

**R.M. OF LUMSDEN NO. 189
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 28th, 2008**

The Lumsden Rural Municipal Finance Committee convened their budget meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office, on the afternoon of Friday, March 28th, 2008 at 1:09 p.m. with Chairman Bill Marquardt presiding.

Present:	Chairman:	Bill Marquardt
	Reeve:	Jim Hipkin
	Councillor:	Kent Farago, Jim Atcheson,
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
	Public Works Mgr:	Adri Vandeven

2008 Budget Discussions:

The Committee reviewed the Divisional budgets submitted by all Councillors and prioritized submitted projects.

The Administrator went through the proposed budget increases for the 2008 year.

The Committee discussed the possibility of future gravel options from Barry Clemens, required access to the gravel, etc.

The Committee agreed to look into the rental or a lease of a skid steer for 3 months as opposed to purchasing.

Leased Cat 163H Grader:

Hipkin: "That we recommend to council that we return the leased Cat 163H Grader on April 30th, 2008 instead of purchasing the machine with a lease buyout price of \$187,048.06 since there is no additional warranty available for the future use of the machine."

CARRIED

Skid Steer Rental Quotes:

Hipkin: "That we agree to obtain quotes from Kramer, Redhead and Brandt on the lease or rental of a skid steer for a period of 3 months along with quotes on an attachment for the Skid Steer for Brush Removal."

CARRIED

Capital Budget Items:

Farago: "That we agree the following capital items should be kept in the 2008 budget:

- Global Positioning Units for all Graders and the Tractor at a cost of about \$12,000 (equipment purchase and operation of units for the year)
- New Tractor due to safety concerns with the New Holland the municipality currently has
- Weed Sprayer attachment for the Tractor at an estimated cost of \$4,500 to spray noxious weeds on municipal road allowances."

CARRIED

Leafy Spurge on Provincial Land:

Farago: "That we authorize the Administrator to send a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the committee's concern over the noxious weed, leafy spurge that exists in the community pasture and that the committee would like to see the situation cleared up."

CARRIED

North Plains Leafy Spurge Group – Support:

Farago: "That we recommend to council to support the North Plains Leafy Spurge Group with \$5,000.00 for the 2008 year to aide in their efforts to control Leafy Spurge."

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North Plains Leafy Spurge Group – Support:

Hipkin: "That we recommend to council to support the North Plains Leafy Spurge Group with \$3,000.00 for the 2008 year to aide in their efforts to control Leafy Spurge."

CARRIED

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Next Finance Committee Meeting:


Farago: "That we agree to hold the next finance committee budget meeting on Friday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m."

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Atcheson: "That we adjourn this meeting at 6:05 p.m."

CARRIED


Reeve


Administrator