

R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING MARCH 31ST, 2006

The Finance Committee for the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 convened their committee meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office, on the morning of Friday, March 31st, 2006 at 10:10 a.m. with Chairman Mike Brodziak presiding.

Present:	Chairman:	Mike Brodziak
	Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
	Councillors:	Ed Thorpe, Bill Marquardt
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Foreman:	Adri Vandeven
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper

The Administrator reviewed in detail, the draft 2006 budget and 2005 un-audited actual to date.

The committee discussed sand sealing Old #11 highway by stacking the funding from the New Deal Grant (Infrastructure Investment Plan) and the MRIF Grant – Grant \$200,000. Project estimated cost is \$400,000 for sand sealing. Committee discussed mulching under the pavement to make it easier to maintain. Estimated cost to mulch the pavement is \$7.00/square yard or \$100,000/square mile. Straight mulching is \$1.00/square yard and then it would require extensive packing and grading.

Municipality Bridge Report:

The committee discussed the bridge report summary from the Sask Highways and Transportation regarding the inspection of all the bridges in the municipality. The committee decided that they would require more time to review the projects and that administration could revise the summary to include the class of road, traffic count and the number of piles required for each project. The bridge report is to be reviewed at the next finance committee meeting to identify project priorities and the overall implementation plan.

Meeting with Dept. of Highways – Old #11 Hwy:

The Committee recessed the finance committee meeting to commence a meeting with Dave Sterns and Doug Kelly with the Department of Highways to discuss the possibility of the province taking over Old #11 highway.

The Reeve went through the presentation he made to the Minister of Highways at the 2006 SARM Convention. He reviewed changes over the years regarding traffic patterns and future tourism initiatives which have had a significant increase to traffic on this roadway, as well as, the 2003 traffic study.

Sask Highways indicated that they are not able to take over the highway as they are currently unable to keep up with the existing provincial highway system and the repairs warranted. They recommended that the municipality put an overlay on the highway as it seems to be top failure, not bottom failure. Which ever topping is selected it needs to address the blocking that is present as part of the top failure, otherwise the roadway will remain as rough as it is now. The members of council discussed possible solutions for the road including a partnership with Highways. Various topping options were reviewed with the committee members present. Highways representatives indicated they would drive the road on their way back to Regina and provide a letter with their recommendation regarding the best topping choice.

Next Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

Hipkin: "That we adjourn this meeting at 3:45 p.m."

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Chairman


Administrator