

Town of Lumsden Meeting Minutes

Group II Committee Meeting - W/S Rate Review November 13, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Call To Order

The Group II Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:31 pm.

Present:

Chairperson: Wes Holobetz Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Lesia Matheson, Ryan Schindelka Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended via Zoom)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom)

Absent:

Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey Utilities Manager: Gerry Beaurivage

"We are honoured to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Treaty 4 territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis. The Town of Lumsden recognizes the harms of the past and is committed to working together in the spirit of cooperation and reconciliation."

Approval of Agenda

Moved by:- Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Delegation

6:45 pm - 7:04 pm: Gary Hovanak, Fawn Ridge Crescent Drainage

Gary Hovanak appeared before the Committee to discuss his concerns with the drainage in the Fawn Ridge Subdivision.

Financial Reports

Utility Department - Capital Plan

Utility Department - Financial Statement - September 30, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Schindelka Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That we accept the Utility Department Financial Statement for the period ending September 30, 2025, as presented."

Addition of Registered Letter Fee to Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw

Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That, we recommend Council agree to amend the Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw to include a registered letter fee, to recover the costs associated with the legislative requirement of sending registered mail to owners and tenants, prior to transferring utility arrears to property tax accounts."

CARRIED

Utility Rate Review Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That we recommend to Council to approve the 2026 Utility Department Operating Budget which proposes an increase of 3% to utility rates and projects a surplus in the amount of \$45,619."

CARRIED

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

September 16, 2025 - Group II Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That the minutes of the September 16, 2025, Group II Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Committees

Transportation Committee - Councillor Matheson

- As per September 16 meeting, a garbage receptacle was placed at the end of 5th Avenue for disposal of bagged dog feces.
- Jeff Carey is in agreement that a pedestrian crossing light is appropriate for the north/south crosswalk at the Cottonwood Condos. A resolution to apply for SGI's granting opportunity is required. Jeff recommends that all three crossing lights communicate with one another and turn on simultaneously.

Addition to High-Visibility Crosswalks - 2nd Ave & James St. North

Moved by: Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we recommend to Council to apply to the SGI Traffic Safety Grant for one additional flashing crosswalk sign to add to the high-visibility crosswalk on James Street North at 2nd Avenue."

CARRIED

Environmental and Public Health Committee - Councillor Holobetz

- The Town has an account with the City of Regina to dispose of household waste at their landfill following the closure of the Town of Lumsden's landfill.
- A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held on Sunday, October 9, 2025. Thirty-three
 (33) folks took advantage of the opportunity. The most common products collected were
 flammable liquids and propane cylinders.

Water & Sewer Utility / Solar Committee - Councillor Schindelka

One WWTP SBR shutdown will be moved forward one-year into the future (from 2026 to 2027). The WWTP operations are functioning normally.

Accept Committee Reports

Moved by: Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That the Group II Committee Reports be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

<u>Adjournment</u>

Moved by: Mayor Barber

"That we adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm." $\,$

CARRIED

Chairperson

Chie Administrative Officer