



Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group I Committee April 29, 2025 - 06:30 PM

Call To Order

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:31 pm.

Present:

Chairperson: Trevor Haubrich

Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Anne Gibbons, Adam Tropin

Non-Committee Member: Councillor Ryan Schindelka

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (attended via Zoom from 6:31 pm - 7:15 pm and then in Chambers from 7:15 pm - 9:46 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom from 6:31 pm - 7:26 pm)

Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

"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 Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we adopt the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Financial Reports

Financial Reserve Policy - Proposed Amendments

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we recommend to Council to amend the Financial Reserve Policy by adding the following reserves:

- South Park Construction Reserve
- Recreation Master Plan Reserve

and further, that we recommend the words 'Sidewalks / Bridges' be added to the title of the Road Infrastructure Reserve."

CARRIED


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Financial Reserve Policy - General Governmental

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we recommend to Council to amend the General Governmental section of the Financial Reserve Policy by capping the maximum reserve balance at \$100,000 and transferring the excess balance, as of January 1, 2025, in the amount of 23,929.56 to the Municipal Office Relocation Reserve as well as allocating future General Governmental Reserve contributions to the Municipal Office Relocation Reserve until further notice."

CARRIED

Centennial Hall Financial Statement - March 31, 2025

Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we accept the Financial Statement for the Centennial Hall for the period ending March 31, 2025, as presented."

CARRIED

RiverPark Financial Statement - March 31, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Tropin

Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we accept the Financial Statement for RiverPark for the period ending March 31, 2025, as presented."

CARRIED

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

March 24, 2025 - Group I Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Group I Committee be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That the verbal report of the Community Coordinator be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

Reports of Committees

Finance and Audit - Councillor Haubrich

Councillor Haubrich reminded that the Group 1 Committee will meet with the auditors after the draft financial statement is prepared; typically, in June.

Protective Services - Councillor Tropin

Councillor Tropin reported that he attended all protective service-related sessions at the April, 2025 SUMA Convention.

Recreation and Culture - Councillor Gibbons

Councillor Gibbons provided a report on the library's activities. Lumsden is one of the most vibrant libraries in the Southeast Region.

Unfinished Business

Recreation Master Plan

The Committee discussed the Recreation Master Plan and the variety of proposed amenities. The Public will be notified of which projects are under consideration.

New Business

Communicating with Ratepayers

The Committee reviewed the various methods utilized by the Town of Lumsden to communicate with residents. An electronic messaging board was discussed but did not gain traction. These boards are expensive and difficult to maintain. Councillor Gibbons will speak to the group that organized an informational evening for community groups last year. That group is welcome to make a request to the Town on how we can assist with their next informational evening (ie. funds to mail flyers, including meeting details in the Community Newsletter).

Daycares

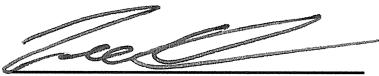
Councillor Schindelka provided information to the Committee regarding the financial realities of constructing and operating licensed daycares.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Tropin

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer

