

**R.M. OF LUMSDEN NO. 189
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 10th, 2009**

The Lumsden Rural Municipal Council convened their regular meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office, on Thursday, December 10th, 2009 at 1:20 p.m. with Reeve Jim Hipkin presiding.

Present: Reeve: Jim Hipkin
Councillor: Kent Farago, Al Szeles, Jim Atcheson,
Bill Marquardt (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)
Administrator: Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator: Darcie Cooper
Mgr. of Public Works: Don Barnett

Absent: Councillor: Dale Srochenski, Tom Harrison

Minutes:

445-09 Atcheson: "That the minutes of the November 26th regular meeting be approved as circulated." **CARRIED**

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446-09 Marquardt: "That the minutes of the Weber Rezoning Public Hearing on November 26th be approved as circulated." **CARRIED**

Delegations:

1:30pm Sara Cockwill, Administrator for the Lumsden and District Heritage Home, appeared before council to discuss the financial situation of the Heritage Home.

2:10pm Jim Rollins appeared before council to discuss dust control options for the municipality and plans for road improvements for Russell Hill Road.

Correspondence:

447-09 Farago: "That the attached list of correspondence and reports have been reviewed and the Administrator is authorized to file the same accordingly.

- A. Dudley & Co. – Ltr. re: TCA policies
- B. Citizenship & Immigration Cda – Ltr. re: 2010 Multiculturalism Award
- C. SARM – Ltr. re: 2010 Lt. Governor's Award for Outstanding Service
- D. Southeast Reg. Library – invitation to 3rd Annual Building Bridges Round Dance
- E. Misc. Publications." **CARRIED**

Accounts to be Approved:

448-09 Marquardt: "That the list of accounts attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes and totalling \$51,000.22 plus council remunerations is hereby approved for payment by the Reeve and Administrator." **CARRIED**

Bank Reconciliation & Financial Statement:

449-09 Atcheson: "That the Bank Reconciliation and the Financial Statement for the period ending November 30th, 2009 be accepted as submitted." **CARRIED**

Manager of Public Works Report:

Don Barnett, Manager of Public Works provided a verbal and written report on various public works issues.

450-09 Atcheson: "That the Manager of Public Works report be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Administrator's Report:

Administrator, Wayne Zerff provided a verbal report on various administrative issues.

451-09 Marquardt: "That the Administrator's verbal report be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Gravel Crushing Quotes:

452-09 Farago: "That we authorize the Manager of Public Works, Don Barnett to get quotes for 2010 gravel crushing pricing for 25,000 cubic yards." **CARRIED**

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Auditor's Reports:

453-09 Szeles: "That we acknowledge and sign the audit planning letter, outlining accounting and auditing procedures, received from Dudley & Company for the 2009 Audit."

CARRIED**Southeast Regional Library – 1st Instalment:**

454-09 Farago: "That we authorize payment to the Southeast Regional Library for the 1st instalment of the 2010 Library Fees, in the amount of 7,223.88."

CARRIED**Assessment of Farm Residences:**

455-09 Atcheson: "That we authorize the Administrator to request that the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency assess all Farm Residences throughout the municipality, as SAMA will not be providing the full physical reassessment of the municipality this year as previously indicated."

CARRIED**SARM Property Self-Insurance Plan Participation:**

456-09 Szeles: "That we agree to participate in the SARM Property Self Insurance Program and pay the premium in the amount of \$5,837.25 for the 2010 year."

CARRIED**SARM 2010 Membership Fees:**

457-09 Farago: "That we agree to pay the invoice from SARM in the amount of \$3,197.50 plus GST for the 2010 SARM Membership Fees."

CARRIED**SARM Fidelity Bond Self-Insurance Plan:**

458-09 Atcheson: "That we agree to pay \$50.00 to the SARM Fidelity Bond Self-Insurance Plan for the 2010 year."

CARRIED**SARM Liability Self-Insurance Plan:**

459-09 Szeles: That we agree to participate in the 2010 SARM Liability Self-Insurance Plan (\$3,000,000 basic coverage) at the cost of \$2,767.69."

CARRIED**SARM Excess Liability Insurance:**

460-09 Marquardt: That we agree to purchase Excess Liability Insurance coverage for 2010 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 at a cost \$921.00."

CARRIED**SARM Benefits Plan (Short-Term Disability Benefits):**

461-09 Atcheson: "That we agree to renew the SARM Benefits Plan for the public works employees in the amount of \$3,301.39 for the 2010 year."

CARRIED**Support SARM Resolution – Lumsden & District Heritage Home:**

462-09 Farago: "That we agree to support the Rural Municipality of Pense No. 160 resolution to the SARM Annual Convention regarding lobbying the Provincial Government and the Ministry of Health to ensure adequate funding for the operational costs of municipally owned long-term health care facilities so that operational deficits do not become the financial burden to municipalities."

CARRIED**2010 Council Indemnity:**

463-09 Marquardt: "That we agree the Council Indemnity rate of remuneration for 2010 be as follows:

- * \$120.00 per day for Councillors attending council meetings and public works supervision,
- * \$160.00 per day for the Reeve attending council meetings, public works supervision and for office supervision as provided in Section 82 of The Municipalities Act,
- * For all other meetings attended by the Reeve and Councillors on behalf of the municipality including "Special Ratepayer's Meetings" and other such meetings called by council from time to time and dealing with specific municipal programs the same rates shall apply; and
- * That a rate of 44 cents per kilometre be designated for reimbursement of all travel necessary for attendance of the aforementioned meetings and supervision.
- * That rooms be reimbursed only when meetings require an overnight stay
- * That meals be reimbursed when attending municipal business and regular or special Council meetings when the meeting time exceeds 5 hours
- * That the per day per diem be based on a meeting time period of exceeding 3 hours and meetings of 3 hours in length or less be considered a 1/2 day."

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2010 Custom Work Rates:

464-09 Farago: "That we agree to set the 2010 custom work rates performed with municipal equipment, as detailed below, with these rates to be reviewed on an annual basis, which reflects no increase over 2009:

- \$100.00 minimum for the 1st hour and \$50.00 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 be recorded in a bill book and submitted to the office for invoicing,
- Any unpaid monies will be added to the ratepayer's taxes."

CARRIED**2010 Community Grant Program Allocations:**

465-09 Farago: "That in consideration of the anticipated requests by adjacent communities and organizations for a share our municipal population for funding under the Community Grant Program, we agree to allocate our population as follows for the 2010 year:

*	Lumsden	1043	
*	Regina Beach	113	
*	Lumsden Beach	32	
*	Valley View	439	; and

That the allocations are based on the 2006 Census population figures."

CARRIED**Human Resource Policy Manual Amendment – Bereavement Leave:**

466-09 Atcheson: "That we agree to amend Section 6.00 of the Human Resource Policy Manual by adding "grandfather, grandmother, grandson, and granddaughter" to the section granting 3 days paid leave and removing the words from the one day paid leave section; and

That we add the words "aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews" to the one day paid leave section."

CARRIED**RDARM Annual Meeting and Membership:**

467-09 Marquardt: "That we approve the payment of \$90.00 to the Regina District Association of Rural Municipalities for our 2010 membership; and

That we authorize all interested representatives to attend the RDARM Annual Meeting on January 7 - 8, 2010 in Regina, with costs to be reimbursed by the municipality."

CARRIED**Nature Conservancy Easement – Gaube:**

468-09 Farago: "That we request that the Nature Conservancy of Canada move the easement back from the road allowance an additional 42 feet to allow for possible future road construction for road right of way on land legally described as NW 06-19-21-W2."

CARRIED**Disley Aerodrome Signage:**

469-09 Marquardt: "That we authorize the Manager of Public Works to purchase 2 signs indicating a warning of low flying aircraft for the Disley Aerodrome, as requested by Victor Zubot and required by the Canadian Air Regulations; and

That one sign be erected North of the runway and one sign be erected South of the runway on the East end of the runway, known as runway 28 and located on land legally described as NE 30-19-22-W2."

CARRIED**Request for Penalty Cancellation – Thue:**

470-09 Farago: "That we deny Fred & Linda Thue's request for cancellation of the penalties incurred for taxes in arrears; and

That we encourage Fred & Linda Thue to accept the tax payment plan as outlined by the Administrator in his letter dated October 13, 2009 to halt further tax enforcement proceedings."

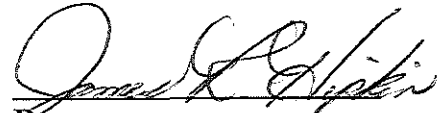
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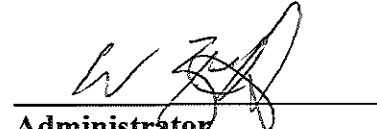
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Adjournment:

471-09 Atcheson: "That we adjourn this meeting at 5:10 p.m."

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Administrator