

TOWN OF LUMSDEN / R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16TH, 2018 JOINT COUNCIL SUPPER MEETING

The Town of Lumsden Council hosted the Joint Council Supper meeting for Council members of the Town of Lumsden and R.M. of Lumsden No. 189, held at the River Park meeting room, on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. with Mayor Bryan Matheson presiding.

Present: Mayor, Chair: Bryan Matheson
Deputy Reeve: Cody Jordison
RM Councillors: Charlene Richmond, Ed Thorpe, Cody Garbutt
Town Councillors: Jane Cogger, Wes Holobetz, Rhonda Phillips, Byron Tumbach, Verne Barber

Staff:
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica Merkosky
Asst. Administrator: Krystal Strong
Financial Officer: Sheena Carrick
Community Planner: Luke Grazier
RM Manager of Public Works: Leighton Watts

Dignitaries:
Honourable Lyle Stewart, MLA for Lumsden-Morse & Minister Responsible for Sask. Crop Insurance Corp. and Minister of Agriculture

Absent: Reeve: Kent Farago
RM Councillors: Jeremy Andrew, John Langford
Town Councillor: Dave Cameron

The group had a catered supper at 6:15 p.m. with the official meeting commencing at 6:50 p.m.

Joint Administration History:

Councillor Verne Barber presented a document outlining how the Joint Administration of the Town and RM of Lumsden came to be. The document is attached to these minutes.

Remarks from the Honourable Lyle Stewart:

Mr. Stewart thanked councils for the invitation and praised the great Joint Administration model in place.

Current Issues for Discussion:

Mayor Matheson brought the following items to Mr. Stewart's attention:

- Requirement to publish public notices in a local newspaper. Not all small municipalities have a local paper. Sometimes the nearest newspaper is far enough away that locals don't read it, but public notices are required to be published in the nearest paper. Legislation should be updated to reflect the new digital age and other methods available for advertising, such as local mail outs. Councils should consider promoting this issue at the upcoming SARM and SUMA conventions.
- Marijuana legalization. Need more leadership and guidance from the government.
- Landfill studies. The Town was required to spend \$10,000 on a study to determine if the landfill could remain open. The result of the study was that the Landfill is in great shape and has a remaining lifespan of approximately 75 years. The Town is now being required to spend an additional \$17,000 for a decommissioning plan. If decommissioning will not take place for 75 years, why is the plan required now and will a 75-year-old plan be acceptable in the future?

Councillor Byron Tumbach discussed the wildfires in Saskatchewan and inquired if there was any provincial support or a task force set up to provide fire-fighting training at the local level.

Minutes:

Jordison/Holobetz: "That we approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 Joint Council supper meeting, as circulated."
CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES:

Town of Lumsden –Wastewater Treatment System Update:

Councillor, Rhonda Phillips, provided a verbal update on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. The engineers are completing the detailed design and it should be ready to tender in a month or two. The required permit applications are underway. The goal is to start construction May 1, 2018 and be complete



by 2020. The plant is being designed for future installation of solar panels as a power source.

The Town was recently approached by Living Sky Water Solutions with a proposal for a new wastewater treatment facility. The proposal quote was for 8 million dollars. Members of Town council and staff gathered more information about the proposal and learned that there were many aspects of the proposal that could not work for Lumsden; including the use of the current lagoons (the Town is required to decommission the exfiltration lagoons that are currently operating at capacity) and the discharge into the river.

Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic (QVN) Recreational Facility Update:

Councillor, Rhonda Phillips, provided a verbal report on the Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic Recreational Facility. QVN would like to pave their 1.5 km track but have asked administration to review the signed, land use agreement and ensure they would not be breaching the agreement by doing so. They would like to coordinate the paving with the Town of Lumsden's paving schedule in 2018. The paved track would allow wheelchair athletes to train at the facility. Stadium lights have been installed (run by generator in the short term) and securing power/water/sewer utilities is the priority of the club.

Library Relocation / Municipal Office Renovation Update:

Mayor Bryan Matheson, presented a written report from Community Coordinator Chris Exner updating councils on the progress of the library relocation and municipal office renovation. This report is attached to these minutes.

FAE Mulcher – Gravel Roads:

Deputy Reeve, Cody Jordison, provided a verbal report on the FAE Mulcher being purchased by the RM in order to rehabilitate gravel roads. The mulcher is an exciting purchase for the RM and they look forward to the improvement of municipal roads.

Adjournment:

Thorpe/Cogger: "That this meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m."

CARRIED


Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer