



Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group II Committee Meeting March 5, 2024 - 4:00 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 Zoom on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Present:

Chairperson: Jenelle Brennan

Mayor: Bryan Matheson

Councillor: Rhonda Phillips

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom)

Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey

Utilities Manager: Gerry Beaurivage

Director of Planning & Development: Aimee Bryck (via Zoom, Attended from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm)

Non Committee Members:

Councillor Byron Tumbach (Attended from 5:15 pm to 6:10 pm)

Absent:

Councillor: Jim Rawlings

"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, Saukteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation."

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

Seconded by: Mayor 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

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

"That we accept the Public Works Report as presented verbally by Superintendent, Jeff Carey and Utilities Manager, Gerry Beaurivage."

CARRIED

Water Meter Installation

We continue to wait for backordered electronic water meters to be delivered.

Financial Reports

2023 Utility Department Financial Statement

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

"That we accept the 2023 Utility Department Financial Statement, as presented." **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

December 5, 2023 - Group II Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That the minutes of the December 5, 2023, Group II Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees

Environmental/Public Health and Welfare Committee - Councillor Brennan

- Upcoming meeting with EPO to discuss a Transfer Station for the Town of Lumsden
- With regard to landfill decommissioning; the Committee agreed that a geosynthetic liner is the preference, due to a lack of appropriate clay on site
- Once the landfill is decommissioned, the intention is to operate a Transfer Station and to continue to offer the disposal of household waste (in large bins), recycle centre, clean wood disposal and metal disposal. Household waste will continue to be collected by Town staff. The Transfer Station will continue to be available to residents of the RM of Lumsden.

Water & Sewer Utility / Solar Committee - Councillor Phillips

- Dodds' water system (607205 Saskatchewan Ltd.) is operating well since their capital investment
- Waste Water Treatment Facility testing results are well within acceptable regulated standards.

Accept Committee Reports

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That the Committee reports be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business

Snow Removal Policy Review

The Committee agreed to update this policy with information supplied by the Public Works Department.

James Street Bridge Rehabilitation

Western Infrastructure will be contacted to discuss alternative methods of completing rehabilitation work to James Street Bridge.

New Business

Water Leak Rebate Policy

The Committee tasked Administration to re-word the policy and bring it back to the next meeting. The policy should read that no rebates will be considered, unless the municipality's water meter is proven to be faulty.

Cemetery

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That we request Administration obtain quotes for the following proposed cemetery projects:

- installation of walkways;
- map pavilion;
- directional signage; and

Water & Sewer Connection Fees

- The Committee discussed Water and Sewer Connection Fees included in Bylaw 2021-07. Connection Fees are in addition to Development Levy fees. The Committee does not recommend any changes to Bylaw 2021-07.

Director of Planning & Development, Aimee Bryck, left for the remainder of the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Yard Waste Paper Bag Program

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

"That we recommend Council approve the purchase of paper yard refuse bags intended for resale, in bundles of 10 for \$10 (including taxes), to Lumsden residents;
That Town staff no longer pick up yard waste in plastic bags;
That Town staff no longer pick up yard waste left in loose piles; and
That Administration promote the use of paper bags and ensure residents are aware that plastic bags and loose piles will no longer be collected during the fall yard waste pick-up."

CARRIED

Recycling Collection Contract Expiring

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

"That we recommend Council authorize Administration to post a Request for Proposals for a 3-year contract for household recycling collection services; and that the RFP state that rollout carts are the new collection method as opposed to the current blue boxes."

CARRIED

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

"That we adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer