



Town of Lumsden

Meeting Minutes

Group I Committee Meeting - in Council Chambers and via Zoom September 29, 2022 - 4:00 PM

Call To Order

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in Council Chambers, as well as via Zoom, on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Byron Tumbach (via Zoom)

Mayor: Bryan Matheson (in Chambers)

Councillors: Jim Rawlings (in Chambers), Jenelle Brennan (via Zoom)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (in Chambers)

Community Coordinator: Chris Exner (via Zoom, left at 5:20 p.m.)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (in Chambers)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (via Zoom, attended from 5:22-5:27 p.m.)

Additions to Agenda

6.2 Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we add the following items to the agenda:

Delegation - RBC

Reports of Administration - Community Coordinator Report."

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

"That we adopt the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Financial Reports

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That we accept, as presented, the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2022 for both the Centennial Hall and RiverPark, as well as the 2022 Swimming Lesson Program."

CARRIED

Delegation

RBC Delegation 4:17 - 4:37 p.m.

Rachel Lenius, Jon Barth and Andy Wolske

The RBC is closing its Lumsden Branch on October 21, 2022.

Banking Services Update

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we recommend to Council that we maintain an account with RBC to administer our Bankers' Acceptance Loan, with an interest rate of 2.91%, related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant."

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Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

June 9, 2022 - Group I Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

"That the minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

- **Summer Students.** Started the summer with 3 full-time students working in the parks and general public works duties. We did not receive any federal funding. We had 1 other student who did random tasks throughout the summer part-time: landscaping, painting, museum, and parks.
- **Campground.** Campground is winding down for the season, currently 20% capacity. Receiving calls for bookings into October. Planning to replace all the spigots, many are beyond repair. Water will be shut-off to the campground Oct 12/13, sites will have just power. The building will stay open and fully accessible. The Laundry building will be closing when the water is shut off. A few surprises/challenges again this year, our campground host handled everything professionally, takes great pride in his job. Campground users have nothing but great things to say about our host.
- **Concession.** Facility was used a few occasions, no permanent tenant in 2022. General clean-up was done in the facility. A couple interested individuals for the 2023 season. Will advertise with pictures in October. Would like to have a contract signed by March 2023.
- **Special Events.** Lumsden Duck Derby was another success, great day for the rink fundraising committee. ScareCrow Festival was registered as a provincial culture days event. Great participation from residents with numerous displays out for public to see. Street market was busy, Museum site had a large crowd from 10 am to 4 pm. Horse wagon rides, 3 teams carrying close to 600 people on numerous trips. Fire Department had a great day with their food/beer garden. Businesses have told me that once again experienced their busiest day of the year. Animated storytime, lantern parade, movie and fireworks were all in Lion's Park. I have never seen that many people in Lion's Park. Was a great festival for the community.
- **Swim Program.** We hosted two full sessions of swimming. July 4 to 15 and August 2 to 12. We had 3 private pools for each section. This was our last season with Red Cross. All instructors have to have Royal Lifesaving Certification for next year. I am working with the local instructors to ensure we have qualified staff in place for next year.
- **Flag Pole Project.** The flag poles were on back order for months, just arrived this past week. Utilities marked and piles were poured this week. Flag poles will be installed next week. On Friday, September 30 we will have a ceremony in front of LES, will include special guests and the students of Mr. Freitag's grade 5 class from last year. These students sent letters to the Town requesting that a Treaty 4 flag be raised at the entrance of Lumsden. A proclamation will be signed by everyone, ensuring that we fly the Treaty 4 flag and continue to educate the community about Truth and Reconciliation.
- The **Aquatic Committee** has had several meetings. They are close to completing a comprehensive feasibility study on both an indoor and outdoor pool option for the Town. A presentation is expected in late October.
- A **Pickleball Committee** there is no update from the pickleball committee. There was some discussion about the Aquatic and Pickleball committees discussing ideas of having a multipurpose sport court area in the future.
- **Museum.** Verne and I have been attending the museum mtgs. We have addressed some issues that were expressed by the board. Fortunate to find a student that did excellent work at the museum; tours, maintenance, painting etc... A camera system has been installed to keep an eye on any activity

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at the museum site after hours. The Museum had a very successful day during the ScareCrow Festival. Hundreds of people visited the site, the garage sale and food stand were also very successful.

- **Dog Park.** The park continues to be a big hit with local dog owners and visitors to the community. Some of our social media posts have had a few thousand views. Many people sending dog park photos and messages of how much they appreciate this park.
- **Benches.** We installed 3 public benches in town: Lion's Park, RiverPark oxbow loop and Broad Street near the Heritage home. The plaques haven't arrived yet, will install as soon as we receive them. The Lion's bench on the river dyke is a popular spot. Numerous people post pictures sitting on this bench, great location with a beautiful backdrop. Sponsored benches are \$1000 and picnic tables are \$1500.
- **Centennial Hall.** The hall is very busy, the calendar is full of bookings. We are getting through the current construction at the hall and trying to keep all the bookings at the same time. Some manageable issues. Original shakes have been removed; all demolition is complete. Currently installing the rigid insulation. Basement sump pit construction has been booked, should be completed by the end of October.
- **Trail.**
 - Trail upgrade completed on the river dyke between Broad Street and the Dog Park south entrance.
 - Trail between Lumsden and Deer Valley just completed and is now open.
 - Pedestrian bridge is installed.
 - Landscaping area around abutments approx 75% complete.
 - Trail benches installed; bench plaques have not arrived yet.
 - Recognition rock placed; plaque has been installed.
 - New signage installed.
 - Several trail work-b's completed, volunteers have been awesome, take pride in this project.
 - Updating trail brochure, almost complete.
 - TCT committee had a tour of the site, were very impressed. Provided more funding to create a promotional video and have some professional photography completed.
 - Applying for Fall clean-up grant for both Town/RM

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

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New Business

Trailer Court Arrears

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

"That we recommend to Council that we seek legal advice regarding collection of property tax arrears in Lumsden's trailer courts."


CARRIED

Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

"That we adjourn at 5:47 p.m."

CARRIED


Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer