



**Town of Lumsden**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Group I Committee July 27, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

**Call To Order**

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, and via Zoom, on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

**Present:**

Mayor: Bryan Matheson (via Zoom)  
Councillors: Verne Barber, Byron Tumbach  
Non-Committee Member: Jenelle Brennan (via Zoom)  
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky  
Assistant Administrator: Katherine Atkings  
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (Left at 4:07 pm)  
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner (Left at 5:28 pm)

**Absent:**

Councillor: Ashlee Longmoore

***"We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 4 territory, and that the Town of Lumsden is located on Treaty 4 territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation."***

**Appoint Chairperson**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That we appoint Councillor Verne Barber as Chairperson for this meeting."

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we adopt the agenda as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Financial Reports**

**Financial Statement - Centennial Hall - June 30, 2023**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That we accept the Financial Statement for Centennial Hall for period ending June 30, 2023, as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Financial Statement - RiverPark - June 30, 2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we accept the Financial Statement for Centennial Hall for period ending June 30, 2023, as presented."

**CARRIED**

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 4:07 pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes for Review**

**June 19, 2023 - Group I Committee Minutes**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That the minutes of the June 19, 2023 - Group I Committee be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

**Lumsden Provincial Baseball Championships**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That Administration prepare a Thank You Letter for the RM of Lumsden for assisting with the preparation of RiverPark for the Provincial Baseball Championships."

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Administration**

**Community Coordinator Report**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That the Community Coordinator's Report be accepted as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Committees**

**Finance and Audit - Councillor Tumbach**

Councillor Tumbach requested that administration report back on how many utility and property tax accounts are paid electronically.

**Unfinished Business**

**Youth Councillor Initiative**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That we recommend to Council to inform the Lumsden High School that the student taking on the role of Youth Councillor should attempt to meet the following:

- attend at least one council meeting per month; and
- attend the quarterly Group I Committee meetings.

**CARRIED**

**Alcohol in Parks**

The Group I Committee discussed the results of a recent survey and determined it is not advisable to legalize alcohol consumption in Lumsden Parks at this time.

**New Business**

**Dew Drop In - Usage**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we recommend to Council that Administration prepare a lease agreement for the Dew Drop In, similar to that of the Museum Complex (Lumsden Historical Society)."

**CARRIED**

**Lumsden Lions Facility Use**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Councillor Barber

"That we recommend to Council that Administration prepare an amendment to the Recreation Facilities Fees Bylaw No. 2023-11, to provide the Centennial Hall, free of charge, for Lumsden & District Lions Club meetings."

**CARRIED**

**Community Coordinator Chris Exner left for the remainder of the meeting at 5:28 pm.**



**Citizen Alert Systems**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we recommend to Council to subscribe to Voyent Alert's Citizen Alerting System at a cost of \$2,000 annually." **CARRIED**

**TAXervice**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tumbach

"That we recommend to Council to handle tax enforcement procedures internally, and not renew our agreement with TAXervice." **CARRIED**

**Museum Lease - Draft**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we approve the draft version of the Lumsden Historical Society (Museum) lease." **CARRIED**

**Published Minutes - Procedure**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tumbach

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we recommend to Council that going forward, Administration attach the following to minutes and bylaws posted on the municipal website:

- accounts payable cheque registers and other schedules to be included with minutes; and
- appendices and/or schedules to be included with bylaws."

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm." **CARRIED**

  
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**Chairperson**  
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**Chief Administrative Officer**