

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARLINGTON NO 79  
 ANNUAL MEETING OF VOTERS- OCTOBER 17, 1988  
 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you will see in the following report, 1988 was a very busy year. Tax collections to September 30 this year are ahead of last year, and the municipality will enter 1989 in a good cash flow position.

Listed below is a table of comparative tax roll information in addition to Schedule 1 which is attached to this report.

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Assessment	6,510,080	6,610,900	6,625,540
Mill Rate (Municipal)	48	48	51
Total Taxes Levied	759,517	767,522	791,028
Arrears at December 31	N/A	16,584	27,190
% of arrears paid at year end	N/A	93.3%	60.9%
% of current taxes collected at September 30	84.8%	82.4%	78.2%
% of tax collections to total taxes due at Dec. 31	NA	97.9%	96.6%

From the above table one can see that tax collections to September 30, 1988 are 2.4% ahead of the collections for the same period last year, and that the mill rate for 1988 was held at 48 mills. Total revenue was less this year due to the reduction in total assessment, which was the result of the new assessment figures being used this year.

In January of 1988, the municipality purchased a micro computer system from Glendyn Consulting Inc. at a total cost of \$10,593. This system consists of a central processor with a 40 meg hard disk drive, a monochrome monitor, and a printer, as well as municipal accounting, spreadsheet, wordprocessor and general ledger software.

This was a very hectic period in the office, since the new assessment figures had arrived at the same time. The new assessments were first posted to the manual system and then balanced. From the updated manual system, all the tax roll information was entered into the computer. Once the information was balanced in the computer, notices of assessment were printed and mailed to all ratepayers. An Open House was held on May 25 to review any ratepayer concerns with their assessments, and ratepayers who wished to appeal their properties were heard by council at the Court of Revision held on June 22.

Council purchahsed a new Schulte Model 1500 Rotary Mower from Southwest Sales with Service Ltd. at a total cost of \$11,884. Thisis a 15 foot mower, which was demonstrated to council in 1987 under a sales promotion put on by Schulte. Council then sold the 15 foot Bush Hog Rotary Mower to the Duncairn Dam Cabin Owners Assoc. for \$1,500.

A new 1988 Champion 740A Motor Grader was purchased in1988 at a total cost of \$132,680. The purchase was financed as follows:

Trade allowance for 1981 Champion 740	\$32,680
Payment of Cash from Capital Trust Fund	85,716
Payment from Revenue	<u>14,284</u>
Total	<u>\$132,680</u>

The 1981 V plow and wing were not traded as they will fit on the new 740A, and council felt they were still in very good condition.

A grant of \$8,000. was made to the Wolf Willow Lodge this year to help with the Reshingling and Renovation of the Nursing Home. Council has committed a further \$54,000. to the Nursing Home, to be paid when construction of the new home commences.

Seven miles of new Main Farm Access road was constructed this year at an estimated cost of \$200,000. The roads constructed were located at N7,8,9,10,11 and 12-9-19, (Project I) and N 7-9-21-W3 (Project K). Project I was constructed by A.J. Harlick Earthmoving Ltd. who submitted the lowest tender of \$112,431.50 which included the cost of one mile of road in the R.M. of Bone Creek, who jointly tendered with this municipality. Project I required the installation of five - 6 foot culverts in Rock Creek at NNW 12-9-19. Project K was tendered jointly with the R. M. of Piapot No. 110, and the tender was awarded to Chinook Earthmoving who submitted the lowest tender of \$192,184. The municipality's estimated share of constructing this mile of road is \$15,000. All of the above work was cost shared with the provincial government on a 70%-30% basis, with the 30% share being the municipality's share. In 1989, the municipality's grant for construction of new Main Farm Access Roads will be reduced from 70% to 60%. This was the major factor which determined the construction of the above roads this year.

A total of 12,046 cyds of gravel was applied this year at an approximate cost of \$69,500. The municipality received a regravelling assistance grant from the provincial government for gravel placed on Grid and Main Farm Access Roads which amounted to \$15,686. The grant was based on one-half the cost of the gravel placed on eligible roads to a maximum of 100 cyd's per mile.

The gravel hauling and loading contract was awarded to Delta Rock and Sand Ltd. The charge for hauling was .21¢ per cyd mile and the loading charge was .35¢ per cyd. Delta agreed to provide a minimum of five semi-trailer trucks to complete the gravelling program.

On Sunday July 17, a 75th anniversary picnic was held at Pine Cree Park. Approximately 140 people attended the picnic and enjoyed B.B.Q. weiners and hamburgers as well as beans for supper. The weatherman did not co-operate that day, and the picnic was interrupted by rain showers. The cost of the supper and souvenir buttons that were provided free of charge was \$1,000.

A new overhead door for the workshop has been ordered from Palliser Overhead Doors of Swift Current. The new door is an insulated door complete with electric opener. The cost of the door installed will be \$4,836.

Council has also purchased four FM radios to be installed as follows:

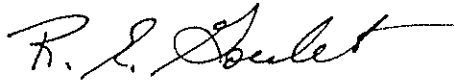
- one in each of the two graders
- one in the utility tractor
- one in the municipal office.

The cost of this system installed will be approximately \$3,000. It was felt that in emergency situations, council would be able to communicate with the employees, and if the employees were in difficulty and needed assistance, they would be able to call the municipal office or each other. The system was purchased from Dashe Communications of Frontier.

The 1988 rates set by council for indemnity were \$80./day and 50¢ per mile (31¢/km) for attending council meetings. The number of meetings attended by each member of council to the end of September this year are as follows:

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Ray Marchand	10	800
Bruce Wedrick	10	800
Maurice Billard	10	800
Don Lundberg	10	800
Alan Stevenson	8	640
Richard Lester	9	720
Herman Kemper	10	800

Respectfully Submitted



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Administrator