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New Rates

Due to increasing costs the municipality has raised their custom rates for 2008 to:

	Ratepayers	Non-ratepayers
Patrol	75.00	100.00
Dozer	100.00	125.00
Terex	115.00	150.00

January

Council made a motion to apply for funding under the New Deals Program to assist in a retro fit for our municipal office. Garry Stone, Garry Book and Donald Chernick formed a committee to get prices and information on the office expansion.

A motion was made to get information from our engineers and the Village of Elbow to obtain a cost estimate on the Village of Elbow's request to build road for them in 2008.

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SARM Convention Highlights

Reeve Kevin Vollmer and Councillors Brian Brown, Garry Book, Rod Vollmer and Donald Chernick attended SARM Convention. Councilors Brown and Vollmer were the municipality's official voting delegates. Councillor Donald Chernick also attended as the representative to the Sask Municipal Hail Insurance official delegate. The Administrator was also in attendance.

SARM Convention was held in Regina starting on March 10th. Something new for the delegates was the location, we were at the IPSCO centre for the first time. It was much appreciated as there was considerably more room for all the delegates.

Your council met with the Clearing the Path Committee to discuss getting the Cutbank Grid, Heavy Haul road being included in the Phase II Primary Weight road plan. This would make the route from Highway 15, through the RM of Rudy, Loreburn and Willner eligible for primary weights. CTP has obtained 50% funding for road construction on these routes and the government will pay \$1,000 per km.

Of concern was the issue of Operator Certification under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This certification comes into effect on October 9, 2008 and all operators of equipment over 5 hp must be certified.

Brad Wall addressed the delegates on Tuesday morning. The Bear Pit session was Wednesday morning and was very uneventful. Everyone seemed to be willing to give them time to implement much awaited change promised during the election.

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Council set the regular monthly meeting for the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the RM Office in Loreburn. Our next meeting was scheduled for February 6, 2008 at 1.00 p.m. in the RM Office as the Administrator will be away on holidays.

AMEC Infrastructure Ltd. were appointed as the municipalities engineers for 2008.

The following representatives were appointed for 2008, Municipal Delegates: Garry Stone and Rod Vollmer, Hail Delegate- Donald Spence, Alternate – Kevin Vollmer; Outlook Vet Board – Donald Spence; Central Butte Health Foundation Board – Donald Chernick; EMO – Kevin Vollmer, Recreation Boards, Elbow- Donald Chernick, Loreburn-Brian Brown, Strongfield- Rod Vollmer, Hawarden-Donald Spence; Parks Committee-Donald Chernick; RCMP Initiatives Committee-Rod Vollmer; ADD Board-Garry Book; Outlook Health Foundation Board-Garry Stone; Outlook Health Building Committee-Garry Stone, SK Watershed Stewards-Garry Stone.

Julie Dukat was appointed as Weed Inspector. Bruce Book, Ronald Bartel, Greg Bristow, Keith Forrest and Murray Friend were appointed to act as board members for the Board of Revision

Council sent a request to SK Ag to cancel leases 225026, LLB254020, and 200864 as they owe more than one year's taxes.

Council renewed the Software support and Equipment maintenance agreement with Munisoft.

Motions were made to purchase the SARM Fidelity Bond, SARM Liability Insurance, SARM membership. A motion was made to pay ½ the employees premiums for SARM Short Term Disability and Extended Health and Dental Benefits and none of the premiums for SARM Long Term Disability and the balance of these premiums will be paid by the employees. A motion was made to not contribute to the SARM Federal Lobbyist.

The municipality agrees to increase our share of the recycling costs with the Village of Loreburn to 33%.

A request will be made to the Clearing the Path Committee to include the Heavy Haul Road in the proposed primary route Phase II.

Council accepted the repair and replacement of the

undercarriage on the D6R Cat by Redhead Equip.

A motion was made to give employees a \$5,000.00 salary increase over their 2007 salaries.

Council made a motion to notify the Village of Elbow that the municipality does not know of any additional developments, other than the Jukes subdivision, which may be making demands on their infrastructure.

The Administrator was directed to attend the Labour Standards Act seminar on March 7, 2008. Kevin Vollmer, Garry Book and Nona Stronski will attend the workshop in Outlook to discuss common bylaws and planning objectives for our area.

A motion was made to cancel the 2007 taxes on land owned by SK Ag which is vacant.

Council agreed to give The Yellow Rose an advance on their 2008 contract.

Custom rates were reviewed and raised.

February

Kevin Vollmer agreed to participate on the Gardiner Dam Agri-Energy tour to South Dakota.

Rosalie Bender was appointed to act as Secretary to the Board of Revision.

Ron Savidan was hired to act as Pest Control Officer for 2008. Brian Simonson was hired to be our mower operator for 2008.

A motion was made asking the Loreburn Rec Board to get a quote on upgrading the lighting system in the Loreburn Rink to energy efficient lighting and we will attempt to get the balance of our New Deals funding for this project. We also agreed to donate \$1,500.00 to the Community Rink fund raiser for 2008.

The SE 08-27-05 W3 was tendered and sold to Norman Langager, as he was the highest tender.

Council agreed to pay the Outlook Veterinary Board our 2008 levy of \$2,000.00.

The Worker's Compensation coverage level was set at the minimum rate for 2008.

Darryl Norrish and Dwayne Stamnes will attend the Road Construction and Gravel Retention workshop in March.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: ELBOW
DATE: JULY 18, 19 & 20
Lakeshore Rodeo.

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: LOREBURN
TIME: JULY 9
Loreburn Lions Farmers' Golf Tournament.

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: LOREBURN CENTRAL SCHOOL
DATE: JUNE 6 – 7, 2008
Lake Diefenbaker RELAY FOR LIFE

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE
TIME
Your event could be here.

Approval was given for the proposed routing of the water pipeline to the Jukes subdivision.

Don Chernick was appointed as our Hail representative to SMHI AGM. Permitting the weather and roads are good, Darryl Norrish and Bruce Hagen will be invited to attend the SARM Convention on March 12 & 13th.

The Municipality agrees to join the planning District with the towns and municipalities in the surrounding area who wish to join which will be formed under the direction of Waterwolf.

Anyone wishing a copy of the Zoning Bylaw and proposed amendment will be charged \$5.00.

Bylaw No. 01/2008, a bylaw to amend our Zoning bylaw was given its first reading. A public meeting will be held for anyone wishing to address the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw on March 19th. The Administrator is authorized to advertise the notice of the municipality's intent to amend the Zoning Bylaw.

Our next meeting is set for March 19, 2008 at 1.00 p.m. as the regular date conflicts with SARM Convention.

Council agreed to keep the road open south of Lionel Ector's plant

MARCH

The municipality agrees to meet with the Villages to discuss the Loraas disposal services.

Road Construction cost estimates received from AMEC will be forwarded to the Village of Elbow and a request to proceed with this construction must be received by April 9, 2008.

Council requests the Village of Elbow address the cost issue of the proposed lagoon development as we have a subdivision application we would like to address.

A motion was made to approve the proposed subdivision of Lots 19A and Lot 19B, Block 1 for residential walkway as it does not change the intent of the plan.

The fuel needs for the municipality will be tendered to the Riverbend Co-Op, Macrorie Co-Op, Mid West Agro and Millsap Holdings, tenders closing April 8, 2008.

We will contact the RM of Rosedale and request a joint submission to have the 4 mile road included in the Clearing the Path Phase II plan.

Delegates gave the SARM Convention Report and a

motion was made to pay the delegates and Administrator's expenses.

The Audited financial statement was submitted by Roabert Tiede was presented to council.

A motion was made to purchase a grader and ½ ton truck in our 2008 budget.

A motion was made for Garry Book to attend the Lake Diefenbaker Watershed meeting and Garry Stone to attend the Provincial Watershed and Aquifer Advisory Committee Workshop.

Council agreed to send Ron Savidan to the SK Pest Control Officer's Assn Annual Seminar in Moose Jaw and pay his costs if he wishes to attend.

Nona Stronski will attend the SAMA Annual Meeting on June 12.

The regular meeting recessed and the Public Meeting to review the Zoning Bylaw amendment began. The Public Meeting adjourned at 2.25 p.m.

Bylaw No. 01/08 amending the Zoning Bylaw was given second and third readings and finally adopted.

A motion was made to renew our membership in the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee for 2008.

No objection was raised for the proposed SK Power Easement.

The letter from the Village of Elbow regarding purchasing a share of the lagoon expansion and agreement to finance the expansion and subsequent operation on a pro-rata basis was tabled.

Kevin Vollmer, Garry Book and Donald Chernick meet with Tom and Rick Jukes to discuss the new subdivision.

Upon receipt of title on the NW 12-27-07 W3, Lot 2 Blk/Par 1 Plan No 60S04637, the municipality will make application under the Orphan Fuel Storage facility clean up program.

Council agrees to enter into an agreement with the Department of Highways & Transportation to provide maintenance work on Highway 44 west at a rate of \$110.00 per hour for 2008.

