



Town of Lumsden

Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing, Bylaw No. 2026-03 April 28, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Call to Order

The Lumsden Town Council convened a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, and via electronic means (Zoom), on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Present:

Mayor: Verne Barber

Councillors: Anne Gibbons, Trevor Haubrich, Wes Holobetz, Ryan Schindelka, Adam Tropin

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (via Zoom)

Director Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom)

Youth Member: Reid Parker

Absent:

Councillors: *(One Councillor Position Vacant)*

Director of Planning and Development: *(Position Vacant)*

Observers:

Penny Schneider

Evelyn Scott

River Valley Podcast

Ray Park (Arrived at 8:05 pm, after the Public Hearing was Closed)

"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."

Declare Public Hearing Open

Mayor Barber opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of Bylaw 2026-03, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw 15-2002. Bylaw 2026-03 proposes to rezone Lot 7, Block 2, Plan C2386, from the R1 – Residential District to the R2 – Residential Multiple District.

Background Information

The Mayor described that the owners of Lot 7, Block 2, Plan C2386 are requesting to subdivide the property so that development may occur on the west half of the lot, adjacent to the back lane.

Presentations

Mayor Barber invited any person who wished to discuss the application to present to Council.

Evelyn Scott:

- Stated she lives across the back alley from the proposed development
- Asked why the applicants wanted to build a house
- Stated she has concerns with parking on 8th Avenue

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- Stated she has concerns with drainage, as the proposed development is in a low area where water has pooled in the past, ditches fill up during rain events and the water drains into the proposed lot.
- Discussed culvert sizes at the Bruce Robinson development, trailer court and SaskPower lot.

Mayor Barber:

- Agreed with Ms. Scott that drainage in the area is a concern
- Stated that a significant amount of fill is required for the proposed development, as well as removing a large willow tree
- Stated that the applicants advised him they want to build a small house in which to retire
- Stated that parking will have to be on-site, as there is no room on 8th Avenue for parking without disrupting the flow of traffic
- Stated that, if approved, the house must face 8th Avenue and be accessed via 8th Avenue
- Confirmed that if the property is Zoned R2, multi-family dwellings are a possibility
- Discussed culvert sizes at SaskPower lot and trailer court.

Penny Schneider:

- Stated that the proposed building is in a flood plain

Councillor Wes Holobetz:

- Stated that he has a concern with bringing in a significant amount of dirt and how it may impact drainage on neighboring properties

Applicant Presentation

The Applicant was not present.

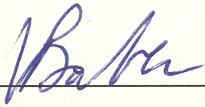
Written Submissions

Mayor Barber reported that there were no written submissions received prior to the Hearing.

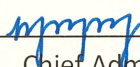
For the record, a written submission pertaining to this development was received via email by the municipal office on April 28, 2026, at 6:36 p.m., at which time the Regular Meeting of Council was underway. The submission was not brought forward during the hearing, as it was not identified by Administration until the following business day.

Declare Public Hearing Closed

Mayor Barber asked if there were any other submissions and, hearing none, declared the Hearing closed at 8:03 pm.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer