



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189
2010 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 and fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of July, August and December where one meeting per month is held. Please call the office or check our web site to verify the meeting start times and dates.

Individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation directly to Council must make an appointment two weeks prior to the scheduled Council meeting. Development applications or letters to Council are also required to be submitted two weeks prior to the council meeting date, to be added to Council's next regular meeting agenda.

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Official Community Plan Review

The municipality has undertaken a review of a new Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw. Council is looking to have a public hearing on the Draft OCP this fall. Please watch the Waterfront Press and the Website for the date of the public hearing. You can access a proposed draft of the Official Community Plan, past minutes and an overview of some of the major changes proposed in the Residential and Agricultural (Intensive Livestock Operations particularly), by visiting our website or by calling the office.

Dust Control - Trial Basis

The municipality created a dust control policy on a one-year trial basis for the 2010 year. Council established a budget to provide for 20 dust control application spots of 500 yards each and there were 16 applications submitted. The dust control treatment was paid for on a 50/50 cost-share basis with the applicants, up to a municipal maximum of \$450.00 per 500 yards. Council and the public works staff will analyze the project to determine if they will continue with the program next year.

Coyote Control Program

The municipality agreed to participate in the Provincial Coyote Control Program initiated and funded by the Sask. Ministry of Agriculture, due to the increase of Coyote attacks on livestock. Hunters were to bring in the paws of the coyotes to the RM Shop on designated days, a form was completed and that form was submitted to province. The hunter, trapper, producer received \$20.00 per coyote from the Province and the municipality received \$2.00/coyote for accepting the paws and reporting to the Province.

There were 257 RM's that participated in the program, representing 85% of the rural municipalities. The R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 collected 561 coyotes and received \$1,122.00 from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Council

During 2010 your elected Reeve and Council are:

Reeve:	Jim Hipkin	731-3255
Division 1	Albert Szeles	545-0983
Division 2	Kent Farago	731-3116
Division 3	Bill Marquardt	731-2802
Division 4	Jim Atcheson	775-2872
Division 5	Dale Srochenski	543-1376
Division 6	Tom Harrison	731-2041

2010 fall rural municipal elections are to be held with nominations open for the positions of Reeve & Councillor in Divisions 1, 3, 5. **Watch the website/Waterfront Press in October for more information.**

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 (FT)
Lorrie Farago	Office Services Clerk (PT)
Krystal Brewer	Office Services Clerk (FT)

Public Works/Road Maintenance

Our public works staff and their respective positions:

Don Barnett Manager of Public Works
RM Shop 731-3109

Randy Walters Grader Operator
Scott Haynes Grader Operator
Brian Cooper Grader Operator & Licensed
Pesticide Applicator

Dave Nicholson Utility Operator
Nicholas Marvin (PT) Utility Operator



"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.

2010 School Division Mill Rate

Our municipality is located entirely within the Prairie Valley School Division boundary. The School Division mill rate is established by the Province. The school mill rate remained the same as in 2009, as set out below:

Agricultural tax class	7.08 mills
Residential tax class	10.08 mills
Commercial tax class	12.25 mills for first \$499,999 assessment, 15.75 mills for next \$5,500,000 assessment and 18.55 mills for the remaining assessment

2010 Municipal Budget Highlights

Revenues from the Province, for the municipality, will remain the same as last year. During budget discussions, Council discussed starting a restoration plan for Old No. 11 highway (Grid 734), as there doesn't appear to be any grants from the Province available in the near future.

Some expenses that will change over last year are:

- Utilities, recycling grant to the Town of Lumsden, Dust Control
- Road work, including gravel, increased 260,000 over the 2009 budget
- Council has budgeted for the purchase of the following equipment for the 2010 year
 - 2010 160M Cat Motor Grader with a postless wing and one way plow with quick attachments. The 160H Cat Grader was traded in for the new grader
 - Fork-lift Attachment for the skidsteer
 - Tangible Capital Assets Software

Other highlights in our 2010 municipal budget are:

- 1.5 mill increase was approved with the revenue going to offset increased road maintenance, construction plans and equipment purchases
- 8.4% of expenditures will cover police, bylaw enforcement, fire, landfill, control of pests and weeds
- 73.4% of all expenditures are toward road and bridge maintenance/construction, and other transportation services
- 6.2% of expenditures will be spent on Planning and Development Services including the Official Community Plan Review
- 9.2% will be spent Administration items
- 1.0% will be spent on Recreation
- 1.8% will be spent on Council
- Approximately 22,565 cubic yards of road gravel was budgeted for application in 2010, at a cost of \$244,139
- Snow Plow Club grants have again been set at \$30.00 per approved mile

Municipal Maps

The new municipal maps are currently available with 2009 Assessment values. The maps currently cost \$6.00 each and can be picked up at the municipal office.

Emergency Contact Numbers

EMO Coordinator

Don Barnett 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 municipal 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 has 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

Lumsden Fire Calls	2006	2007	2008	2009
Vehicle	12	11	15	18
Fire Calls	6	8	20	13
Fire Dept. Assistance		4		

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.

Pesticide Container Collection Program

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

Heartland Agro Services Lumsden, SK Phone: 731-2455	Asplundh Canada Inc. Regina-536-7653
City of Regina (6 th Ave&St.JohnsSt) 777-7095	Heartland Agro Services Regina-721-6340

For a complete listing and more information on the program please visit Crop Life Canada's website at www.croplife.ca. Remember to remove the cap, remove the booklet and triple rinse or pressure wash the container.

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. 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.

Cash-In-Lieu Reserve Policy

The purpose of the policy is to guide Council in the consideration of applications from ratepayers, 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, 2007. Council has in these instances also agreed as to the cash payment 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 bi-directional Tractor with loader and a 15 foot Shulte Sidearm with 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 or the municipality's Weed Inspector, Tom Harrison at 731-2041.

Snow Removal Policy

The Rural Municipal Council and Public Works Manager 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 30th.
- 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.

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 Municipal office.

As well it is the responsibility of the property owner to annually complete and submit to the Municipal office a statutory declaration for eligible leased land or land owned in an adjacent municipality.

Snow Removal in severe weather or temperature conditions:

During severe weather or temperatures below -30°C , the Public Works Manager in consultation with Council, will determine whether or not Municipal equipment will be used for snow removal.

Council would like to remind you, when you are removing snow from your property, please do not pile it in the municipal road allowances as it causes snow blockages on the road.

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

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 (Solid fences shall meet the 150' setback from center of road)
- 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

West Nile Virus

As part of the West Nile Virus response plan for 2008, 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 2010 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.

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:

- \$100.00 minimum for the 1st hour and \$50.00 per each additional ½ hour,
- Contract Work is done at the discretion of the P.W. Manager, municipal 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; custom snow removal is not available,
- Any unpaid invoices will be added to the ratepayer's taxes on December 31st of the year invoiced.

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 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 municipality.

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 municipal 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

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:

- used oil and batteries
- paint (from April 20 to October 20 each year)
- all paper products
- #1,2,4,5 and 7 plastics - no vinyl or Styrofoam
- all metal cans and small metals
- all SARCAN products.



Improvements and 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, solid board fences, etc.

Buffalo Pound - Qu'Appelle River Watershed Agri- Environmental Group Plan

The municipality entered into agreements with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) and the Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Watershed Taking Responsibility Inc. (WUQWATR) to administer the Buffalo Pound - Qu'Appelle River Agri-Environmental Group Farm Plan (Group Farm Plan) and Beneficial Management Practices.

The Group Farm Plan is part of the Canada-Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Program. This program provides eligible producers in Saskatchewan with financial and technical assistance to develop and implement viable and environmentally sustainable practices.

The Group Farm plan can help producers make changes that benefit both the management of their farm and the environment, particularly water resources. The Group Farm Plan Advisor is Jamie Message and she will assist the producer in establishing a management plan for their farm or ranch, explain how to access funding and provide expertise throughout the project.

To find out more about the program please contact Jamie at (306) 551-5774 (cell) or email Jaime.Message@hotmail.com

NOXIOUS WEEDS

In Saskatchewan, the worst agricultural weeds are declared noxious under the *Noxious Weeds Act (NWA)*. Section 13 (1) of the Act states: "Every owner or occupant of land shall destroy noxious weeds on his land and prevent the spread of

noxious weeds to other lands." The *NWA*, which has been in force in the province since 1909, empowers municipal governments to enforce noxious weed control by appointing a Weed Inspector as their enforcement agent. The Weed Inspector for the municipality is Tom Harrison. He may be contacted at 731-2041 if you have questions or concerns over identifying or control of noxious weeds.

Among the weeds declared noxious under the *Noxious Weed Act*, leafy spurge is one that poses a serious threat of invading pastures and permanent grasslands. Leafy spurge is a long lived, deep-rooted perennial plant that continues to spread and is very prevalent in many areas of the municipality. The municipality is attempting to establish a multi-jurisdictional Weed Management Area with adjacent municipalities to try to address this issue. There is a group called the North Plains Leafy Spurge group that has a limited amount of chemical, at no cost, available to landowners for spraying Leafy Spurge. The municipality provided them with a grant last year to support their efforts. For more information regarding this or to arrange to pick up some chemical, please call Nelson Sabine at 731-3412.

Another noxious weed that poses a serious threat is scentless chamomile. Other names for the weed are wild daisy, scentless mayweed, false chamomile, Kandahar daisy or barnyard daisy. It is most often seen in marginal habitats such as roadsides, farmyards and slough margins, but it also occurs in cropland. Scentless chamomile may grow as a summer annual, germinating and flowering in the same year, or as a winter annual, germinating late one year and flowering in the next. There is also a short-lived perennial form.

Greater movement of materials, particularly grain and hay by road transport, has increased the opportunity for "hitch-hiking" weed seeds to drop and to establish new infestations on road right-of-ways. Eradicating weeds as soon as possible after introduction is better, both economically and environmentally, than waiting until they become well established before management begins.

There are many other plants that may or may not be regulated by either federal or provincial legislation that can be considered to be invasive alien plants. For more information on Invasive Plant Species, including noxious weeds, identification and control measures please contact the municipal office, the Weed Inspector or visit the Ministry of Agriculture Website at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca and follow the production/crops-weeds links.



Leafy Spurge



Scentless Chamomile
Flower



Scentless Chamomile
Seedling