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*"The only thing better
than today in
Saskatchewan is
tomorrow."*

*Premier Brad Wall's
speech at SUMA
Convention*

Open House

The RM hosted an Open House on April 21, 2009 to have the public come and see the new office space and board chambers. Council and employees manned the barbecues serving hamburgers and salads to all those who attended. Doris Stamnes decorated a cake for the opening which quickly disappeared. Approximately 160 people were in attendance. Door prizes were donated by several of the municipality's equipment dealers. Council appreciated having retired Reeves Bruce Book and Stuart Ector, councilors Arnold Carlson and Dale Lemcke in attendance.

The municipality began the renovations in late October 2008 and completed work in April of 2009. Garry Stone supervised the project using our existing staff to assist in the construction. Garry's talent as a carpenter shone through all phases of the project. We increased the floor space in the office and much needed storage as well. Chambers moved into the old office space which also gave them the much needed extra room.

The project was done in conjunction with the New Deals Gas Tax Program. Energy efficient windows, doors, furnace and water heater were all installed.

January Meeting Highlights

At our January meeting the following councilors were appointed as representatives: 2009 Municipal delegates: Garry Stone and Brian Brown; SMHI delegate: Donald Chernick; Alternate municipal delegate: Kevin Vollmer; Outlook Veterinary Board – Donald Spence; Central Butte Health Foundation Board – Donald Chernick; Recreation Boards: Hawarden – Donald Spence, Strongfield – Rod Vollmer, Loreburn – Brian Brown, Elbow – Donald Chernick; Danielson & Douglas Parks Committee – Donald Chernick; RCMP Community Initiatives – Rod Vollmer; District ADD Board – Garry Book; Outlook Health Foundation Board – Garry Stone; SK Watershed Stewards Board – Garry Stone.

Julie Dukat was appointed as Weed Inspector for the municipality for 2009.

The municipality renewed membership in SARM and purchased the following programs through SARM – Fidelity & Bond Insurance, Liability Insurance, Short and Long Term Disability Insurance, Extended Health & Dental Benefits.

The municipality assisted the Elbow and Loreburn library with their extra hours of opening costs.

Council will set up a meeting at the SARM Convention to meet with Highways to discuss gravel exploration in the vicinity of the current gravel pit.

February Meeting Highlights

Council renewed their contract with Loraas Disposal to supply bins at the Elbow nuisance grounds.

Funding was applied for under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) for the following projects: 1) Installation of a new culvert in the Cutbank Grid; 2) Installation of a new culvert in the Strongfield Grid; 3) Clay capping on 2 miles of the Cutbank Grid; 4) Building of a fence around the perimeter of the RM nuisance grounds.

All Board of Revision members will be contacted to see if they will serve on the Board for 2009. Rosalie Bender was appointed as Secretary for the board.



March Meeting Highlights

The following members were appointed to the municipality's Board of Revision for 2009: Keith Forrest, Dale Lemcke, Murray Friend and Rob Hundebly. All members were invited to attend the Board of Revision workshop in Saskatoon.

Council decided to tender for sale the old board room table and chairs.

The municipality's tractor was made available to the Loreburn Rec Board for assisting in the removal of the artificial ice.

Kevin Vollmer, Brian Brown, Rod Vollmer and Donald Spence were appointed to form our Road Ban Committee for 2009.

The municipality's fuel needs will be tendered using an invitational tendering process.

The Yellow Rose will assist the municipality with our gravel exploration.

SARM Convention and SMHI delegates gave their Convention reports.

Council will be submitting Kevin Vollmer's name to run for a position on the Executive Board of the Waterwolf Regional Planning District Committee. We also submitted our membership fee to the Planning District. We will contact Waterwolf to see if they will assist the municipality in redoing our Zoning Bylaw and Basic Planning Statement in conjunction with SK Watershed.

We will be making application under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component to rebuild the Cutbank Grid to primary weight standards.



Back L: Councillor Rod Vollmer, Donald Chernick, Donald Spence, Brian Brown, Garry Stone, and Reeve Kevin Vollmer. Front L: Retired - Reeve Bruce Book, Councillor Arnold Carlson, Dale Lemcke and Reeve Stuart Ector

Municipal Highlights

2009 Reassessment

The municipality has been going through some exciting changes this year with the office renovation. We are also going through a revaluation year in 2009. The entire province is being reassessed. Assessment notices were in the mail on April 24th and assessment appeals will be received until June 24th. Our municipality is not seeing any substantial shifts. The majority of agricultural land is going up 10% across the board which in turn should mean we will not see much of a change in taxes.



Office 2009, after renovation.

Education Taxes for 2009

The government announced in the 2009 budget that the province will be setting the 2009 education property tax mill rates. How does this affect you? For 2009 all agricultural property will be 7.08 mills; for all residential property, 10.08 mills. For information on Commercial property, please contact our office as it is tiered upon your taxable assessment. (644-2022)

2009 SK Grid Road Maps

We now have the new **2009 SK Grid Road Maps** in the office. They are \$2.00 each.

Gopher Control

The municipality has received **2% Liquid Strychnine** again this year. It is in the office and is \$7.25 per bottle.

Upcoming Events

18th Lions Annual Provincial Farmer's Golf Tournament

When: July 8th

Where: Elbow Harbor Golf Course & Resort

Registration Fee is \$70.00. Includes breakfast, 18 holes of golfing, limited edition souvenir, supper and a prize. Breakfast starts at 8.30 a.m. and shotgun start at 11.00 p.m. Contact Blaine Stronski @ 644-2077 or 644-2165

Lakeshore Stampede Rodeo

When: July 17, 18, 29, 2009

Where: Elbow, SK

Loreburn 100th Birthday Celebration

When: June 27, 2009

Where: Loreburn, SK

Starts with a Pancake Breakfast at 10 a.m. Kids Activities, Horseshoes, Volleyball, Beer Gardens, Supper and Dance to Billy Bob. Fireworks at dark.

SARM Convention 2009

Over 1800 people attended SARM Convention 2009. There was good debate on a number of resolutions. Resolutions are the heart of our conventions and it is always interesting to hear the debate. Resolutions passed at convention can be found on SARM's website www.sarm.ca under "policy". As responses to the resolutions are received from the Province and Federal Government, they are posted on our website.

The Premier's address and the Bear Pit Session are always an interesting and well attended part of convention. As one of the delegates put it, "it was a love-in", with the Premier receiving a standing ovation from the delegates without a single new promise.

All members of the SARM Board who were up for election this year were returned by acclamation. Ken Engel, SARM Executive Director, is quoted as saying "I see this as a vote of confidence in our President and Vice-President and Directors. There is a lot of work to be done but the burden is always lighter if they know they have the support of the members."