



**Town of Lumsden**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Group II Committee February 3, 2026 - 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, and via electronic means (Zoom), on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:32 pm.

**Present:**

Chairperson: Councillor Wes Holobetz  
Mayor: Verne Barber  
Councillors: Ryan Schindelka (arrived at 6:54 pm), Lesia Matheson  
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky  
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom)  
Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey  
Utilities Manager: Gerry Beaurivage

**Absent:**

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong  
Director of Planning and Development: *Position Vacant*

***"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."***

**Appoint a Chairperson**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson  
**Seconded by:** Mayor Barber

"That, this meeting being the first gathering of the Group II Committee in 2026, we re-appoint Councillor Holobetz as Chairperson of the Group II Committee until further notice." **CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we approve the agenda as presented." **CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

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

**Lumsden Flood Control Project**

Superintendent Jeff Carey informed that the Water Security Agency hosted a site visit on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, for engineering firms that may submit a proposal in response to the "Lumsden Flood Control Project". The competition is posted publicly and closes on February 9, 2026.

*W. H. Holobetz*

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Mayor Barber

"That we acknowledge receipt of the October, November and December 2025 Wastewater Treatment Technical Reports as prepared by Tylor Wood, P. Eng, Wastewater Treatment Plant Lead."

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Schindelka arrived at 6:54 pm.**

**Financial Reports**

**Utility Financial Statement - December 31, 2025 - Draft**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we accept the Utility Department Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2025 (not final), as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Utility Deposit Value**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That we refer to Council, a request from a landlord to increase the value of the utility deposit required to be paid by non-property owners (renters) as per Bylaw 2025-08, as the Committee invites commentary from all Council members."

**CARRIED**

**Previous Meeting Minutes for Review**

**December 2, 2025 - Group II Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schindelka

**Seconded by:** Councillor Matheson

"That the minutes of the December 2, 2025, Group II Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Administration**

**2026 Paving Project**

**Moved by:** Councillor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That we recommend to Council to approve a 2026 asphalt paving tender as follows:

- 2nd Avenue East from #30 to #99 - 2,005 m2 (gravel)
- 4th Avenue from James to River Street - 410 m2 (gravel)
- 6th Avenue - West of James Street - 648 m2 (gravel)
- 8th Avenue from Lake to the West Dead End - 2,427 m2 (resurface)
- Bowman Street - 608 m2 (resurface)
- Colbourne Street - 700 Block - 1,230 m2 (gravel)
- Crimson Place - excavate 255mm and rebuild road 1,302 m2
- Elgin Crescent - 3,464 m2 (resurface)
- Hill Street - complete rebuild 801 m2
- James Street N from 8th to Trailer Court Entrance - 968 m2 (gravel)
- Kelly Avenue - 2,832 m2 (resurface)
- Maple Bay - 800 m2 (gravel)
- Miller Crescent - 855 m2 (gravel)
- Peter Avenue - 2,214 m2 (resurface)
- River Street - 1,614 m2 (gravel)"

**CARRIED**

**CHIF - Direct Delivery Stream**

The Town's application for funding of water upgrades under the Direct Delivery stream of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF DD) was not selected for funding. The Town has an application for the same upgrades submitted under another CHIF funding stream; we have not yet been notified of its status.



**Reports of Committees**

**Transportation Committee - Councillor Matheson**

Councillor Matheson commented that snow removal services provided by the Public Works Staff have been excellent.

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

The Committee was informed that the Town will put forward a brief to FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) for consideration of grant funding to design and construct a Transfer Station.

**Accept Committee Reports**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

**Seconded by:** Councillor Schindelka

"That the Group II Committee Reports be accepted as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Mayor Barber

"That we adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm."

**CARRIED**



Chairperson

  
Chief Administrative Officer