

**TOWN OF LUMSDEN**  
**MINUTES OF THE GROUP II COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING**  
**HELD ON FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Group I Committee convened their budget meeting at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairperson: Trevor Grohs  
 Mayor: Bryan Matheson  
 Councillor: Rhonda Phillips  
 Chief Administrator  
 Officer: Darcie Cooper  
 Finance Officer: Sheena Carrick  
 Utilities Foreman: Dave Cherney  
 Public Works Foreman: Jeff Carey  
**Absent:** Councillor: Randy Bogdan

**Chairperson Appointment – 2016 year:**

Phillips/Matheson: "That we appoint Councillor Grohs as Chairperson for the Group II Committee meetings for the 2016 year." **CARRIED**

Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick provided the Committee with a written report regarding a summary of the municipality's departmental changes and recommendations.

The Committee discussed the following items:

- Committee to review lighting requirement for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue development at their next meeting.
- Committee discussed reviewing street lighting requirements for new development servicing agreements. The Committee feels that there is an excess of street lighting being installed for the community.
- Committee wished to see the Weed Management Strategy Area Grant of \$1,000 remain in the budget and that the Town continue being members.
- Committee discussed the solar panel proposal for the Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic Centre (QVN) to be located at the Recycle Centre.
- Committee request Jeff to look into the costs of purchase of a brush cutter attachment for the skid steer
- Committee discussed the purchase of a wood chipper for use at the landfill. The Committee feels that it would be best to use a contractor on an as needed basis (for example, after a big storm) to provide wood chipping services.
- The Committee discussed the short fall in the funding of the Equipment Reserve over the next 5 years. The Committee wanted to see a 10% per year increase to the reserve and that the shortfall for the purchase of capital equipment purchases for the 2016 year be borrowed from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund to be repaid over a period of 3 years. Dave and Jeff indicated that we will be sitting very well with our equipment once we get through the next 5 years, old equipment will have been replaced.
- Dave reported on Well No. 4 planned work. There is \$10,000 in the budget this year for camera work for the well casing, which is near the end of its useful life. The result of the camera work will tell us what the condition of the casing is and will determine whether a refurbishing of installing a new casing can be done or whether we need to replace the well in the next couple years. The well is producing as good now as it was when it was installed, around 1995.

The committee reviewed the Group II departmental operating budget for 2016 and the five year capital plan as revised by the Department Managers.

Sheena reviewed the operational changes proposed for Transportation, Environmental Health and Welfare and the Water and Sewer Utility departments with the Committee.

*Chairman Grohs left the meeting at 6:31 p.m., Mayor Matheson assumed Chair.*

**Adjournment:**

Phillips: "That we adjourn this meeting at 6:40 p.m."

**CARRIED**



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer