

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5th, 2015 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 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 RiverPark meeting room, on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. with Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present:

Chairperson/Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
RM Councillors:	Albert Szeles, Kent Farago, Jim Atcheson
Mayor:	Bryan Matheson
Town Councillors:	Randy Bogdan, Jane Cogger, Trevor Grohs, Reggie Newkirk, Wes Holobetz, Rhonda Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer:	Darcie Cooper
Asst. Administrator:	Krystal Strong
Financial Officer:	Sheena Carrick
Public Works Mgr.:	Leighton Watts
MLA:	Lyle Stewart

Absent: RM Councillors: Dale Srochenski, Ian White, Tom Harrison

Minutes:

Cogger/Szeles: "That we approve the minutes of the January 21st, 2014 Joint Council supper meeting, as circulated." **CARRIED**

PROJECT UPDATES:

Town of Lumsden –Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:

Councillor Rhonda Phillips provided an update on wastewater treatment in the Town of Lumsden. The municipality has applied for a grant under the Building Canada Fund but has yet to hear the results of the application.

Joint Growth Strategy Update:

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper provided an update on the Joint Growth Strategy Project that the Town and the RM are collaborating on. It is hoped that the project will be completed very soon and Reeve Hipkin indicated that he felt that both municipalities were close to coming to an agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request For Proposals – Audit Services:

Financial Officer, Sheena Carrick, provided a written report regarding the results of the Request for Proposals regarding audit services for both the Town and the RM:

- Proposals were received by 4 companies; Deloitte, KMPG, Ernst & young and Dudley & Company
- The Town has appointed Dudley & Company as their auditing firm due to their familiarity with the Towns practices and comparable price quote
- The RM of Lumsden will meet on March 19th to further discuss the results of the proposals and make a decision on auditor appointment.

Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic Recreational Facility:

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper, presented a written report by Community Coordinator, Chris Exner, regarding the proposed Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic Recreational Facility:

- The facility proposes to be open year round for recreational activities such as roller skiing, kayaking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and biathlons, including a 30 lane range
- It is anticipated that once constructed, western and national competitions can be hosted at the site
- The organization is looking to receive sponsorships to assist with the construction of the facility

Trans Canada Trail:

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper, presented a written report by Community Coordinator, Chris Exner, regarding the upgrading of the Trans Canada Trail in and around Lumsden:

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- Introduction of a new Trans Canada Trail (TCT) "Blueway", which will be a recognized water trail and will be through the Wascana Creek to the junction of the Qu'Appelle River, the Qu'Appelle River west of Lumsden and the Qu'Appelle river north east of Lumsden. The Blueway will connect Regina to Lumsden, Buffalo Pound to Lumsden and Lumsden to Fort Qu'Appelle.
- March 15 a video crew from Quebec will be filming part of a National TCT promotional video that will be used on the major television networks in Canada. Lumsden is one of five locations chosen across Canada.

Joint Fire Department & Mutual Aid Agreements:

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper provided a written report on the Joint Fire Department and Mutual Aid Agreements:

- The Department responded to 30 chargeable calls for assistance, the majority of calls were motor vehicle accidents
- In 2016 the department would like to purchase a new fire truck, planning takes 6-8 months. Fire Chief, Jeff Carey will be addressing both councils regarding the purchase of this fire truck
- Discussed the gaps in the rates that SGI pays for the department to respond to motor vehicle accidents and how it differs from the rate charged by the department
- Reviewed the current mutual aid agreements and participating municipalities

Recreational Contribution Agreement:

Chief Administrative Officer, Darcie Cooper provided a written report on the Recreational Contribution Agreement between the Town and RM of Lumsden:

- Reviewed the key points of the long-standing agreement between the municipalities and the need for an update to the agreement
- Reviewed possible formulas that can be used in these types of agreements

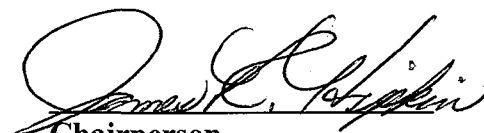
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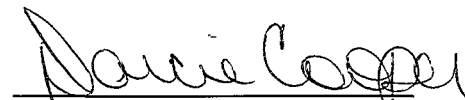
- RM Councillor Kent Fargo discussed the Dew Drop In, as it does not appear in the recreation cost sharing agreement. He suggested both councils budget for design costs for a new building so the municipal office can expand into the space currently occupied by the Library.
- Mayor Bryan Matheson discussed the new Lumsden Skate Park Committee that has been formed. He indicated that their goal is to raise \$200,000.00 to build a skateboarding park in Lumsden. One of the locations being considered is at 4th Avenue and River Street. The Committee has begun its fundraising efforts.

Adjournment:

Holobetz/Grohs: "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m."

CARRIED


Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer