursday, September 27th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hall in Lumsden at 40 Third Avenue. Please find enclosed in this Newsletter mail out, complete copies of the Public Notices for your information. The draft Bylaws can be viewed on the municipality's website at www.lumsden.ca on the home page, or purchased from the office at a cost of \$30.00 each.

Beaver Control Program

The municipality agreed to participate in the Provincial Beaver Control Program (BCP) again this year as funding was extended for another year. The Program is administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) on behalf of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government. The BCP provides financial assistance to rural municipalities to control the beaver population. Beavers can cause problems such as flooding of property, roads, croplands, blocked culverts, and obstructed waterways. The program runs from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013. The RM of Lumsden has designated individuals to remove problem beavers. If you have problems with beavers on your property, please contact the municipal office at 731-2404.

2012 Rural Municipal Elections

2012 fall rural municipal elections are to be held for the offices of Reeve & Councillor for Divisions 1, 3, 5. The term for these positions is now four (4) years.

Important Dates:

Nomination Day: Wednesday, September 19th until 4:00 p.m.

Election Day: Wednesday, October 24th at the Lumsden Centennial Hall

Advance Poll: Saturday, October 20th, 2012 at the Municipal Office, Lumsden

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office beginning August 30th and available on the municipality's website at www.lumsden.ca. The Nomination forms must be signed by at least 2 voters and must be returned to the municipal office by 4pm on September 19th.

If an election is required, notice will be advertised in the Waterfront Press in the September 27th issue and on the municipality's website on or after September 21st.

Council

During 2012 your elected Reeve and Council are:

Reeve:	Jim Hipkin	731-3255
Division 1	Albert Szeles	545-0983
Division 2	Kent Farago	731-3116
Division 3	Bill Marquardt	731-2802
Division 4	Jim Atcheson	775-2872
Division 5	Dale Srochenski	543-1376
Division 6	Tom Harrison	731-2041

Administration

Our municipal administration is shared with the Town of Lumsden, under a Joint Administration Agreement signed in 1997.

Byron Tumbach	CAO
Darcie Cooper	Asst. Administrator
Krystal Strong	Asst. Administrator
Joan Agopsowicz	Office Services Clerk
Brenda Boos	Office Services Clerk
Marla Lillejord	Office Services Clerk

Public Works

Our public works staff and their respective positions:

Don Barnett	Manager of Public Works
Randy Walters	Grader Operator
Scott Haynes	Grader Operator
Brian Cooper	Grader Operator
Dave Nicholson	Utility Operator
Dylan Lamontagne	Utility Operator
RM Shop Phone	731-3109



"Sign Vandalism" and theft continues to be a problem in our municipality. Sign

replacement due to theft or vandalism has cost taxpayers thousands of dollars in recent years. As well, a missing sign from an intersection can be the cause of a serious accident. Please report any sign vandalism or theft to your local RCMP detachment or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Commissioner for Oaths & Notary Public Services

The municipal office offers services free of charge for municipal business requiring Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public signatures. A charge of \$20.00 applies for Notary signatures on non-municipal business.

2012 School Division Mill Rate

Our municipality is located entirely within the Prairie Valley School Division boundary. The School Division mill rate is established by the Province. The school mill rate is set out below:

Agricultural tax class	3.91 mills
Residential tax class	9.51 mills
Commercial tax class	12.25 mills for first \$499,999 assessment, 14.75 mills for next \$5,500,000 assessment 18.55 mills for the remaining assessment

2012 Municipal Budget Highlights

The R.M. of Lumsden along with approximately 200 other RM's suffered substantial flooding damage in 2011. This has put considerable strain on the municipality's finances. The municipality anticipated assistance through the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP); however due to the extensive damage that the province incurred, PDAP engineers were unable to inspect the damaged properties of the municipality until 2012 which resulted in no funding assistance to the RM in 2011. There was \$166,109 of PDAP revenue that was budgeted for in 2011 and not received, which left the municipality in a significant deficit position. To meet the challenges of the damage sustained in 2011 due to the flood, lack of funding from PDAP and Infrastructure challenges, Council authorized a 2 mill increase. These additional funds will assist in paying down the 2011 deficit over the next 5 years.

Other highlights;

- Revenue sharing increased by \$38,000. The province has set aside 1% of the 5% PST levied for municipalities for revenue sharing purposes.
- General government services have increased by \$43,000 or 16%. The increase is tied to wages and contractual services.
- Protective services have increased by \$3,459 or 3%. The main increase was the RCMP contract.
- Transportation services have been reduced by \$36,525 with the gravel budget being reduced considerably.
- Environmental health services increased by \$25,742 or 46% to cover off a weed management program put forward with other municipalities.
- Planning and development service decrease by \$3,653
- Recreation and culture up slightly by \$1,855 to cover mainly the South East Regional Library levy

Capital expenditures planned for 2012 amount to \$254,500, with the major expenditure being \$200,000 for a 2011 Mack GU713 Dump Truck with Viking Cives snow plow to replace existing 1989 IHC S2500 Truck. In addition to paying down the deficit, the RM is increasing the transfer to reserves for future capital expenditures in road work and equipment replacement.

Education Tax Discounts Eliminated

School divisions are funded through provincial grants and education property tax. In order to fulfill expectations, school divisions require all their budgeted revenue to fund their operations. Government has had to raise money elsewhere to backfill lost revenue due to discounts offered for early payment of taxes. Therefore, **effective January 1, 2013, tax incentives (discounts and rebates), set by municipalities will no longer apply to education property tax.** The RM of Lumsden will be reviewing its policy on tax discounts this fall.

Emergency Contact Numbers

EMO Coordinator
Don Barnett 731-2404

Police, Fire & Ambulance Emergencies

** Please call 9-1-1 **

To Report Controlled Burns

** Please Call 310-5000 **

Police Departments (Administration)

Lumsden 731-4270
Regina 780-5560
Southey 726-5230

Fire Departments

For information, please contact the municipal office @ 731-2404

Controlled Burns

Did you know that an individual could be held responsible for the cost of a fire department responding to a false alarm?

If you are planning a controlled burn, please call 310-5000 in advance to avoid a false alarm.

The R.M. Council warns all residents of the high costs of burning. An out-of-control grass fire can cost a property owner several thousands of dollars, just for fire fighting. Please review your fire insurance policy, especially your deductible, to ensure that it meets your particular requirements.

Extra caution must be taken by all residents, to ensure that fires are controlled and supervised at all times.

FOR ANY CONTROLLED BURN, ANYWHERE IN THE RM OF LUMSDEN, PLEASE CALL 310-5000.

2011 Census

Census Canada released new population numbers for the RM of Lumsden for 2011. The RM of Lumsden's population has risen to 1772, from 1612 in 2006.

Municipal Maps

Municipal maps are available with 2009 Assessment values. The maps are full color, cost \$6.00 each and can be picked up at the municipal office. If you cannot pick one up, you may send a cheque to the RM of Lumsden for \$8.00 and one can be mailed to you.

Road Allowance Mowing Policy



The municipality owns a New Holland bi-directional Tractor with loader and a 15 foot Shulte Sidearm with mower for cutting ditches in the municipality.

Subject to weather conditions, the municipality mows the various road allowances as follows:

- Municipal Roads-one round annually
- Main Farm Access Roads complete cut by fall
- Grid Roads-complete right of way cut by fall.

Mowing Procedures: Timely mowing is a part of the R.M.'s plan to control weeds such as scentless chamomile. Should you have concerns with scentless chamomile or other noxious weeds, please contact your Councillor or the municipality's Weed Inspector, Tom Harrison at 731-2041.



2013 Property Assessment Revaluation

The provincial government mandates Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) to conduct periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years to coincide with the change to a new base date. The current revaluation was completed in 2009 using the 2006 base year. The next revaluation is in 2013. When a revaluation is completed, SAMA provides new values for all properties. These values will be sent to the RM this fall. Provincial legislation requires municipalities to use these values when determining taxes. The next revaluation will use January 1, 2011 as the base year for valuations.

The regulated property assessment valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of agricultural land, heavy industrial property, railway, roadway, pipelines and resource production equipment (mines and oil and gas). Also, the market valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of residential and commercial properties. The three generally accepted appraisal techniques will continue to be used to value property within the market valuation standard - the cost approach, the sales comparison approach, and the property income (rental) approach. For more detailed information about the 2013 revaluation including property valuation approaches please visit SAMA's website at www.sama.sk.ca

Development Permits

Before commencing any principal or accessory use development, including a public utility use, every developer shall:

- (1) complete a development permit application form and submit the required documents to the municipal office, and
- (2) receive a development permit for the proposed development, unless the proposed development or use is exempt from development permit requirements.

Exemptions: The following developments shall be exempt from the requirement to submit a development application to the municipality:

- Farm buildings that are accessory to a principal agricultural operation (e.g., barns, granaries) are exempt; however, farm dwellings and dugouts on an agriculture site require the submission of a development application,
- Accessory Uses,
- Official Temporary Uses,
- Internal Building Alterations and Maintenance,
- Signs
- Fences
- Inspections or maintenance to linear public utilities,
- Roads and Highways (*Access roads or approaches require applications*)

For more detailed information on development requirements please call the office or visit our Website at www.lumsden.ca.



Website

The RM's website was established several years ago and is available to provide the public greater access to key municipal information, including events, public notices and municipal services.

Information on the following items can be found on our website:

- Council meeting notices/agendas
- Council Minutes & Bylaws
- Public Notice Information
- Historical Information
- Municipal Hail Information
- Attractions
- Provincial Acts
- Local Businesses
- Upcoming Events

Visit the website at www.lumsden.ca today!

Snow Removal Policy



The RM Council and Public Works Manager in conjunction with authorized snowplow clubs will undertake the removal of snow utilizing the Municipal grader from designated roads in the following priority:

1. Grid roads
2. School bus roads
3. Farm access and residential roads

The Municipality does NOT provide snow removal on private property. In order to maintain access to individual properties throughout the Municipality, it is critical for every ratepayer to either privately, or in conjunction with an authorized snow plow club, provide for their own snow removal.

Authorized Municipal Snow Plow Clubs:

- One or more persons may apply by completing a Municipal Snow Plow Club Application.
- Insurance requires the application include a list of members, operators and a road map detailing roads for snow removal.
- Applications must be submitted annually by November 30th.
- Each year a base Municipal grant of \$30 per mile will be paid to the Authorized Snow Plow Club. Council may increase this grant when excessive and/or prolonged snow conditions occur.

Each authorized Snow Plow Club is responsible for determining and collecting individual membership fees. Individual members are required to pay their fees promptly to ensure their snow removal needs are met.

Snow Removal on School Bus Routes:

- Authorized Snow Plow Clubs will greatly enhance snow removal on school bus routes.
- The school bus driver will determine whether or not the normal bus route is safe to travel.
- If the bus cannot safely travel the route, the parent(s) of the school child/children affected may be required to meet the school bus at an alternate location determined by the school bus driver.

293(2)(E) Assessment Exemption



The Municipalities Act provides for an assessment exemption for land owned or leased in the municipality, or an adjoining municipality, which is to be applied against a dwelling assessment occupied by the owner or lessee.

Under clause 293(2)(e) of this Act, the assessment on a dwelling that is situated outside of an organized hamlet and is occupied by an owner or a lessee of land may be reduced as follows:

1. If the taxable land assessment, owned or leased, has a property class of either A "Agricultural" or N "Grazing Land", and
2. The land is located in the municipality or in any adjoining municipality,
3. The total of the eligible taxable land assessment may not exceed the taxable assessment on the dwelling.

It is the responsibility of the property owners to check their tax notice to ensure that the 293(2)(e) exemption is correct. Should you notice an error or require additional clarification, please contact the Municipal office.

As well it is the responsibility of the property owner to annually complete and submit to the Municipal office a statutory declaration for eligible leased land or land owned in an adjacent municipality.

Custom Lane Grading

The RM has a custom work policy for lane grading which has been adopted and is reviewed on an annual basis as follows:

- \$110.00 minimum for the 1st hour and \$55.00 per each additional ½ hour,
- Contract Work is done at the discretion of the P.W. Manager, municipal work to take priority,
- A consent form is to be filled out relieving the Municipality from any liability that may be incurred,
- Work is to be completed in the course of normal grading activity,
- Contracted Work is only available from May - October; custom snow removal is not available,
- Any unpaid invoices will be added to the ratepayer's taxes on December 31st of the year invoiced.

Cultivated Land Policy

When cultivating ditches, please remember to stay back a distance of 10 feet from culverts. Repair of culverts is costly and time consuming, and affects all ratepayers of the municipality.

Improvements & Tree Planting Setback Requirements

Tree planting is always encouraged as it is a natural form of protection for our wildlife and also prevents wind and water erosion. The municipality regulates by bylaw, the minimum setback distance that trees must be planted from a municipal road allowance. Please contact the office to obtain the setback information.

Agriculture Health & Safety Network

The RM of Lumsden is enrolled in the Agricultural Health & Safety Network. The *Network* was established to deliver occupational health and safety programs and resources to people living on farms in Saskatchewan. Services included are

an Annual Theme Package, bi-annual newsletter called the *Network News*, health screening & educational programs, fact sheets, etc. As the annual fee for this membership is calculated on a per-farm basis, we ask that if you are receiving mailings from this network and are not an active farm family or if you are an active farm family and NOT receiving the publications, please notify our office at 731-2404.

Dogs Running At Large

The RM has enacted Bylaw NO. 9/03 "[A Bylaw to Prohibit the running at large of dogs in the Municipality](#)" as follows:



1. No dog shall run at large in the municipality and for the purpose of this bylaw, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when it is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land, and when it is not under control by being:
 - (a) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it, or
 - (b) securely confined within an enclosure: or
 - (c) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.
2. A person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
3. Any person may destroy a dog running at large on land owned or occupied by him providing the dog is attacking or viciously pursuing a "protected animal"
4. A "protected animal" is any animal that is raised in captivity for the purpose of producing offspring or animal products as defined in [The Animal Products Act](#).
5. A person who destroys a dog pursuant to Section 3 of this bylaw and section 13 of [The Animal Protection Regulations, 2000](#) shall destroy the dog in a humane manner using a firearm of sufficient caliber to kill the dog quickly and painlessly, and dispose of the dog in the prescribed manner.
6. Dogs found at large in the municipality may be seized and impounded in accordance with the provisions of [The Municipalities Act](#).
7. Nothing in this bylaw prevents a dog or dogs running at large from being declared dangerous under provisions of [The Municipalities Act](#) or [The Dangerous Dogs Control Regulations](#) to ensure public safety.
8. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided in the general penalty bylaw of this municipality.

Lumsden Landfill Hours

(April 15th - October 14th)

Monday	5:00 p.m.	to	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	to	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	to	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	to	4:00 p.m.

(October 15th - April 14th)

Monday	3:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	to	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	to	4:00 p.m.

Lumsden Landfill Site Access

The Town of Lumsden and RM of Lumsden under a partnership agreement offer residents equal access to the Lumsden Landfill Site.

- ✓ All bagged waste will continue to be allowed into the site free.
- ✓ All lawn and garden vegetation will continue to be allowed into the site free.
- ✓ If an individual is willing to sort their loads, all recyclables, wood, and metal will be allowed into designated areas at the site free.
- ✓ Clean concrete or asphalt will be allowed into designated areas at no charge.
- ✓ Household waste or Small Items not bagged will be subject to applicable tipping fees.
- ✓ Animal Carcasses will be accepted and buried for a fee of \$100.00 per large animal, \$15.00 per small animal.
- Ratepayers are **not** able to obtain a key to the Landfill from the municipal office.
- The Landfill has an attendant on site during the hours of operation, to ensure that waste is dumped in the proper locations. Dumping fees are applicable for certain waste products.
- The Landfill Site shall be open during the above
- days and times each week, including days falling on Statutory or Civic Holidays, with the exception of December 24 & 25th.
- For more information on the program, hours of operation, or dumping fees, please contact the municipal office.

Lumsden Landfill Tipping Fees

MIXED LOADS	
(Carpet, Furniture, T.V., mattresses) Small Items	\$ 5.00 per load
½ Tons & Utility Trailers	\$15.00 per load
¾ Tons - 1 Ton Truck	\$30.00 per load
2 Tons & Over	\$75.00 per load

SCRAP TIRES	
Passenger Car & Smaller	\$5.00 per tire
Truck or Semi-Trailer	\$7.00 per tire
Agricultural Equipment	\$12.00 per tire
Mining Vehicles/Equip.	\$40.00 per tire



Rural Recycle Program

Under a partnership agreement with the Town of Lumsden, all RM of Lumsden residents have access to the Lumsden Recycle Depot at no charge. The recycle depot is located in Lumsden, at 105 - 2nd Avenue.

The Recycle Depot accepts the following materials, in designated containers/areas:

- used oil and batteries
- paint (from April 20 to October 20 each year)
- all paper products
- #1,2,4,5 and 7 plastics - no vinyl
- all metal cans and small metals
- all SARCAN products.



Fire Protection Agreements

The RM of Lumsden has fire protection agreements with Lumsden, Regina Beach, City of Regina and Craven. As per these agreements, the fire departments will bill the municipality for the fire calls responded to in their jurisdiction. The municipality in turn will bill the property owner where the fire occurred or started. There has been fire fighting fees ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 plus in the municipality. Please ensure you have adequate fire fighting insurance. **Any unpaid invoices for fire protection services as of December 31st are transferred to the property owner's taxes.**

Commandeered Emergency Equipment

The municipality is compiling a list of Commandeered Equipment/Resources, which is equipment that would be made available to the RM in the event of an emergency. Water tankers, dozers, and other equipment may be needed for fire fighting, flood, or other such disasters.

Commandeered equipment utilized in the case of an emergency is insured through the municipality. The owner will be reimbursed at rates established by Council.

If you have equipment, water supply (ie dugout), or anything that you believe may be valuable in cases of emergency, and are willing to make this available for use by the municipality, please contact the RM Office or your councillor. We appreciate your assistance.

Clubroot Management

Weed Control Act

At the end of 2010, the Province passed new legislation called the Weed Control Act, 2010 to replace the Noxious Weeds Act, 1984. Changes made in the new legislation are intended to refocus enforcement efforts from everyday weeds to new and emerging problems. This is because little impact can be made on most widely established weeds in Saskatchewan, but it is possible to prevent the introduction and spread of new weeds into and through the province. The largest change in the new Act is the placement of weeds into three categories: Prohibited, Noxious and Nuisance. This categorization allows the enforcement effort to vary with the weed's relative importance.

Weed Management Strategy Area

In the fall of 2010, the RM of Lumsden Council spearheaded an initiative to develop a weed management strategy area. This included the cooperation of many neighboring municipalities in developing the area. A student was hired for 6 weeks to GPS some weed infested areas. The hope of the group is to identify weed infestation areas, develop management strategies, implement chemical, biological and cultural control practices, develop a communication strategy to increase participation from private landowners and to investigate government programs to supplement funding. For the 2012 year, a technician was hired to continue mapping weed infestations and the Nature Conservancy of Canada has agreed to administer the program.

Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that affects the roots of field crops such as canola, mustard, camelina, oilseed radish, taramira and vegetables such as arugula, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, radish, rutabaga and turnip. Weeds such as stinkweed, shepherd's purse and wild mustard can also serve as hosts. Infected roots will eventually disintegrate, releasing resting spores into the soil, which may then be transported by wind, water erosion, animals/manure, shoes/clothing, vehicles/tires or earth tag on agricultural or industrial field equipment. Resting spore numbers will decline over time when non-host crops are grown, but a small proportion can survive in soil for up to 20 years.

Clubroot is primarily a soil-borne disease; it does not infect seed but it may be found in soil attached to seed or other plant parts. Clubroot has been confirmed in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Agriculture has made available a list of Best Practices for the Prevention and Management of Clubroot on their website. Suggestions include: planting resistant crops, observing crops carefully, practice good sanitation measures, avoid use of hay, straw, greenfeed, silage and manure from infested or suspect areas, and avoid seed with earth tag from infested areas.

For more information regarding Clubroot prevention and management, visit our website at www.lumsden.ca.

EMPTY PE Empty Pesticide Container Recycling Program

Conscientious farmers across the country are participating in this voluntary-led program, resulting in the return of 83 million empty crop protection product containers as of 2009 - one of the most successful industry-led recycling programs in the world.

The empty pesticide container recycling program encourages farmers, horticultural operations and golf courses that use pesticides to return their empty pesticide containers, less than 23 litres in size, to one of over 1150 designated sites across Canada. To ensure the proper collection and disposal of the containers, strict health, safety and environmental procedures are followed by the collection sites, contractors and processors.

FARMERS: WHAT CAN YOU DO?

RINSE ALL containers must be either triple-rinsed or pressure-rinsed before they are returned. The rinse-water is then simply placed back in the user's spray tank, thus ensuring all of the product is safely used up.

REMOVE the container caps and booklets. Removing the booklet allows it to be placed in the paper recycling stream. Since caps are made of a different material than the container, removing the caps also helps ensure the recyclability of the container.

RETURN ALL containers to the [local collection site](#). Visit www.cleanfarms.ca for more information.

Collection sites in the area are:

Trilogy Farms Inc. (No. 6 Hwy S of Regina, turn W at Rowatt 3.5 miles)
Crop Production Services - 284 Industrial Drive Regina
Acropolis Warehousing Inc. - 555 Henderson Dr. Regina

SPEED LIMIT

As a reminder to everyone, the maximum speed limit on rural roadways is 80km/hr unless otherwise posted.



Cash-In-Lieu Reserve Policy

The purpose of the policy is to guide Council in the consideration of applications from ratepayers, residents, clubs or associations to access funds from the "Cash-In-Lieu Reserve". The funds in the reserve are intended to assist in the creation of public recreational areas on public or municipal reserves in the municipality.

The reserve has grown from subdivision applications where the developer has chosen to make a payment of cash in order to meet the requirements of Planning & Development Act, 2007. Council has in these instances also agreed as to the cash payment amount.

Applications shall be eligible for the funding of 30% of the total project cost, not including in-kind costs, to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per project.

Applications shall be limited to one (1) per year from each ratepayer, resident, club or association. "Ratepayers, residents, clubs or associations" refer to persons or entities within the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 or on the Assessment or Tax Roll. Preference shall be given to projects that meet accessibility standards.

Eligible applications shall include the following uses on lands designated as municipal or public reserve, where it is clear that the

expenditure shall benefit the public as a whole:

- * A public park or buffer strip, a natural area,
- * A public recreation area including playground equipment,
- * School purposes, a public building or facility,
- * A building or facility used and owned by a charitable corporation as defined by The Non-profit Corporations Act,
- * Public agricultural or horticultural uses,
- * Any other specific or general use that the Minister may provide by regulation.

Buffalo Pound - Qu'Appelle River Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan

The municipality entered into agreements with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) and the Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Watershed Taking Responsibility Inc. (WUQWATR) to administer the Buffalo Pound - Qu'Appelle River Agri-Environmental Group Farm Plan (Group Farm Plan) and Beneficial Management Practices.

The Group Farm Plan is part of the Canada-Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Program. This program provides eligible producers in Saskatchewan with financial and technical assistance to develop and implement viable and environmentally sustainable practices.

The Group Farm plan can help producers make changes that benefit both the management of their farm and the environment, particularly water resources. The Group Farm Plan Advisor is Jamie Message and she will assist the producer in establishing a management plan for their farm or ranch, explain how to access funding and provide expertise throughout the project.

To find out more about the program please contact Duane Haave at (306) 757-1704 (cell) or email: Info@wugwatr.ca