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Town of Lumsden

Meeting Minutes

Group I Committee Meeting May 19, 2021 - 4:00 PM

Call to Order

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting via electronic means (Zoom) on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., with Chairperson Byron Tumbach presiding.

Present:

Chairperson: Byron Tumbach
Mayor: Bryan Matheson
Councillors: Jim Rawlings, Jenelle Brennan
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky
Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Addition to Agenda

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

"That we agree to add the following item to the agenda under Reports of Administration:
- Community Coordinator Report - May 2021."

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

"That we adopt the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Financial Reports

Increase Swim Program Fees

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

"That we recommend Council increase the swim program fees to \$45.00 per registrant and \$120.00 per family, per session."

CARRIED

Project Consideration - Paving Walking Paths on the Dike

Moved by: Mayor Matheson

"That we recommend Council authorize administration to prepare a report regarding the feasibility of installing pavement on the walking paths on both sides of the dike."

CARRIED

Previous Meeting Minutes for Review

March 11, 2021 Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

"That the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Group I Committee minutes be approved, as amended."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Community Coordinator Report -May 2021

Moved by: Councillor Brennan

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

CARRIED

• **Campground**

- Opened Campground (no water to sites) in April, demand from mine and upgrader workers.
- Campground host also started in April... was receiving calls in March for bookings.
- Had the campground inspected by the Health District, received our licence, and received exceptional reviews for the cleanliness of the washroom building.
- Following all health restrictions, ensuring a COVID safe facility and area.
- Two new LED path lights will be added to the campground, pile/base is completed.

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- An upgrade this season will be some cement pads with picnic tables in sites; this will provide a more accessible site and reduce maintenance within site.
- Areas for new camper and tent sites will be cleared for opening in 2022 with added utilities.

- **RiverPark Centre**

- Current rates for the facility; \$75/half day fee for birthdays/anniversaries etc.. \$150 fee for full day rental
- Facility has wifi, planning to boost signal for limited wifi in the campground area.
- Canteen is now empty, prepping the floor, doors etc. for paint. Ceiling was cleaned and painted.
- Considering options for canteen; lease and/or hiring part-time staff and/or minor sports. Dependant upon government regulations and conditions of the current pandemic.
- Basic signage being added to the building in 2021.
- Exterior doors will be painted in 2021.

- **Trails**

- Added base aggregate to the oxbow loop trail at the start of May, still lots of settling occurring with this new section of trail.
- Trail kiosks are all getting an updated topo display map, the 5 kiosks will be completed by July.
- The trail/bridge project just west of Lumsden is underway. Permits have been submitted, Geotech is booked for the last week of May. Easement agreements are drafted and should be completed in June. Trail Work-B is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, should complete all the basic preparation for the trail along the wascana creek leading up to the pedestrian bridge site. Specs from the Geotech will be used to design the bridge/abutment and bank wings. Fabrication of bridge and foundation in July and August. Expecting the bridge installation at the end of September if all goes as planned.
- Dog waste stations will be added to the trail in town. Issue area is from Broad St to the trestle area.
- Future trail extensions: southside dyke east of James St N, dyke extended to Qu'Appelle Drive W

- **Special Events**

- Lumsden recently finished in the top 4 for Kraft Hockeyville. Was a great promotion for the Town. So many people participated, sharing pictures and stories. The Town Social media involvement was huge, reaching our largest audience. Thousands of views every day. Big Thanks to Jamie Lees and her team for initiating the application.
- Received funding 2000 to host a National Indigenous and Canada Day Celebration. Planning for tipi set-up and a virtual celebration with posted videos.
- Canada Day Celebration at the museum will also be a virtual event if the current health restrictions are in place.
- Received funding from Saskatchewan Arts Board for a mural project at the museum. Local artist Barbara Goretzky will lead the project. Sample designs have been shared and discussed with the committee.
- Initial planning for 2021 Scarecrow Festival, tentative date is September 25.
- SPRA Parks Month is June. Discussion of some ideas for Lumsden.

- **Summer Swim Program**

- Planning for two sessions of Red Cross Swim classes, as in 2020, classes will follow Saskatchewan Health and Red Cross guidelines.
- Tentative dates are July 5 to 16 and August 3 to 13, depended on availability of private pools and instructors.
- Currently have 2 pools confirmed and available instructors. One more local pool would be ideal.
- The annual swim program attracts up to 300 participants each summer.
- Registration will open June 1.

- **Centennial Hall**

- As with 2020, the pandemic has had a huge impact on weekend bookings. The hall has numerous bookings for 2021, many are getting cancelled and/or postponed until next year.
- Limited weekly community programming is occurring following all guidelines.
- Preschool room had a complete make-over. They did a complete cleaning and painting, room looks great. New instructor and classes have continued.
- All bulbs in the main floor globes (64) will be changed out, bulbs are ordered, and work will be completed soon.
- Regular health nurse sessions in the main floor kitchen is working out well. Health district has also booked the hall for a few dates for vaccinations.
- Water main valve in front of the hall needs possible replacement or replacement shaft on valve before the water meter can be added to the hall system. Water works is aware of the situation.

- **Library**

- Despite the pandemic, library continues to be active, lots of curbside pick-up
- Most of the work at the building will be with the utility and furnace room.

- **Ball Diamonds**

- Dugouts at the Jets diamond have been repaired and are in very good condition.
- Minor Ball has ordered some digital score boards for 3 diamonds, did some fundraising, and received funds from the Lion's Club.
- It is a priority to get the oxbow irrigation system operational. Infrastructure is now all in place.
- Bottom of the 7th east diamond is rolling up, bottom rails will be installed.
- Cement pads will be added under the bleachers at RiverPark..

- **Trees**

- Contractor crew was out and did a full day of pruning of issue trees in RiverPark, around campground and buildings..

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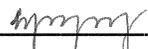
- Lumsden Lion's are involved in an exciting tree project, will assist as needed with promotion, giving away trees on Saturday, May 22. The LHS outdoor class will assist with some planting around the community.
 - Two 8 ft spruce trees were planted next to the town sign at the beginning of May. We have scheduled tree planting in the fall, have arranged for trees in late September from a tree farm in the RM of Lumsden.
- **Parks**
 - Dog Park will be officially opened in June. Fencing was recently completed. Signage is in print and will be installed in the next week. The dog waste stations were delivered this week and will be installed next week. Discussion.
 - It is common at most municipal dog parks to have a bylaw regarding dog behavior etc. Discussion
 - Elgin Park sport court has replacement border completed. Top plate is all new wood.
 - Ducks are now installed at Lion's, 7th Ave and RiverPark. The Lumsden and District Lion's are also sponsoring the purchase of ducks for Elgin and Broad St parks.
- **Social Media**
 - Town FB accounts have the most following, followed by twitter and the website. Our Facebook following saw more than 14000 view/day during the Hockeyville promotion.
 - The Town walking tour pamphlet and the TransCanada Trail brochure are currently being updated.
- **Benches and Picnic Tables**
 - Sponsored benches and picnics tables in Lion's Park are available. \$1000 for a bench or a picnic table. Both products have solid metal frames with cedar planking. A bronze plaque is attached to acknowledge the sponsorship.
 - Anyone interested in sponsoring a bench or table can contact the office and talk to the Community Coordinator. Bench or table placement can be requested, location discussed and finalized after meeting on-site and "locates" are completed.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Rawlings

"That we adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer