



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189
October 2006 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 evening of each month. Please call the office or check our web site 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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Combined Assessment/Tax Notice

Due to the enactment of The Municipalities Act in January of 2006, one of the many changes allows municipalities to send out a combined Assessment and Taxation notice to property owners. Previously, Assessment notices were sent out in April-May and property owners had 30 days to appeal their assessment. In July the Tax Notice was mailed to all property owners; the tax notice could not be appealed. This legislation change allows property owners to receive their assessment and tax notice in a single form. Property owners are still allowed 30 days from the mailing date to appeal their assessment; tax amounts cannot be appealed.

Provincial Education Tax Credit

The Saskatchewan Government continued their education property tax credit program for the 2006 taxation year.

The credit will apply to property classes based on the following rates:

A	Agriculture land (arable)	38%
N	Agriculture land (pasture)	38%
R	Residential	8%
S	Seasonal Residential	8%
C	Commercial	8%
I	Industrial	8%

A \$2,500 cap (maximum reduction) will apply on the credit for commercial/industrial and multi-unit residential (excluding residential condominium) properties.

The provincial education property tax credit was clearly shown on the assessment/tax notices that were printed and sent to owners.

Council

During 2006 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 were held with nominations open for the positions of Reeve and Councillor in Divisions 1, 3, 5. All incumbents were elected by acclamation.



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. Administrator
Joan Agopsowicz	Office Services Clerk (FT)
Brenda Boos	Office Services Clerk (PT)
Lorrie Farago	Office Services 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
Scott Haynes	Grader Operator
Randy Walters	Grader Operator
Brian Cooper	Mower Operator & Licensed Pesticide Applicator



"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.

2006 School Division

Mill Rate

Our municipality is located entirely within the Prairie Valley School Division boundary. The school mill rate for 2006 increased by 1.25 mills to:

Prairie Valley S.D.No.208
19.75 mills (increase of 1.25 mills)

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

Prairie Valley Schools
306-949-3366

2006 Municipal Budget Highlights

The 2006 provincial budget contained significant new money for municipalities to be paid as follows:

- \$10 million top up to the Revenue Sharing Pool
- \$10 million additional dollars to the revenue Sharing Pool
- \$32 million for one time unconditional Capital Program called Community Share Program.

The \$32 million is split on a per capita basis. This means approximately \$54,000 for the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 based on 2001 Census figures. The Revenue Sharing increase will be approximately 27% or around \$25,000.

The federal government has signed a New Deal initiative with the Province. This program will see a portion of the federal gas tax revenues flow back to Communities through a per capita allocation. The initial allocation will be approx. \$18 per capita per year.

Some expenses that will change over 2005 are:

- Utilities, fuel and grader blade costs have continued to increase,
- 911 dispatch services for 2006 will cost \$2,500,
- Policing costs have increased \$5,000 to \$53,413 (\$32.45/capita) this year, (RCMP contract is negotiated by SARM/SUMA through Sask Justice)
- In late 2006, Council traded in the 2000 Cat 140H Grader for a 2006 Volvo G940 Motor Grader as the 2000 Cat Grader was off warranty. Council also purchased a Grader mount sod mulcher attachment to retrieve the gravel from the side of the road and aid in ensuring the safety of motorists by mulching any large clumps that are caused by retrieving.

Other highlights in our 2006 municipal budget are:

- 0.8343 mill increase was approved with the revenue going to offset increased road maintenance and construction plans,
- 73% of all expenditures are toward road maintenance/construction,
- 10% of expenditures will cover police, fire, landfill and other protective services,
- The remaining 17% will be spent on such items as Administration, Debt costs, Recreation, Planning/Zoning and Agriculture Development programs,
- Approximately 19,000 cubic yards of road gravel was budgeted for application in 2006, at a cost of \$168,000,
- 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 **

To Report 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 31st are transferred to the property owner's taxes.**

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.

Lumsden Fire Calls	2002	2003	2004	2005
Vehicle	5	14	11	19
Fire Calls	14	16	20	32
Fire Dept. Assistance	4	3	2	

Pesticide Container Collection Program

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

	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	

Agricultural Health & Safety Network

The RM of Lumsden is enrolled in the Agricultural Health & Safety Network. The *Network* was established to deliver occupational health and safety programs and resources to people living on farms in Saskatchewan RM's. Services included are an Annual Theme Package, bi-annual newsletter called the *Network News*, health screening & educational programs, fact sheets, etc.

As the annual fee for this membership is calculated on a per farm family basis, we ask that if you are receiving mailings from this network and are not an active farm family OR if you are an active farm family and not receiving these publications to notify the municipal office at 731-2404.

FARM STRESS LINE

Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food offer a Farm Stress Help Line where you can call and speak to peer counselors, men and women from the farm that are trained to assist people in crisis. The number is 1-800-667-4442 and if you would like more information, please visit their website:

www.agr.gov.sk.ca/docs/Econ_Farm_Man/human/farmstressline04.asp



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.



293(2)(E) Assessment Exemption

The Municipalities Act 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 clause 293(2)(e) 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 293(2)(e) 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 ratak OR 12 bags of warfarin

Gopher Poison

Mixed Bait - \$9.50/2.5kg pkg

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

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 31st of the year invoiced.



West Nile Virus

As part of the West Nile Virus response plan for 2006, Saskatchewan continues to monitor birds, mosquitoes, horses and humans. The crow family is particularly sensitive to West Nile Virus. They include crows, ravens, magpies, blue jays and gray jays and have high death rates if infected.

What To Do

If you find a dead Bird from the crow family, you are to dispose of it very carefully by wearing gloves, using a shovel and double bagging it in garbage bags. Then the bird can be buried where possible. Specific details on disposal are on the Saskatchewan Health Website at www.health.gov.sk.ca/rr_wnv_info.html.

The R.M. of Lumsden is focusing its 2006 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 Municipalities Act.
7. Nothing in this bylaw prevents a dog or dogs running at large from being declared dangerous under provisions of The Municipalities Act 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 remember 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 2005 Assessment values. 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 15th - October 14th)

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 15th - April 14th)

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 not 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 & 25th
- For more information on the program, hours of operation, or dumping fees, please contact the RM Office.



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

Rural Recycle Program

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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 - 2nd Avenue.

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

- Computer electronics
- used oil and batteries
- paint (from April 20 to October 20 each year)
- all paper 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
- Computer Electronics
- Newsprint/ paper
- Oil filters & batteries
- Metal cans
- Plastic



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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