



Town of Lumsden Meeting Minutes

Group I Committee Meeting in Council Chambers and via Zoom May 12, 2022 - 4:00 PM

Call To Order

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in Council Chambers and via Zoom on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 4:05 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Byron Tumbach
Mayor: Bryan Matheson (in Chambers)
Councillors: Jim Rawlings, Jenelle Brennan
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (in Chambers)
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

March 3, 2022 - Group I Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That the minutes of the March 3, 2022 - Group I Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator's Report - May, 2022

- **Summer Students:** I was able to hire three local post secondary students. All new to working with the town. I am impressed with them so far. They have already done some good work in the Lumsden greenspaces. Like last year, I have a high school student doing odd jobs like landscaping, painting etc., this is her second year in this position. I have not heard if we are receiving any summer student funding.
- **Campground:** We opened up the first sites in April. In May, we are seeing a steady increase in activity. From the calls and current bookings, it looks like the campground will be busy this season. Currently power to sites, plan is to get the seasonal water to sites during the week of May 18. The campground will get a full health audit later in the month.
- **Concession:** I have given tours to 3 groups for leasing the concession. Drawing up a lease document for one group to negotiate within the next week. Still seeing some hesitation in relation to the pandemic. Health authority inspected the concession on May 11. We have been approved for operation in 2022.
- **2022 National Marathon Canoe Championships:** Lumsden is hosting this event from June 15 to 19. This will be the third time we have hosted these championships in the last 25 years. Races will be on the river, usually 20 to 30 km events both down and up stream. Riverpark Centre will be rented as well as the Dew Drop In. Good economic boost for Lumsden businesses. The Regina Marathon Canoe Club are the event coordinators.

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- **Senior Night:** The annual event is on May 19. We expect 120 seniors. Receiving funding with the Queen's Jubilee Grant. The event will be at Centennial Hall. Will have a video of the 2005 Queen's visit to Lumsden, full banquet, Lions' project video, live entertainment (singer), closing with some door prizes. The funding covers the cost of the hall, video production and a portion of the food. The funders also provided some collector pins for everyone attending. This annual event is coordinated by the Lions and the Town.
- **Swim Program:** Several challenges right now. I am short two pools for the July session. Red Cross/Royal Lifesaving. I have all the August pools confirmed. All instructors and assistants are in place. Need to have July pools confirmed in May, open registration on June 1st. Expecting full registration, have been flooded with inquires already.
- **Flag Pole Project:** Lions are supporting another project in town. They are covering the cost of one of the new flag poles. The current plan is to meet with the LES class along with an RCMP rep and a Lions' member. We will coordinate the ordering and installation of the poles. If all goes as planned the poles will be installed the week of June 16th and a ceremony the following week.
- **Aquatic Research Committee:** The Aquatic Committee has had a few meetings. A very talented group with many resources. They are researching both outdoor and indoor options. The final report will be thorough. Next meeting for the committee is on May 16.
- **Pickleball Committee:** A Pickleball Committee has formed. They are having their first meeting on May 18th. I have been invited to attend. I will be a town resource, give a guideline for preparing a report to present to council in the future.
- **Lumsden Museum:** I have met with museum a few times in the past few weeks. There are several volunteers who help a lot. Bill King is looking to step down as committee president but stay involved in the museum – not a leadership role. They would like the Town to continue to do the odd "grass cutting" with the big mower when possible, all the front areas are cut by the volunteers.
- **Dog Park:** The two benches were recently installed at the dog park. We have had a great response on our social media. Currently looking into the costs of a short sidewalk from the Heritage Home garden area to the edge of the Dog Park. There would also be a sitting area (bench) and spot for wheelchairs. The old Heritage home fence would be removed and new fence would be added from the Heritage Home building to the dog park fencing. I have shared the idea with the Lions. We should have an estimate for the costs by May 13.
- **Centennial Hall:** On May 16, we will be drafting up a roof tender package. Recently completed some electrical upgrades. Included some new outlets for the warming carts. Watching auction sites to purchase two more, we would then keep two downstairs and two on the main level. Continue to have a long list of little fixes at the hall. Facility is very busy during the week and weekends.
- **Scarecrow Festival:** Everything is booked for Saturday, September 24. The one and only committee meeting will be at the end of May. The rest of the correspondence is done by email and phone. There is one member that is solely looking for sponsorship. The only thing that we have little control over is the weather in late September.
- **Trans Canada Trail (TCT):** Everything is in place for the installation of the pedestrian bridge. We are just waiting on the arrival of the very large crane. New kiosk maps are being reviewed and will go for production on May 13. TCT has sent replacement signage with the new branding of the trail. The provincial trail committee is meeting in Lumsden on June 14. All the trail from Lumsden to Deer Valley will be show cased. A member of the Provincial Parks Ministry will be there to highlight the work being done at Wascana Trails as well. The group has rented the Riverpark Centre for the day, booked catering and will tour many sites with a rented van.
- **Benches:** We have requests for three public benches. We will also have four new benches installed along the new section of trail. Will arrange to have all the benches installed at the same time. Sponsored benches are \$1000 and picnic tables are \$1500.

Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we accept the Community Coordinator's Report as presented."

CARRIED

New Business

RBC - Closing Lumsden Branch

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we recommend to Council, in light of RBC's Lumsden Branch closing in October, 2022, we approach Conexus (Lumsden Branch) to provide a banking proposal."

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Building Inspection Fee

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we recommend to Council that the Town provide financial assistance to the Lumsden Sports Association by absorbing the \$760 cost of a Building Permiit related to renovations planned for the Lumsden Arena."

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Recreation Fees Bylaw

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we recommend to Council to adjust the Centennial Hall rental rate for weddings, etc. that will see the 2024 rate increase to \$1,500; all existing 2024 bookings will be grandfathered in at the current rate of \$1,100."

CARRIED

Adjournment

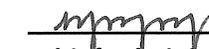
Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we adjourn at 5:20 p.m."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer