



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF
L U M S D E N
No. 189

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Public Works Committee Meeting December 6, 2019 - 01:00 PM

Call to Order

The Public Works Committee of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 1:03 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Cody Jordison
Reeve: Kent Farago
Councillor: Cody Garbutt
Non-Committee Member: Councillor Derek Neuls
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky
Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (left at 2:50pm)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Garbutt

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

September 25, 2019 - Public Works Committee Meeting

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That the minutes of the September 25, 2019 - Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Public Works Manager Report

MULCHING PROGRAM

- encountered some mechanical failures with the FAE Mulcher spray system which delayed us to the beginning of July. The mechanical delays were caused by several issues, first being that the problem was an intermittent electrical issue with the automatic flow control, it was finally discovered to be a poor ground inside the sealed control panel.
- suggested that we inform Redhead of our difficulties with the language barrier experienced with their technicians in Quebec.
- 5 miles were mulched on Russell Hill Grid and a very small portion on Pense Grid.

ROADS

- Due to the significant rain falls we encountered this summer, there was a few roads that were near impassible, these roads have been addressed and are in good condition going into freeze up. Regina Beach Lagoon road and Pense Grid were the worst.
- SARM has guidelines for road maintenance on their website. A few years ago, "Evolution" was contracted to train our staff regarding road maintenance.

BRIDGES (22 in total)

- an assessment has been completed with regard to bridge condition. The bridges of concern will have maintenance/upgrades completed by the end of this winter; there are 2 that require 'pile' work.
- Asset Management practices will assist in determining life span and replacement cost so that we can properly fund the Bridge Reserve.

CULVERTS

- we have an adequate inventory of culverts that were purchased when prices were low.

GRAVEL

- approximately 20,000 yards were spread throughout the entire RM.

SIGNS

- Most of the township and range road signs have been installed, rest will be completed this fall.

MOWING

- we were very fortunate to get 2 passes cut on all gravel roads and most of the major grids cut to the fields.

OVERVIEW

- a concern was made that depreciation, maintenance, etc. is not being considered in the calculation of how much it costs to mulch each mile. It was suggested that a comparison be made between the contracted Zehner project vs. our mulching program.

Analysis of Mulching Program

Moved by: Councillor Garbutt

"That we recommend to Council to have Administration provide a high-level analysis of the cost to operate the mulching program per mile." **CARRIED**

Public Works Report

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we accept the Public Works Report as presented." **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business

Regina Beach Road Maintenance Agreement

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we recommend to Council to direct MPE to prepare a quote where the scope of work is for preliminary design and a construction estimate to rebuild and pave 1.5 miles of Lagoon Haul Road (2223)." **CARRIED**

New Business

New Building Canada Fund - Scope Change - Pense Grid

Moved by: Councillor Garbutt

"That we recommend to Council to approve a scope change to the Zehner Grid project to include 7.5 miles of Pense Grid as per the attached report labeled "Schedule A"." **CARRIED**

Review 2019 Capital Projects / Purchases

The Committee reviewed the status of 2019 capital purchases and projects.

2020 Forecast

GRADERS

It was discussed that we may want to consider keeping our graders longer than 5 years.

BRIDGES

Looking forward to having our bridge replacement plan in place to ensure adequate funding in the Bridge Reserve.

ROADS

Rebuilding 7.5 miles of Pense Grid in 2020 will have a significant impact on the Roads Reserve.

EQUIPMENT

The Public Works Manager will get a price for a Plow Truck prior to 2020 budget discussions.

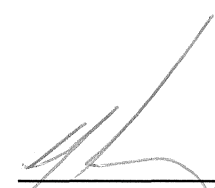
Review Current Public Works Staffing

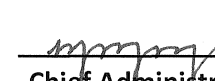
Committee requested that Administration calculate the additional cost to retain all seasonal staff over the entire year.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Garbutt

"That we adjourn the meeting at 3:27 pm." **CARRIED**



Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer

**New Building Canada Fund - Scope Change - Add Pense Grid
November 30, 2019**

Schedule A

Anticipated Expenditures: Zehner Grid Recap

Cummins & Son Contract	\$	480,000
Engineering	\$	65,000
Culverts	\$	33,500
Clay	\$	13,000
Signage	\$	6,500
Environmental Assessment	\$	2,000

Anticipated Cost for 5 Miles:	<u>\$ 600,000</u>	RM \$ 200,000
		Can \$ 200,000 (\$154,208 left on table)
		SK \$ 200,000 (\$154,208 left on table)

Possible Addition of Pense Grid Recap - 7.5 Miles (to utilize remaining grant funding \$308,416)

Contract	\$	720,000
Engineering	\$	80,000
Clay	\$	50,000
Culverts	\$	15,000
Signage	\$	6,500
Environmental Assessment	\$	3,500

Anticipated Cost for 7.5 Miles: **\$ 875,000** (To complete our entire portion of Pense Grid)

Sum of both projects: \$ 1,475,000

Secured Funding:	\$	354,208	RM - Already in Reserves
	\$	354,208	Can - Grant
	\$	354,208	SK - Grant
	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,062,624</u>	

Remaining to be Funded: \$ 412,376 RM Responsibility

There are adequate funds in the Infrastructure Reserve to finance this project for completion in 2020.
See attached projection.

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