



Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group I Committee July 16, 2025 - 6:30 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 Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Trevor Haubrich

Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Anne Gibbons, Adam Tropin

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom from 6:30 - 7:46 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

Centennial Hall Financial Statement - June 30, 2025

Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we accept the Financial Statement for the Centennial Hall for the period ending June 30, 2025, as presented."

CARRIED

RiverPark Financial Statement - June 30, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we accept the Financial Statement for RiverPark for the period ending June 30, 2025, as presented."

CARRIED

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Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

June 12, 2025 - Group 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Tropin

Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That the minutes of the June 12, 2025, Group I Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

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

CARRIED

Hail Damage - June 26, 2025 Storm

The Director of Finance provided a verbal report of sustained damage, and possible damage, to Town infrastructure as a result of the June 26, 2025 hail storm.

Vehicles: U14 and U18

Buildings: Roofs at Hall, Library, RiverPark and Water Treatment Plant

Solar Panels

Museum Buildings

Equipment on Roof of Wastewater Treatment Plant

Town Shop / Fire Hall

Municipal Office Generator

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Reports of Committees

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we accept the verbal reports of the Group I sub-committees."

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

Pool Committee Feedback

The Pool Committee met to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, should a pool become a reality. The Committee does not seek to manage a pool, such as the manner in which the Lumsden Sports Association operates the arena. The Pool Committee was pleased with the potential pool location in RiverPark. The Committee is more than willing to fundraise. In the absence of a business plan, the Town has not yet granted approval for the construction of a pool. The Community Coordinator will provide guidance so that the Pool Committee can assemble the required information for Town Council's consideration.

Seventh Avenue Washrooms

There is a group willing to fundraise toward the installation of washrooms at the Seventh Avenue ball diamond/park. There are currently two porta-potties on site. On-going cleaning of the proposed washroom facility is a concern as it would require daily cleaning. Septic hauling would be an additional operating cost, if not connected to the sanitary sewer system. The Community Coordinator will investigate the price of other porta-potty options.

New Business

Outstanding Dog Fines

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor Tropin

"That we recommend to Council that Administration pursue options for collection of unpaid municipal bylaw fines."

CARRIED

Recreation Board

The Community Coordinator will invite a SPRA representative to attend a Group I meeting to discuss the various roles and responsibilities of a Recreation Board.

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Draft Policy - Facility Rental Discounts

Moved by: Councillor Tropin

Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council adopt the Facility Rental Discount Policy."

CARRIED

Draft Policy - Lumsden High School Scholarship

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council adopt the Lumsden High School Scholarship Policy, as amended."

CARRIED

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer