

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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18TH, 2011 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The members of the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 and the Town of Lumsden met at the Lumsden Hotel & Steak Pit, on Tuesday, January 18th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. with Chairperson Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present:

Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
Mayor:	Bryan Matheson
Town Councillor(s):	Dan Kirby, Sid Sikorski, Rhonda Phillips, Doug Mader
RM Councillor(s):	Albert Szeles, Kent Farago (until 7pm), Bill Marquardt
Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
Office Services Clerk:	Krystal Brewer
MLA's:	Laura Ross, Lyle Stewart
Minister.Mun.Affairs:	Darryl Hickie

Absent:

Councillor:	Al Sulma, Jayne Leibel
Councillor:	Dale Srochenski, Jim Atcheson, Tom Harrison

Minutes:

Sikorski: "That we approve the minutes of the January 19th, 2010 Joint Council supper meeting, as circulated."
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General Discussion - Growth:

- Mayor Matheson thanked the RM for hosting the supper. The Mayor commented that communication between both councils is important and beneficial to both municipalities. He spoke briefly about the importance of managing growth in both municipalities.
- Minister Hickie indicated that Municipal Affairs has employees who can provide assistance with planning and growth for municipalities. Staff members are willing to attend meetings to discuss growth management.
- Discussion took place regarding the Town and RM's proximity to Regina making this area more desirable place to live and the development pressures both municipalities are experiencing. The Town is currently limited on expansion until the sewage infrastructure is addressed.
- There was some discussions regarding the Planning for Growth Initiative that was applied for and Minister Hickie indicated that there will be a second intake for this program.
- There was a discussion regarding population numbers for the RM and the Town currently at 3,150. Discussion regarding the upcoming Census and the manner in which they collect and distribute population was a concern. If population was based on postal codes, the RM may be losing population numbers to smaller municipalities such as Buena Vista, Regina Beach and Craven.
- There was some discussion regarding annexation. The most recent Town annexation was on the West side of Town. Both municipalities indicated that they were satisfied with procedures of the annexation.

General Discussion – Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response:

- Discussions took place regarding issues with flooding in areas of the RM in the spring and the possibility of bridge damage or even loss. The Town is also preparing for flooding, with the purchase of 6000 sandbags, numerous pumps, and calling Emergency Measures meetings.
- Discussions regarding the consideration of combining the First Responders with the Lumsden Fire Department took place. The first responders currently share the use of the fire hall. The Volunteer Fire Fighters completed high angle rescue training this past summer. It is the goal of the fire department to share protocol information with the first responders, managed by Karen Ryan.
- Discussions regarding the landfill took place. Town Council would like it to be more user-friendly including having a deposit area specifically for re-use. There will be an application

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submitted to the Go Green Fund, to move the recycling depot to the landfill, as well as setting up a compost pile and purchasing a wood chipper. The RM currently provides a grant in the amount of \$10,000 per year for landfill operation to the Town of Lumsden.


General Discussion – Infrastructure:

- Sewage Infrastructure within the Town of Lumsden was discussed. Town Council members discussed their goal of constructing a Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2014 once the Water Treatment Plant and the Fire Hall have been paid off. The estimated cost of the project may be approximately \$8,000,000 and council discussed the need for infrastructure funding from the Federal and Provincial Government for the project.
- MLA Lyle Stewart indicated that the project is 3 times more than a project he tried to get funding for that was turned down.
- Comments from Government officials regarding government support for infrastructure did not sound very encouraging. However, they indicated that they would discuss the municipality's situation and see what options are available.

Adjournment:

Matheson: "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m."

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Chairman


Administrator