

Annual Ratepayers Meeting
RM Beaver River No. 622
June 30, 2016

A public meeting was held on June 30th, 2016 at the Pierceland Community Hall with approximately 62 people in attendance. There was a BBQ Beef on a bun supper scheduled for 6:00 PM, but only 20 tickets were sold so the supper was cancelled.

Coffee and donuts were provided to those attending.

Reeve Joe Rolfes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and advised that there were a few topics that he wanted to cover during the meeting. Administrator Coral Dale was then introduced and spoke a few words.

Coral Dale advised that she would be the facilitator for the meeting. Questions were welcomed, but advised that only one question at a time would be allowed to give everyone attending an opportunity to speak. Additional questions would also be entertained once everyone had a chance to speak. This is not a legal council meeting. Therefore, no suggestions made this evening are binding, but will be used as suggestions at upcoming meetings.

Administrator Dale reviewed the 2016 expenditures to date. The previous mentor had recommended that a 3 year forensic audit be conducted. However, to date a new Audit firm Holm Raiche Oberg from North Battleford has been contacted to perform an interim audit (to June 1, 2016) and then to advise as to whether or not they felt there was a need to go back beyond January 1, 2016. Because of the ongoing audit, the 2015 Annual Financial Statement was not presented at the meeting.

A handout was presented to the meeting containing the following:

- Statement of Financial Activities to May 31, 2016.
- A summary of Lauman's Landing Annual Costs as per previous requests
- Municipal Shop located in Goodsoil.

Reeve Rolfes summarized the following activities:

- NODCA
- Ditch Pulling
- Gravel crushed in Goodsoil – better quality than previous crush. Roads showing some improvement
- Completion of the Goodsoil shop.
- Sale of the house jointly owned by the Village of Goodsoil and the RM of Beaver River No. 622 has been sold and the funds have been donated to the Beaver River Health Care Foundation.
- Questioned whether the RM would consider raising funds for the proposed long term care facility proposed for Meadow Lake as many of our residents would use it.
- Level of taxation compared to Meadow Lake and Loon Lake RM's.
- GPS in graders.

- The date of the meeting was selected in an attempt to encourage Lakeshore landowners to attend since school was out and most would be on their way to the lake.

Questions raised from the floor included the following:

- Is it normal to do an interim audit? *Yes an interim audit is standard when a new administrator takes over.*
- Are we planning to pull ditches every year? *Yes, but hopefully earlier in the year.*
- What was the budgeted cost of the lagoon, the amount of the grant, how much was borrowed and how much interest was paid? *I'm sorry I don't have those numbers at my fingertips, but will get them together and we will publish them in our newsletter.*
- Roads are terrible, not getting graders on a regular basis. *We are changing how we manage our roadwork resources. There will be a more coordinated approach coming out of the office, and therefore, we will be using our resources more effectively. A regular maintenance schedule will be implemented; however there will always be some deviation because of weather and problem areas. Thank you all for your patience as we implement these changes. Gravelling is now completed in the eastern portion of the municipality and underway in the west.*
- What was the original budget for the RM shop, why the cost over-runs? *Only one member of council is around from when the shop was originally planned. The existing council did their best to curb expenditures and get the shop to a point where it could be used. There is still some drywalling and painting to be completed prior to the final electrical work being completed.*
- Advertising of fire bans? *Fire bans are placed in conjunction with the Park. They are advertised on our website and in our newsletter. We have received questions about what kind of fires are banned and we will provide more specific information in any upcoming bans.*
- Questions were raised regarding road use agreements? *We have them in place where we are aware of hauling occurring.*
- Is the GPS grader tracking available to the general public? *Not at this time.*
- Should we consider funding long term care in Alberta since we also have people going there for long term care as well? *It is something to consider. I'm not sure of the logistics for donating across the border.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM with many people visiting and having coffee and donuts following the meeting.