Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group I Committee Meeting October 20, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Call To Order

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, and via electronic means (Zoom), on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:31 pm.

Present:
Chairperson: Councillor Trevor Haubrich
Mayor: Verne Barber
Councillor: Anne Gibbons
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended via Zoom)
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom)
Community Coordinator: Matt McGeough

Absent: Councillor: Adam Tropin

"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 Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we agree to add the following item to the agenda under New Business:
- 11.5 Age Friendly Saskatchewan Representative." **CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we adopt the agenda as amended." **CARRIED**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Financial Reports

RiverPark Financial Statement - September 30, 2026
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we accept the Financial Statement for RiverPark for the period ending September 30, 2026, as presented." **CARRIED**

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Centennial Hall Financial Statement - September 30, 2026
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we accept the Financial Statement for Centennial Hall for the period ending September 30, 2026, as presented." **CARRIED**

Delegation

Makyla Legault - 6:48 - 7:27 pm

Ms. Legault appeared before the Committee to inform regarding plans for Centennial Hall basement renovation. It is noted and appreciated that the Lumsden Lion's are contributing 50% of the cost to upgrade.

2026 Swim Lesson Financial Statement
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we accept the Financial Statement for the 2026 Swim Lesson Program." **CARRIED**

Spray Pad Deferred Revenue
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we recommend Council agree to transfer the remaining spray pad construction funds, being held since 2015, in the amount of $17,897.24 from Deferred Revenue to the RiverPark Reserve." **CARRIED**

Closed Session - Strategic Planning
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we move into Closed Session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of discussing strategic planning as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act*, with staff to be included in the session."

CARRIED

Rise from Closed Session

At 8:06 pm, the Committee left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

2027 Capital Projects and Purchases
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council approve the following 2027 capital projects and purchases, funded by Reserves:

- South Park: Irrigation, washrooms, parking area, playground surface, walking paths, benches, sports court and accessible playground equipment totalling $341,072
- Centennial Hall: Basement renovation and new electrical outlets upstairs, totalling $80,027 plus electrical and plumbing; noting that the Lumsden Lions are contributing 50% of the total
- Parks and Museum: Backstops for Lions Park and a new yard light at the museum totalling $30,000." **CARRIED**

2027 Library/Legion Capital Project
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we agree there are no capital purchases or projects planned in 2027 for the Library / Legion Building." **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

September 9, 2026 - Group I Committee Meeting
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That the minutes of the September 9, 2026, Group I Committee meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator Report
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That the Community Coordinator Report be accepted as presented by Matt McGeough." **CARRIED**

New Business

Review Recreation Fees Bylaw
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we table the Recreation Fees Bylaw pending further information regarding the manner in which the Town collects Centennial Hall damage deposits." **CARRIED**

2026 Scarecrow Festival Debrief
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we accept the 2026 Scarecrow Festival Debrief report, as prepared by Krystal Strong, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer." **CARRIED**

Gabriel & McGeough - Request for Funding Communications Board
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council agree to contribute a maximum of $2,500 for the construction and installation of 'core communication boards' in local parks to aid individuals experiencing communication difficulties." **CARRIED**

Lumsden Lions - Centennial Hall Rental Concession Request
Moved by: Councillor Gibbons
Seconded by: Mayor Barber

"That we recommend Council waive the Centennial Hall rental fee and cleaning fee for the Lumsden & District Lions Club for community bingos held from November 10, 2026 until May 7, 2027, representing a value of ($690-$700) per event, provided that proceeds from the events are directed to local charities and organizations; and

That a refundable damage deposit of $500 be required for each event." **CARRIED**

Age Friendly Saskatchewan
Moved by: Mayor Barber
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbons

"That we recommend Council agree to appoint Councillor Anne Gibbons to a potential Age Friendly Saskatchewan, local board." **CARRIED**

Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor Barber

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm." **CARRIED**

Chairperson

Chief Administrative Officer