

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22nd, 2008

The Lumsden Town Council convened a special meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the evening of Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber presiding.

Present: Mayor: Verne Barber
Councillor: Sid Sikorski, Ron Hart, Al Sulma
Wayne MacKay, Gerry Tomkins

Administrator: Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator: Darcie Cooper
Public Works: Dave Cherney

Absent: Councillor: Dan Kirby

Delegations

Ben Lichtenwald and Dennis Perras – Environmental Protection Officers with Saskatchewan Environment and Management Resources (SERM) from Regina attended the meeting to discuss Lagoon Flows and Sewer Main Expansion Restrictions imposed by SERM as a result of the Waste Water strategy report completed by Associated Engineering.

General Discussion:

- Mayor Verne Barber opened the meeting by indicating that the reason for the meeting was for the Town to determine what it is that SERM requires from the Town with respect to the Lagoon situation to enable further subdivision in the Town of Lumsden. He indicated that at the previous meeting council members attended at Associated Engineering with SERM (August 2007), council left feeling very confident, after speaking with SERM, that the Town's Lagoon situation was suitable in its current state and that no remedial changes were required at that time. Ben and Dennis indicated that they were unaware of this meeting.
- Ben Lichtenwald indicated that prior to their approval of subdivisions they typically look at lagoon capacity in a community and the Wastewater strategy report stated that Lumsden is operating beyond capacity. Ben indicated that SERM was allowing subdivisions that were already approved by Community Planning, as in the Johns Subdivision last fall.
- At a previous meeting with Dennis, Ben & Dave, Dave indicated that there would be less wastewater to the lagoon due to the repair of a water main break that had been putting a substantial amount of water in the lagoon. As soon as the water main break was repaired there was a significant decrease in wastewater in the lagoon. The report by Associated Engineering had been compiled prior to the water main repair and SERM acknowledged that the rate flows had dramatically decreased from Associated Engineering's report.
- Discussion took place over the lagoon capacity and that SERM requires 180 days worth of storage in a lagoon and that discharge for a lagoon was only allowed twice a year. Dave Cherney stated that the Town of Lumsden only discharges once a year, with the exception of last year which was due to the Water main break. SERM reps indicated that the Town's lagoon was exfiltrating, however admitted that SERM has no policy on exfiltration
- Verne Barber discussed the Town's Water & Wastewater Management strategy started 10 years ago; the first priority was a new Water Treatment plant and once that was paid for, council fully intended to address the wastewater issue
- Verne Barber asked SERM if their decision of not allowing future subdivisions was final?
- Ben indicated SERM does not want to stop a community's expansion and would be willing to reconsider if the Town provided a reasonable time frame and plans for addressing the lagoon and wastewater issues.
- Verne Barber indicated that the town is looking at more options other than what Associated Engineering provided in their report and requested SERM's cooperation with the Town in exploring other options
- Dennis recommended contacting Swift Current and Fort Qu'Appelle about their treatment of wastewater

- Ben agreed that a mechanical water treatment plant of 7 million dollars wasn't all that viable for the size of our community and encouraged council to explore other options than those provided by Associated Engineering

Water/Wastewater Operator - Resignation:

35-08 Hart/Sulma: "That we accept Water/Wastewater Operator, Brian Schwindt's resignation effective immediately."
CARRIED

Water/Wastewater Operator Position:

36-08 Sikorski/Tomkins: "That we authorize the Administrator to advertise the Water/Wastewater Operator position as outlined in the Human Resource Policy Manual."
CARRIED

Adjournment:

37-08 MacKay/Sulma: "That we adjourn this meeting at 9:15 p.m."

CARRIED

Mayor

Administrator