

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

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2006 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The Councils of the Town of Lumsden and the RM of Lumsden met upstairs at the Brickhouse Bistro on Monday, January 16th, 2006 at 7:50 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber and Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present: Mayor: Verne Barber
Alderman: Bryan Matheson, Gerry Tomkins, Al Sulma,
Ron Hart, Sid Sikorski, Gordon Bonokoski
Reeve: Jim Hipkin
Councillor: Albert Szeles, Tracy Preete, Bill Marquardt,
Mike Brodziak

Administrator: Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator: Darcie Cooper

Absent: R.M. Councillors: Edward Thorpe, Glen Samuelson

The members present met at 6:00 p.m. upstairs at the Brickhouse Bistro. After supper the meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Verne Barber.

As host for the meeting, Mayor Verne Barber welcomed everyone and provided opening remarks. The minutes from the 2005 Joint Supper meeting were distributed out for information purposes.

Items Discussed:

- Councillor Bonokoski gave a Waste disposal grounds/ Recycle Depot report on the following issues:
 - Town is facing dilemma's with the recycle depot i.e.) broker's financial problems, stockpiling of materials due to poor prices, experienced a 5% drop in material, etc.
 - Reiterated the importance of recycling, saving space at the landfill
 - Public does not realize the costs associated with the Recycle operation
 - Discussed the need for a granulator to process plastics
- Reeve Hipkin discussed the following items:
 - Impressed with performance of staff with all the disruption in the office due to the renovations
 - Requested Town to support sand sealing of #724 and #641 with the New Deal money
 - Indicated that the R.M. was looking into options for attaining new equipment for the purpose of doing road work/construction, may be able to work together with the Town of Lumsden, Town of Regina Beach & Village of Buena Vista, may qualify for regional grant. Mayor Barber indicated that the Town would be interested in the sand sealing initiatives.
- Mayor Barber discussed the following items:
 - Indicated that the Town's focus for the New Deal money will be water and wastewater ie) New Well, new lagoon, etc.
 - Currently is an ongoing study on waste management (sewer)
 - Provided an update on the fire department ie) overhauled pumps on the new (1978) pumper truck, responded to about 24 fire calls, most of them highway, department is receiving more calls due to manpower and equipment, '68 International pumper truck requires a lot of maintenance and will need replacing in the near future.
- Councillor Hart discussed the following items:
 - Update on the success of the Lumsden Sports Centre ie) moved more to a user pay system, outside rentals are up from 6,000 in 2003 to over 30,000 for 2005-2006 so far
 - No savings to fund future maintenance costs at present, looking to start building reserves. They have been paying down debt up to now.
 - Facility is booked solid.

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- Administrator Wayne Zerff presented the following items for discussion:
 - Human Resource Manual ie) background of what has been happening and the costs quoted for manuals (\$30,000), plan to use staff expertise to undertake work and prepare manuals


Next Joint Administration meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st, 2006

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Chairman



Administrator