

# Town of Lumsden Meeting Minutes

Group II Committee - December 2, 2025 - 6:30 PM

# **Call To Order**

The Group II Committee of the Town of Lumsden convened their Regular Meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm, with Councillor Wes Holobetz presiding.

#### Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Wes Holobetz

Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Ryan Schindelka, 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

"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."

# **Additions to Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Schindelka Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That we agree to add the following item to the agenda:

5.1 Dodd's Water Group."

**CARRIED** 

# **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

## **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

# **Delegation**

# **Dodd's Water Group**

Grant Hesje representing Dodd's Water User Association (607205 SK Ltd.) - 6:54 - 6:59 pm The Water User Group is invited to attend a Group II Committee meeting annually. Mr. Hesje informed that their chlorinator is not working as it should. Utilities Manager Gerry Beaurivage updated the Committee that the required parts arrived in Saskatoon today. The parts need to be picked up and then will be installed by Town staff.

Mr. Hesje informed that since flushing their waterlines, their users' water quality has improved substantially.

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

James Street Bridge Repair Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we recommend to Town Council to contract Western Infrastructure Renewal Inc. to complete repairs to James Street Bridge piles in the amount of \$114,525 plus taxes; further the Road Reserve will fund the project which will occur after fish spawning season in 2026."

**CARRIED** 

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

Moved by: Councillor Matheson Seconded by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we adopt the Public Works and Utility Department reports as presented."

**CARRIED** 

## **Financial Reports**

#### Utility Department - Financial Statement - October 31, 2025

Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That we accept the Utility Department Financial Statement for the period ending October 31, 2025, as presented." CARRIEI

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes for Review**

# November 13, 2025 - Group II Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Schindelka Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

"That the minutes of the November 13, 2025, Group II Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

# **Reports of Committees**

# **Transportation Committee - Councillor Matheson**

Councillor Matheson mentioned that she appreciated that streets are sanded so quickly.

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

Nothing to report.

# Water & Sewer Utility / Solar Committee - Councillor Schindelka

Utilities Manager, Gerry Beaurivage, reported that Sungrow, the manufacturer of the solar battery skids, recently visited the Wastewater Treatment Plant to perform maintenance on the batteries' fire system.

## Heritage Home - Mayor Barber

The Heritage Home Board continues to hope that an expansion to the facility is a possibility. It should be understood that the Dog Park will be moved if the Heritage Home is expanded.

# **Accept Committee Reports**

Moved by: Mayor Barber

Seconded by: Councillor Matheson

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

CARRIED

## **New Business**

# Well 4A

Well 4 was inspected via camera and rehabbed in 2017. Becky Hydrogeologists doesn't recommend another rehab to Well 4 because it is operating efficiently. Beckie has suggested replacing Well 4 solely due to its age. Well 4 will eventually be replaced by Well 4A. Well 4A will be costly, in order to produce more capacity that we currently enjoy. To increase the well capacity, major electrical upgrades are required.

If Well 4 begins to fail, we can operate solely on Well 5. Currently, Wells 4 and 5 operate alternately.



The construction of Well 4A is included in the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund application that the Town of Lumsden recently submitted. The funding contribution is up to 73.33% of eligible expenditures.

**SK Recycles - Transition** 

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

"That we recommend to Council, that due to the evolution of SK Recycles and the transition to provincially-managed recycling, and considering the financial implications, the Town elect to receive residential curbside recycling services directly from SK Recycles commencing February 1, 2028; and further, during the transition period of June 1, 2026 - February 1, 2028 we maintain our current contract with Loraas."

# <u>Adjournment</u>

Moved by: Councillor Schindelka

"That we adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm."

**CARRIED** 

Chairperson

Chief Administrative Officer