

2011 Newsletter

May 31, 2011

Mayor's Message

Municipal Projects for 2011:

- 5th Avenue Extension Lot Servicing \$540,000
- Construction of Road South of Lumsden \$ 30,000
- Capital Trust Fund \$155,300 (Equipment upgrades incl. Landfill Packer)
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Conceptual Plan & Design Study \$250,000
- Lift Station Renovations \$ 60,000
- Sewer Mainlining \$ 25,000
- James Street South Upgrades (project based on sale of 5th Ave. lots) \$250,000

This has been a most interesting year for me as the Mayor of Lumsden. It is true when they say you are never too old to learn!

The spring runoff was most memorable and I am very pleased to say I was totally confident in our ability to deal with the situation. The town staff was well prepared and always ahead of the game. I want to give thanks to everyone involved in the planning and preparing for such situations. Also, a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated food items for our hardworking staff and volunteers. Your patience and understanding during this crucial situation was very much appreciated.

Council is working on a variety of projects that are both immediate and long term. The development of new residential lots remains a primary issue for the town. We are trying to ensure that the current or planned infrastructure is in place to handle expansion and

growth. The Town of Lumsden has a number of lots available for sale next to the high school.

Projects currently under way include the maintenance of sidewalks and pavement.

Projects that are in the early planning stages include a new waste water treatment plant, paving of James Street South and the revitalization of the landfill including moving the recycling building to the landfill site.

You will note there is a 2 mill increase to your municipal taxes this year. Council explored all the alternatives available to them in order to keep the increase to a minimum. With the improvements we are making in town, the new projects and the recent unexpected expenses from the spring runoff we approved the increase of 2 mills.

Finally I would like to thank Wayne Zerff for his years of service to the Town of Lumsden.

Wayne has been with the town since 1996 and has provided us with outstanding leadership and his vast knowledge of municipal issues and policies will be missed. Wayne is retiring on June 30th. Thanks Wayne and enjoy your retirement.

Darcie Cooper will step into the position of Administrator and Krystal Brewer will take over as the Assistant. I am totally confident in their abilities and look forward to working with both.

I look forward to another great year for Lumsden. The town crew is working hard to catch up on the work that was needed to be done after the high waters of the spring. We will work hard to make the town the best that we possibly can.

Have a great summer.

Bryan Matheson

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Council Members and Committees

Below is a list of the 2011 Council along with their respective Committee assignments. Should you have feedback regarding municipal programs or issues, you may provide your written comments to the municipal office, attend a council meeting as a delegation or contact an elected council member.

Brytan Matheson	Mayor (is an ex-officio member of all committees of Council)	731-7631
Group 1 Committee		
Doug Mader	Chair, Recreation & Culture	731-3607
Jayne Leibel	Chair, Planning & Development, Protective Services	731-3889
Dan Kirby	Chair, General Government, Lumsden Fire District	731-2096
Group 2 Committee		
Rhonda Phillips	Chair, Transportation (Public Works)	731-3141
Sid Sikorski	Chair, Environmental Health & Welfare	731-2523
Al Sulma	Chair, Water and Sewer Utility	731-2563

Firearms Bylaw

The RCMP have had some issues recently with the use of Pellet Guns and/or BB Guns in the Town limits. These weapons were used by individuals attempting to shoot gophers.

There is a Firearms Bylaw in the Town of Lumsden that prohibits the discharge of firearms within the Town limits. Bylaw #02-1991 states that "No person shall discharge any gun or other firearm, air gun or spring gun or any class or type thereof within the Town". This includes the use of BB guns and pellet guns. Any person who contravenes the bylaw, if found guilty, is liable to a fine up to \$2,000.00.

The municipality is asking for residents' cooperation in educating their children on this Bylaw and refraining from the use of firearms as indicated above. If you observe firearms being used within Town

limits, please contact the RCMP immediately at 731-4270.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this bylaw please contact the Town office at 731-2404 or visit our website at www.lumsden.ca



No Garden Waste Pick up this Spring

Due to the time constraints of the Public Works staff from the Spring Flood events, unfortunately the municipality will not be able to provide free garden waste pick up this Spring. Residents are encouraged to take their garden waste to the landfill during regular hours (Monday and Thursday 5 pm-8 pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10 am -4 pm). Council would like to encourage cooperation between residents regarding the transportation of the garden waste to the landfill.



Summer Swim Program

You can now sign up for Swimming Lessons. Session 1 is July 4-15th, Session 2 is August TBA. Swim fees are \$30.00/session / person to a maximum of \$90.00/family/session.

To obtain forms, please visit the website at www.lumsden.ca or drop by the municipal office. One more pool is needed for the lessons, if you would be willing to provide the use of your pool for the lessons, please contact Community Coordinator Chris Exner at 533-6147.

Bylaw Enforcement

The Town of Lumsden has designated Krystal Brewer, as the municipality's Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Bylaw enforcement action will be driven on a complaint basis. If you have concerns regarding someone contravening a municipal bylaw, please feel free to call Krystal at 731-2404.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

In the near future, the municipality will commence enforcement of parking infraction regulations within the Traffic Bylaw #11-2010. The RCMP currently enforces all moving violations. The purpose of the bylaw and its enforcement is to maintain the safe and efficient movement and parking of vehicular traffic within the Town, as well as maintaining access for emergency vehicles.

There will be a 6 month warning period, in which Parking Infraction Notices will be issued with a zero dollar fine amount. This time period is intended to educate residents and visitors of the regulations of the Traffic Bylaw.

The most common regulations include; parking restrictions within school zones, handicap parking, 24-hour maximum on-street parking, sidewalk & crosswalk obstruction and prohibited parking areas.

For additional information you may contact the municipal office at 731-2404, or to view the Traffic Bylaw online, please visit our website at: www.lumsden.ca



Development Applications /Business License

All development within the Town must conform to the Town's Basic Planning Statement and Zoning Bylaw. Application forms are available at the town office and **no development** shall take place until a permit is issued by the Development Officer.

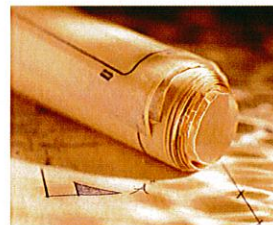
While there are some exceptions to the bylaw, you should check with the Town Office

before commencing **any** development, be it earthwork, building a structure, fence, or swimming pool.

The Town contracts Professional Building Inspectors to help administer the National Building Code and Uniform Building & Acceptability Standards Act. The Building Inspector will review all plans, as well as provide on-site inspections

during the various stages of construction. Additional information can be found on our web site.

Any person carrying on a trade, business or home occupation in town is required to have a business license. The annual regulatory fee for the issuance of a business license was set at \$75.00 effective January 1st, 1997.



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Lumsden Web Site & Electronic Sign

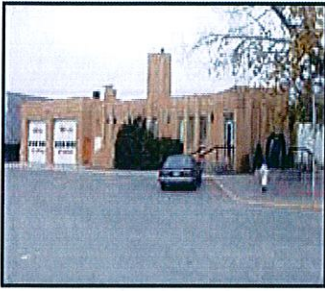
The Town web site was established several years ago and is available to provide the public greater access to key municipal information, including recreation activities, events, public notices and municipal services.

Information on the following items can be found on our web site:

- ◆ Council meeting notice/agendas
- ◆ Council minutes

- ◆ Bylaws
- ◆ Municipal Hours of Operation
- ◆ Landfill Hours of Operation
- ◆ Waste Disposal rates
- ◆ Red Cross Swim program
- ◆ West Nile Virus information
- ◆ Public Notice Information

As you may be aware, the Town has an electronic sign to advertise community and special events. If you have a special community event you would like to advertise on the sign please contact the Municipal Office at 731-2404



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**Step into a country
pace!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
WE'RE ON THE WEB:
WWW.LUMSDEN.CA



LUMSDEN, IN THE QU'APPELLE

Attention Dog Owners!

Complaints are received from residents, regarding dogs running at large. The Mayor and Council requests all dog owners to review the regulations outlined below and act responsibly and ensure that their dogs are not allowed to run at large.

- No household shall keep more than two dogs.
- All dogs are required to have a license. Annual license fee is \$6.50.

- No dogs shall be allowed to run at large.
- Keep your dog on a leash.
- Dogs caught running at large will be impounded.

Please keep your animals from making excessive noise and clean up after your pet.

The following impounding fees must be paid before the dog is released:

First Offence

- Licensed Dog \$ 50.00
- Unlicensed Dog \$ 60.00

Subsequent Offences \$100.00

* Impound Fees include an additional \$5.00 per day for each day that the dog remains in the pound after the day it is caught.



SNOWMOBILES / ATV's

There have been concerns expressed over snowmobiling within Town limits. Snowmobiling is permitted on Town streets and public roadways, for the purpose of leaving Town, but not in the parks or on any private property or dykes. If you see anyone snowmobiling other

than on Town streets or roadways, please contact the R.C.M.P. at 731-4270.

Town Council and the RCMP would like to remind residents that it is illegal for any person to operate an ATV within the limits of the Town; and that

this will be enforced with a maximum fine of \$2,000 that may be imposed.



Need a Meeting Space? Having a Small Event?

If you are in need of meeting space or are holding a small event, the Riverpark Centre at the Campground can be rented for \$75.00 per day. There is a concession that is located at the Riverpark Centre as well. Hours of operation for the concession vary depending on activity.



TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

Council recently created 10 residential lots. These lots are located on an extension of 5th Avenue (north of the high school). Some development restrictions/requirements apply.

- Lots 6 - 15 Parcel EE, Plan 101991348 - Residential
- Lots close to both Elementary and High Schools

Lots scheduled to be fully serviced in 2011 (excluding pavement, curb & gutter)

For additional information on any of the above properties please contact the Town Office at 300 James Street N, Lumsden, SK Phone: 731-2404 or email: town.lumsden@sasktel.net.

Lot information packages can be picked up at the Town office.