

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9th, 2007

The Town of Lumsden Public Works Committee held a meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 9th, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor: Verne Barber (arrived at 3:35 p.m.)
Councillor: Dan Kirby, Al Sulma
Public Works Supervisor: Bob Schulz
Water & Wastewater Operator: Dave Cherney
Assistant Administrator: Darcie Cooper

Landfill:

The committee discussed the longevity of the landfill and the necessity to make decisions within the next five years. This may include a new crawler, hiring a Track hoe to dig some pits, etc. Sask Environments input is crucial to the long term planning of the landfill.

Fencing will be about \$1,000 over budget and will be completed this spring. The public works supervisor indicated the need for litter catch fence.

Water & Wastewater:

The committee discussed commencing the budget process and the need for long term budget planning for the department.

Water & Wastewater Operator indicated that there has been a large increase of water used from 280,000 cubic meters in 2005 to 314,000 cubic meters in 2006. He indicated that he would verify this increase with the Administration staff to ensure the billing has increased accordingly.

Also he indicated comparisons in the month of December and there has been 100 cubic meters more used per day in 2006 than in 2005.

Well No. 5

The committee discussed the Well #5 project. The committee requested the Public Works staff be ready to go ahead with the project once the decision on the grant has been made. Staff should be ready to obtain price quotes on well drilling and other costs associated with the project.

Lagoon:

The committee discussed different options for the lagoon and the need for expansion and aeration. Some options discussed were building a bigger dirt berm around the primary cell, expansion of the secondary cell and de-sludging would all increase the lagoon's capacity. Dredging would not require a permit. The last time the lagoon was dredged was late 1980's or early 1990's. Staff will obtain costs of both options for expansion as well as proper aeration and see what Sask Environment will consider. The committee would like to invite SERM to a meeting to discuss the lagoon and some possible solutions.

The committee indicated that Associated Engineering's final report on the Wastewater Study needs to contain viable, affordable alternatives for the Town of Lumsden such as lagoon expansion or the 3C Water Systems proposal. The committee requested that the Public Works Supervisor send a letter to Associated Engineering expressing council's disappointment over the options presented to council as they are not remotely affordable for a community the size of Lumsden.

Equipment Replacement Schedule:

The Public Works Supervisor presented the committee with a preliminary equipment replacement schedule. The committee agreed that this should be included in the 5 year capital plan of the budget.

The committee discussed having an Infrastructure Replacement program like the vehicle replacement schedule.

Miscellaneous:

The PW Supervisor indicated that he would like a member of the committee to tour the sidewalks this spring to aid the committee in making decisions for repair and/or replacement.

Items for consideration:

- GUDI Study to be done in 2007 by Beckie Hydrogeologists
- Fire hydrants needed for John's Subdivision
- Re-paving, Sidewalks and Drainage

Outstanding issues from prior Public Works committee meetings:

- Staff to present committee with prioritized wish list and costs for 2007
- Bob to obtain a price quote from Cary's Trenching to fix the retaining wall on Maurice Williams property
- Management Training courses are available from U of R/SIAST and focus on planning and organizational skills for management (Bob, Dave and Jeff)
- 2007 progress plan requested to be ready by Dec. 31/06 for committee to review
- Committee to develop policy goals for the PW department
- Managers to develop daily, monthly and annual work plans

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss budget.

Adjourn:

Sulma/Kirby "That we agree to adjourn this meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman

Administrator