



Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group I Committee January 25, 2024 - 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 on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4:01 pm.

Present:

Chairperson: Ashlee Longmoore (via Zoom)
Mayor: Bryan Matheson
Councillors: Verne Barber, Byron Tumbach
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 4:01 pm to 5:44 pm)
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Absent:

Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey

"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."

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mayor Matheson
Seconded by: Councillor Tumbach

"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 - December 31, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach
Seconded by: Councillor Barber

"That we accept the Financial Statement for Centennial Hall for the period ending December 31, 2023 (not final), as presented."

CARRIED

RiverPark Financial Statement - December 31, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Barber
Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That we accept the Financial Statement for RiverPark for the period ending December 31, 2023 (not final), as presented."

CARRIED

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Truth and Reconciliation - Indigenous Day

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach

Seconded by: Councillor Barber

"That we accept the Financial Statements for Truth and Reconciliation events as well as Indigenous Day for the period ending December 31, 2023, as presented."

CARRIED

Quarterly Usage Report - Centennial Hall and RiverPark Meeting Room

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach

Seconded by: Councillor Barber

"That we request administration provide quarterly usage reports for the Centennial Hall and RiverPark Meeting Room."

CARRIED

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

October 26, 2023 - Group I Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Tumbach

"That the minutes of the October 26, 2023 - Group I Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Fafard Bench Project

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Tumbach

"That we recommend Council support the pursuit of grant funding for the installation of a 'Joe Fafard Bench', being a bronze-cast bench in recognition of the artistic contributions of Lumsden resident, the late, Joe Fafard."

CARRIED

Community Coordinator Report

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Barber

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

CARRIED

Reports of Committees

Service Charge for Paper Billing

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That we request administration prepare a report to consider implementing a service fee for residents and owners who continue to receive property tax notices and/or utility bills via Canada Post as opposed to electronically."

CARRIED

Policing Costs - Letter to Minister Merriman

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach

Seconded by: Councillor Barber

"That we recommend Council write to Minister Merriman regarding the inequitable funding model of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Saskatchewan (fees for municipalities with detachments vs those municipalities without a detachment."

CARRIED

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 5:44 pm.

Appreciation for Lumsden Sports Centre

Moved by: Councillor Tumbach

Seconded by: Councillor Barber

"That we recommend Council approve a letter of appreciation for members of the board, staff and volunteers who make the Lumsden Sports Centre a huge success for this community."

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

Land Use Agreement - Lumsden Historical Society Inc. (Museum)

Moved by: Councillor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Tumbach

"That we recommend Council approve the Land Use Agreement with the Lumsden Historical Society Inc. (Museum), as attached to these minutes as Schedule 'A'."

CARRIED

New Business

Scarecrow Festival

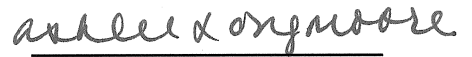
The Committee discussed including an expense allocation in the 2024 Scarecrow Festival Budget to acknowledge the cost for public works staff to load barricades, empty garbage receptacles, move the BBQ to its proper location, etc.

Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer