

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2006 INTER MUNICIPAL MEETING

The Council of the Town of Lumsden hosted an Inter Municipal meeting with the neighbouring municipalities listed below. The municipal representatives met in the Lumsden Centennial Hall on Monday, January 30th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber presiding.

Present: An attendance list is attached. Representatives were present from the Town of Lumsden, R.M. of Lumsden No. 189, Town of Regina Beach and Village of Buena Vista

Administrator

Wayne Zerff

The following topics were discussed by the municipal representatives:

A. Road Maintenance

- Concerns were expressed over the aging Infrastructure
- R.M. of Lumsden is considering a Road Haul Agreement fee or permit system for sewage trucks using roads in Division 6
- Regina Beach felt existing road agreement was working quite well and that the shared services put toward the maintenance of the road to the lagoon, was a good arrangement
- Regina Beach will contact sewage truck companies and request them to use old #54 Highway
- Sewage trucks service RM homes as well as Regina Beach, Buena Vista and Lumsden Beach
- RM went through fees under road haul agreements (5.5 cents per cubic yard per loaded mile)
- Regina Beach wondered if there was a way to discuss this topic more and find a solution that would force the trucks to use old #54 or one that would provide a better revenue source to the RM
- Enforcement problems associated with a permit or haul fee would exist and not a lot of money would be raised to offset road maintenance costs
- Regina Beach felt all needed to monitor or watch situation and find another alternative with the RM providing advance notice of any fee implementation
- RM commented that waste is being left on side of some municipal roads rather than hauled to landfill
- Litter barrels used to exist along highways and some wondered if they could once again be provided

B Lagoon

- Town has undertaken a lagoon study under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities GMEF grant with a report due in April of 2006
- The study has been undertaken to identify solutions to existing lagoon treatment practices
- Pilot program has been undertaken in Lumsden to change treatment process to meet changing standards
- Buena Vista pursuing a solar aquatics solution for lagoon treatment by creating an indoor greenhouse marsh with ultraviolet lights
- Such an engineered wetland is drastically reduced in size and requires geothermic heat and solar panels to achieve desired temperature
- Lumsden indicated that their engineering company suggested an engineered wetland as well, but over a large tract of land
- Buena Vista indicated they are exploring the opportunities for commercial use of the water by product produced

C Water Treatment Plant

- Regina Beach indicated that by 2008 they would not meet provincial standards regarding water regulations and were investigating opportunities to obtain grants and provide a water treatment plant to address their area needs
- Lumsden indicated that it was a long slow process and they got caught in the middle of changing regulations which escalated the cost substantially
- Lumsden indicated the final cost of the water treatment plant was 1.8 million
- Lumsden offered assistance to the municipalities to help them avoid some of the pitfalls they experienced in the building of their Water Treatment Plant and invited Regina Beach to tour their water treatment plant
- Lumsden has had enquiries to expand treated water supply to some rural areas through pipelines
- Lumsden is currently in the process of requesting the province to expand their water extraction licence and issue an approval to construct a backup well

D Waste Management Site

- Regina Beach and Buena Vista indicated that they will participate with the City of Regina on the regional discussions for waste management and will likely support their initiative, but they feel they will continue to use their landfill as a cheaper alternative for various waste
- Lumsden felt they were in the same position on the issue
- Lumsden landfill has clay base and there is no information to indicate that leaching is occurring, but the close proximity to the Qu'Appelle River makes regionalization inevitable
- Lumsden would support a regional landfill site in Regina as this would be closer than other proposed locations
- RM indicated that they would support a regional landfill in Regina, many of their residents use this site already

- RM felt that other landfills in the municipality may have unknown environmental concerns
- Lumsden has noticed that recycle has significantly reduced the amount of waste going to the landfill

E Recycle

- Recycle Depot creates approximately 500 bales in a year
- Currently the accumulation outside is about 2.5 months worth of recycling and inside there is an equal amount
- Poor product prices require Lumsden to store the recycled bale product until our broker can market the product
- Lumsden is looking into a door to door recycle program for community and research has indicated the municipal forces cannot compete currently with private enterprise for cost
- Information on a provincial stewardship program is to be reported at SUMA in February
- Recycle product in Lumsden increases every year
- People from other communities utilize the Lumsden recycle depot
- Lumsden felt that approximately 70% of the population recycles in some form
- Door to Door recycle program in Lumsden would decrease waste to landfill significantly and the product would be hauled directly to Regina
- Regina Beach indicated that they have a program available to residents that collects recycle products and the residents pay the local company directly
- Regina Beach did not feel the recycle company presently had a great number of households
- Buena Vista indicated that Lorras Disposal provides a black container and will pickup weekly from households for a fee of \$7.00 per month

E Regional Funding

- It was felt that recycle and waste were the best target areas for regional funding and initiatives
- RM is looking at regional road maintenance funding for old #11 highway
- Lumsden indicated no definite regional projects currently maybe some potential for regional water supply
- Regina proposes to put new landfill adjacent to existing location
- RM will support the City of Regina in regional funding for landfill as many residents use this landfill
- Regina Beach has no specific regional projects currently planned and indicated they would most likely support Regina in a regional landfill application
- Buena Vista indicated they too would most likely support Regina in a regional landfill application and that they had no specific regional projects
- Some discussions occurred on the New Deal Grant and the regional component and a deadline for the plan submission

F Tourism

- RREDA was not accomplishing anything significant for Regina Beach and this seemed to be the consensus from other municipalities
- It was felt that RREDA has to meet our municipal needs
- Some Tourism opportunities were discussed and the many tourism advantages our area holds
- Lumsden is focusing their efforts on the campground and parks
- Regina Beach wants to increase tourism opportunities and indicated new tourism operations will have spin off for entire area (e.g. Hotel in Regina Beach and spin off for Lumsden through groceries and banking)
- All agreed we need to work together on this issue and that more could be achieved in the future by a local group opposed to RREDA
- The tourism partnership of the Website was discussed and the benefits it provides the area
- All agreed to form an Inter Municipal Tourism Committee with each municipal Council to appoint 2 representatives on the committee. The representatives do not have to be on Council
- The first meeting was set for Wednesday March 8, 2006 @7:30 pm in Regina Beach

G Equipment Sharing

- The group felt that we were meeting the municipal needs through current equipment sharing programs
- All agreed this could be addressed in the future should a need to share more equipment developed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm