



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189  
August 2005 Issue

# Municipal Newsletter

## 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 of each month. Evening meetings are now being held, please call the office to verify the meeting start time.

Individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation directly to Council must make an appointment by the last day of the month, to be added to Council's next regular meeting agenda.

Development applications or letters to Council are required to be submitted by the last day of the month, to be added to Council's next regular meeting agenda.

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## SARM - Education Tax on Agriculture Property

A series of four articles on the inequity of education tax on agricultural property have been distributed by SARM. This link will take you to the news release. <http://www.sarm.ca/Media/newsrel.htm>

## Provincial Education Tax Credit

The Saskatchewan Government announced a two-year, \$110 million education property tax credit program for the 2005 and 2006 taxation year, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The credit will apply to all property classes at a rate of 8% of the current school property tax levy. A \$2,500 cap (maximum reduction) will apply on the credit for commercial/industrial and multi-unit residential (excluding residential condominium) properties.

The Department of Government Relations and Saskatchewan Learning established a technical committee with the local government and administrator associations to work out administration and implementation of the credit program.

The local municipality will display the provincial education property tax credit on the tax notices printed and sent to owners.

## New Council Chambers / Library



The RM of Lumsden and Town of Lumsden have recently completed renovating the old fire hall into a new Council Chambers / Library. The project received funding under the Federal program, Canada Celebrates Saskatchewan Initiative and will provide a larger modern meeting chambers for the Rural and Urban

municipal Councils.

The Lumsden Library plans to share the space and residents are encouraged to visit the library in the fall once they have relocated and experience the atmosphere of the new space and expanded selection of books that will be available to patrons.



## Council

During 2005 your elected Reeve and Council are:

Reeve:	Jim Hipkin	731-3255
Division 1	Albert Szeles	545-0983
Division 2	Tracy Preete	731-1428
Division 3	Bill Marquardt	731-2802
Division 4	Edward Thorpe	775-2780
Division 5	Glen Samuelson	775-2873
Division 6	Mike Brodziak	729-2830

This fall rural municipal elections will be held with nominations open for the positions of Councillor in Divisions 2, 4, 6

## Administration

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

Wayne Zerff	Administrator
Darcie Cooper	Asst. Admin.
Joan Agopsowicz	Clerk-Steno
Brenda Boos	AP Clerk (PT)

## Public Works/Road Maintenance

Our public works staff and their respective positions:

Adri Vandeven	Road Foreman
RM Shop	731-3109
Earl Inverarity	Grader Operator
Garret Halbgewachs	Grader Operator
Randy Walters	Grader Operator
Vacant	Mower Operator



*"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 information you may have regarding sign vandalism or theft to your local RCMP detachment.

## 2005 School Division

### Mill Rate

Our municipality is located entirely within the Qu'Appelle Valley School Division boundary. The school mill rate for 2005 decreased by 1.2 mills to:

**Qu'Appelle Valley S.D.No.139    18.50 mills** (decrease of 1.2 mills)

If you have concerns regarding the school division taxes, we recommend that contact your school division:

**Qu'Appelle Valley Schools    306-949-3366**

## 2005 Municipal Budget Highlights

The 2005 provincial budget did provide the \$55 million to address the commitment to education tax relief. However, with no increase to Revenue Sharing, municipalities are looking at ways to cope with inflation. SARM has indicated, it looks like a case of the province making a claim to "no new taxes" by forcing the tax increases onto the local governments. Those who were looking for good news for rural Saskatchewan are still looking.

Due to the complicated formula used to distribute funds in the Revenue Sharing Pool, our municipality will see a small decrease for 2005. The federal government announced that a New Deal initiative will be signed with the Province. The program will see a portion of the federal gas tax revenues flow back to Communities through a per capita allocation. It is anticipated that initial allocation will be approx. \$18 per capita; however it appears the new grant monies have now been delayed until 2006.

Some expenses will change over 2004 such as:

- Utilities, fuel and grader blade costs have continued to increase,
- 911 dispatch services for 2005 will cost \$2,500,
- Policing costs have decreased slightly to \$45,500 (\$27/capita) this year, (RCMP contract is negotiated by SARM/SUMA through Sask Justice)
- The Library requisition increased by \$2,400 for a total of \$11,300 for this year
- In late 2004, Council renewed a three year lease on the third AWD grader. The extra grader will continue to allow Council to focus on improving dirt roads and providing timely road maintenance.

Other highlights in our 2005 municipal budget are:

- 0.75 mill increase was approved with the revenue going to offset increased road maintenance and construction plans,
- 66% of all expenditures are toward road maintenance/construction,
- 15% of expenditures will cover police, fire, landfill and other protective services,
- The remaining 19% will be spent on such items as Administration, Debt costs, Recreation, Planning/Zoning and Agriculture Development programs,
- Approximately 17,500 cubic yards of road gravel has been budgeted for application in 2005, at a cost of \$173,000,
- Snow Plow Club grants have again been set at \$30.00 per approved mile.



## Emergency Contact Numbers

### EMO Coordinator

Adri Vandeven 731-2404

### Police, Fire & Ambulance Emergencies

\*\* Please call 9-1-1 \*\*

### 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 RM 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

## 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 have 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 31<sup>st</sup> are transferred to the property owner's taxes.**

The Lumsden Fire District Committee has recently purchased a used 1976 Hendrickson Pumper Fire truck from the City of Regina to replace the 1952 Bickel Fire truck. The newer equipment will improve the fire fighting abilities of the department. The Jaws of Life tool has enabled the fire department to work with the 911 dispatch services to play a greater role in vehicle accidents and extrications.

Lumsden Fire Calls	2001	2002	2003	2004
Vehicle	----	5	14	11
Fire Calls	16	14	16	20
Fire Dept. Assistance	2	4	3	2

## 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.

## Pesticide Container Collection Program

The following sites are available for ratepayers to return cleaned chemical containers:

Pioneer Grain Bethune, SK	Heartland Agro Services Lumsden, SK
Cargill Grain Regina, SK	Heartland Agro Services Regina, SK
Pioneer Grain Southey, SK	HFM Ag Services - Strasbourg, SK
Pioneer Grain Strasbourg, SK	



## Cash-In-Lieu Reserve

### Policy

The purpose of the policy is to guide Council in the consideration of applications from ratepayer's, 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, 1983. Council has in these instances also agreed as to the cash payment and applicable 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.

## Road Allowance Mowing Policy



The municipality owns a New Holland front wheel assist Tractor with loader and a 15 foot Shulte Sidearm with new 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.

## Snow Removal Policy

The Rural Municipal Council and Foreman 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 30.
- 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.

### Snow Removal in severe weather or temperature conditions:

During severe weather or temperatures below -30° C, the Municipal Foreman in consultation with Council, will determine whether or not Municipal equipment will be used for snow removal.



## 331Q Assessment Exemption

The Rural Municipality Act, 1989 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 section 331.1Q 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 331.1Q exemption is correct. Should you notice an error or require additional clarification, please contact the RM Office.

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

## Pest Control Products

Rat control products are available free of charge, at the discretion of the Pest Control Officer. Annually, each resident may obtain from the R.M. Office the following products:

*4 boxes of rataak OR 12 bags of warfarin*

### Gopher Poison

Mixed Bait - \$9.50/2.5kg pak

Liquid Rozol - \$7.00/bottle

Gopher Cop (pre-mixed) - \$87.40/12kgs

- \$60.95/8kgs

## Development Permit Information

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,
- 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](http://www.lumsden.ca)

## 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:

- \$80.00 minimum and \$40.00 per each additional ½ hour,
- Contract Work is done at the discretion of the R.M. Foreman, R.M. 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 - snow removal not available,
- Billing will be recorded in a bill book and submitted to the office for invoicing,
- Any unpaid monies will be added to the ratepayer's taxes on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year invoiced.



## West Nile Virus

As part of the West Nile Virus response plan for 2005, Saskatchewan is increasing its surveillance programs in birds, mosquitoes, horses and humans. The Provincial program will provide testing for dead birds of the crow family in our area. The crow family includes crows, ravens, magpies, blue jays and gray jays. These birds are particularly sensitive to West Nile virus and have high death rates if infected. Testing of dead birds provides the best early warning signal that West Nile Virus is active in an area.

### What To Do

Birds that have been dead for 2 or more days are usually not viable for testing. Try to determine how old the carcass is (Maggots, etc.) and if it has died of obvious trauma such as being shot, hit by a car, etc. If the carcass appears to be relatively fresh and appears to have been sick/distressed before it died contact the RM Office for further instruction at 731-2404, or phone Pest Control Officer Lorne White at 731-2937 or Jim King at 721-8007.

The RM of Lumsden is focusing its 2005 efforts in West Nile Virus prevention through distribution of public education information. The RM is in a local mosquito control program partnership with the Town of Lumsden, the Town of Regina Beach, and the Village of Buena Vista. The RM has a brochure that provides some sources for citizens to obtain further information. Please call the office at 731-2404 if you would like a copy of the brochure.

The Lumsden Municipal Office will have a (limited) supply of backyard larvicide "AquaBac" available at a cost recovery price of \$16.50 to be used for the localized treatment of mosquito larvae. This is the same product that is available at most general hardware stores. Please contact the Municipal Office @ 731-2404 for further details.

## 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 Rural Municipality Act, 1989](#).
7. Nothing in this bylaw prevents a dog or dogs running at large from being declared dangerous under provisions of [The Rural Municipality Act, 1989](#) 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.

## Cultivated Land Policy

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

## Municipal Maps

Municipal maps are currently available with 2001 Assessment values. The map is in the process of being updated with 2005 Assessment Values and should be available for purchase in September. The maps currently cost \$5.00 each and can be picked up at the municipal office.

[Dominion Land Grant Information](#) maps are available at a cost of \$3.00, from the municipal office. This map contains the name and date of the original "Dominion land grants" issued by the Dominion Lands Branch of the Federal Department of the Interior from 1871 to 1930.



## LUMSDEN LANDFILL HOURS

(April 15<sup>th</sup> - October 14<sup>th</sup>)

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 15<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>)

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.



## Lumsden Landfill Tipping Fees

- Ratepayers are no longer 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 & 25<sup>th</sup>
- For more information on the program, hours of operation, or dumping fees, please contact the RM Office.



## Rural Recycle Program

### 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

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

- electronic equipment (except microwave ovens)
- used oil and batteries
- paint (from April 20 to October 20 each year)
- all paper products
- all glass products
- all plastics except vinyl and Styrofoam
- all metal cans and small metals
- all SARCAN products.



The recyclables listed below are also allowed to be dropped off at the Landfill Site, in designated areas, at no charge.

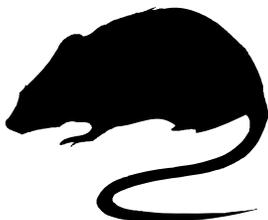
- Cardboard
- Used oil
- Plastic twine
- Electronics
- Newsprint/ paper
- Oil filters & batteries
- Metal cans
- Plastic & Glass

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

## 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. The minimum setback is 150 feet from the center of a roadway or road allowance for trees, obstacles, buildings, bales, etc.

## Hantavirus Alerts



Hantavirus disease is a rare, but potentially fatal infection spread by deer mice and possibly other rodents.

Controlling of rodents, identifying sources of infection, cleaning buildings and worksites and minimizing exposures will reduce the risk of infection. Flu-like or pneumonia-like symptoms following potential exposures to sources of infection should be promptly reported to a doctor for treatment.

### 1. Control rodents

- use traps,
- remove dead rodents safely and disinfect (ie bleach) the traps/areas where rodents are found.
- Wash your hands and exposed skin surfaces thoroughly with soap & water.
- Use traps rather than poisons. If rodenticides are used, set them in covered bait stations where children & pets cannot reach them.
- Encourage predators, such as cats.
- Keep rodents out of buildings by sealing holes, repairing cracks, etc.
- Eliminate food sources, hiding, and living places for rodents.

Please contact the RM Pest Control Officer, Jim King, @ 721-8007 for severe rodent infestations.

### 2. Clean buildings & worksites before use where signs of infestation appear. Please ensure that you:

- ventilate closed buildings or areas for 30 minutes before the start of cleaning.
- Wear a proper, well-fitting filter mask. The mask can be obtained from safety supply companies listed in the yellow pages. Look for a N100, R100 or P100 rating on the filter or on the mask itself.
- Wear eye goggles when cleaning dusts overhead or when it is necessary to clean heavily contaminated areas.
- Wear plastic or rubber disposable gloves.
- Spray debris with a disinfectant solution
- Disinfect and clean gloves before removing them and disinfect eye goggles and rubber boots.
- Wash your hands and exposed skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and water.

### 3. Minimize exposure to sources of infection.

- Use personal protective equipment where it is not practical to eliminate sources of infection, such as in large warehouses and barns.
- Hikers and campers should reduce exposure by using tents with floors and avoid sleeping on the bare ground.

*For further information, contact Health Regina @ 787-4083.*

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