

**Town of Lumsden**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Group II Committee March 25, 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 on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:40 pm.

**Present:**

Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Wes Holobetz, Lesia Matheson, Ryan Schindelka

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended via Zoom, from 6:40 pm - 9:56 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign

Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey

Utilities Manager: Gerry Beaurivage

**Absent:**

None

*"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."*

**Appoint a Chairperson**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That we appoint Councillor Wes Holobetz as Chairperson of the Group II Committee until further notice."

**CARRIED**

**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 - 6:55 pm: G. Hesje, 607205 Saskatchewan Ltd. (a.k.a. Dodd's Water User Group) (via Zoom)**

Grant Hesje appeared before the Group II Committee as an annual requirement to meet and maintain communications regarding the water supply to the Dodd's subdivision located just off Grid 734, west of Exit B.

The Treasurer of 607205 Saskatchewan Ltd. is now Landon Uhersky.

Gerry Beaurivage has authored an Annual Notice to Consumers, which he will forward to Grant Hesje shortly.

The Water User Group intends to clean their distribution lines in Fall, 2026.

Gerry Beaurivage will assist the Water User Group to test the functionality of their PRV.

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*W.A. Schindelka*

## **Reports of the Public Works & Utilities Departments**

### **James Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Maintenance**

The Committee discussed the bridge maintenance options and agreed to continue obtaining quotes and options from contractors.

### **Sewer Main - Jetting Contract**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we recommend Council enter into a Service Agreement with Municipal Sewer Maintenance Ltd. to provide cleaning (jetting) of the sanitary sewer system for a period of 3 years which includes 2025-2027."

**CARRIED**

### **Fawn Ridge Drainage**

Prior to tonight's meeting, the Committee personally viewed a Fawn Ridge resident's drainage concern. Due to the lack of grade and the absence of storm sewer in the Fawn Ridge development, water is slow to drain. The Town makes efforts to remove snow in known problem areas. Homeowners are encouraged to keep the 'swale' and their driveways clear of snow.

## **Financial Reports**

### **Sewer Infrastructure Fee**

Committee members were provided a history of why the Sewer Infrastructure Fee was established and how it currently services the Wastewater Treatment Plant debt as well as high-cost maintenance items.

### **2024 Annual Utility Information**

The Committee reviewed the 2024 Annual Utility Information report which will be made publicly available after adoption by Council. The report includes the estimated cost of capital upgrades required in the Utility Department from 2025-2028.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes for Review**

### **October 22, 2024 - Group II Committee Minutes**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That the minutes of the October 22, 2024, Group II Committee, be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

## **Reports of Administration**

### **Treatment Plants - IT Equipment Upgrades**

Following a quarterly review, it was determined that IT in both the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant require updating. Our IT provider will forward suggestions.

## **Reports of Committees**

### **Transportation Committee - Councillor Matheson**

### **Environmental and Public Health Committee - Councillor Holobetz**

### **Water & Sewer Utility / Solar Committee - Councillor Schindelka**

### **Accept Committee Reports**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That the Group II Committee's verbal reports be accepted as presented."

**CARRIED**

## **Unfinished Business**

### **James Street South - Street Lighting**

Due to the community's split opinions on street lighting vs 'dark sky', it was determined that no further streetlights will be added to James Street South at this time.



### **Snow Removal Policy Review**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council adopt the amended Snow Removal Policy."

**CARRIED**

### **New Business**

#### **All Saints Church - Utility Bill Concern**

The Committee reviewed a February 26, 2025, email in which the Town of Lumsden's utility rate structure is questioned. A response will be sent to inform that there are no current plans to amend the rate structure.

#### **Transfer Station Planning**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we recommend Council authorize Associated Environmental to develop the required Environmental Protection Plan, related to the future transfer station at the current solid waste facility grounds, at a cost of \$33,900."

**CARRIED**

#### **Equipment and Vehicles - Capital Plan**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we recommend Council approve the purchase (and trade) of a truck to replace the F550 (U116); and further that the purchase be funded by the Transportation and Environmental Reserve."

**CARRIED**

#### **Roads, Walkways, Bridge - Capital Plan**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council approve the following 2025 projects:

- James Street Bridge repair
- One Solar Light at the Entrance to QVN and the WWTP
- Walkway Replacement on 2nd Avenue between Lake Street and Colbourne Street;

and further that the projects be funded by the Roads, Walkways and Bridge Reserve." **CARRIED**

#### **2026 Paving Program**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That we recommend Council authorize the following 2026 paving program, noting that professional services will begin in 2025:

- 2nd Avenue East (from Finn to MGD)
- 4th Avenue from James Street to River Street
- 8th Avenue from Lake to 200 8th Avenue
- the 700 block of Colbourne Street
- Crimson Place (rebuild)
- Elgin Crescent
- James Street North from 8th Avenue to the Trailer Court entrance
- Kelly Avenue
- Maple Bay
- Miller Crescent
- Peter Avenue
- River Street from 2nd Avenue to the Town Shop;

and further, it is understood that this work will be funded via debt, with the repayment being funded by the Roads, Walkways and Bridge Reserve (similar to the 2022 paving project)."

**CARRIED**



Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:56 pm.

**Utility Department - Capital Plan**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we recommend Council approve the following 2025 projects:

- Fire Hydrant and Main Valve Replacement \$80,000
- Water Meter Conversion \$75,000
- Sewer Line Camera \$19,000
- Water Treatment Plant and Well Expansion - Detailed Design \$296,787
- Replace Truck #16 \$56,400
- WWTP Emergency Binder \$10,000
- Replace WWTP UV Bulbs and Filter \$43,460
- Well #5 Rehabilitation \$52,400

and further, that these projects are to be funded by the Utility Reserve."

**CARRIED**

**Cogger - Request for Stop Signs and Road Maintenance**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That we table the March 6, 2025, request for a 4-way stop, at the intersection of Canning and James Street, pending further investigation.

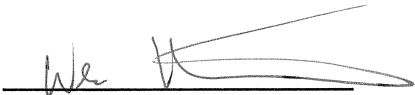
**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:29 pm."

**CARRIED**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Chief Administrative Officer