

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF GROUP I COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 20th, 2006

The Lumsden Town Council Group I Committee convened a meeting in the Municipal Office, on the evening of Monday, March 20th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with Chairman Gerry Tomkins presiding.

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| Present: | Chairman: | Gerry Tomkins |
| | Mayor: | Verne Barber |
| | Alderman: | Ron Hart, Sid Sikorski |
| | Administrator: | Wayne Zerff |
| | Asst. Administrator: | Darcie Cooper |

General Discussions:

- The Administrator provided an overview of the 2005 actuals and expected expenses for 2006. Energy is expected to increase 14.2% and Power is expected to increase 6%. The Administrator also provided the committee with the expected grants to the municipality this year and the criteria involved for obtaining the grants. \$80,000 of new money is expected from the Province, \$18/ capita per year (\$28,000/year) Infrastructure Investment Plan grand (New Deal money) needs to be applied for and \$56,000 from the Federal government for capital projects for a total of \$108,000 for the 2006 year.
- The Administrator went through the budget and the 2005 actuals line by line.
- The committee discussed the wish list from the Fire department including an air compressor worth \$18,000
- The committee discussed the plan for the Riverpark Washrooms and requested a detailed breakdown on the \$10,000 capital cost that is budgeted for the washrooms. The committee requested a design as well as an actual cost breakdown for the proposed washrooms.
- Mayor Barber discussed the idea of providing a \$500 annual grant to the Lumsden Arts Council for their operation
- The committee requested that Tim Gienow provide a price quote for installing sub-floor, if required, in the Centennial Hall
- The committee discussed the reserve plan in place and indicated that they would like to see extra money put towards it this year to increase reserves.
- The Administrator provided the committee with a report of all the activities that occurred in the Hall free of charge over the past few years.

Adjournment:

Sikorski/Hart: "That we adjourn this committee meeting at 9:35 p.m."

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Chairman

Administrator