

# TOWN OF LUMSDEN

## MINUTES OF GROUP II COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

The Lumsden Town Council Group II Committee convened a meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Bryan Matheson presiding.

<b>Present:</b>	Chairman:	Bryan Matheson
	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Alderman:	Al Sulma, Gordon Bonokoski
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Public Works Supervisor:	Bob Schulz
	Asst. Supervisor:	Jeff Carey
	Water & Wastewater Operator:	Dave Cherney
	Assistant Administrator:	Darcie Cooper

The Administrator reviewed increase changes from the last meeting due to insurance, power and energy increases. The Committee reviewed the “wish list” for each department.

### **Fuel:**

The Administrator reviewed potential cost savings for fuel with the committee. If diesel was purchased through Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) there would be a potential savings of 20 – 25 cents per litre. Diesel consumption for 2005 was 24,000 litres for a potential savings of \$4,800 - \$6,000 per year.

The Public Works Supervisors’ estimated the cost of a 1,000 gallon tank for the diesel at \$2,000 and possibly an additional \$2,000 for meters and security for the tank, etc. The public works supervisor was to get firm numbers for next council meeting.

### **Sand and Gravel:**

The Public Works Supervisor indicated that he requires for the 2006 year, 600 yards of gravel (\$17.10 per cubic yard) \$10,260 and 300 tonnes of salted sand (\$19.15/tonne) \$5,745.

The Water and Wastewater Operator indicated that perhaps the sand that the Town already has could be screened and the Town employees could add salt to it to provide cost savings. The Public Works Supervisor indicated that the screening may cost about \$3.00 per cubic yard. The committee requested that a cost breakdown for the screening, salt and hauling be presented at the next council meeting.

The Water and Wastewater Operator suggested that investigative test holes be dug on the Town’s property located along highway 54 towards Regina Beach at Ptn. SE 11-20-22-W2 in search of gravel.

### **Sidewalks**

The committee decided that until the sidewalk maintenance schedule is completed and cost estimates given, the only budgeted figure would be \$1,000 for concrete to replace the sidewalk in front of the Centennial Hall.

### **Paving Projects:**

The Administrator re-affirmed the committee that hot mix and sand sealing would be eligible projects for the Infrastructure Investment Plan grant money. The Committee decided to add \$10,000 to the existing \$8,500 budgeted in Transportation Services for the purpose of pavement repairs. Areas identified were 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Grader/Crawler/Skid Steer:**

The Committee discussed the future of the grader and the option of selling it and renting one from the R.M. of Lumsden from November – April and have the R.M. of Lumsden custom grade in the Town from May – October. The committee determined that due to the lack of actual prices and that no agreement has been made with the R.M. yet, it would be better to plan this type of arrangement and include it in the 2007 budget. The average number of hours the Grader is used annually is 200 per year.

The Public Works Supervisor recommended fixing the Grader at an estimated cost of \$10,000 and trading it in. The committee indicated that they would rather fix the Grader and keep it, hoping that it may continue to operate for a substantial amount of time before any more repairs are required.

The Public Works Foreman indicated that a Skid Steer was a priority item for the public works department. Prices on leasing option or purchase of the Skid steer is to be brought to the next council meeting for their consideration. The Public Works Foreman estimated the Skid Steer at \$53,000

The committee discussed options for the Crawler at the Landfill. A crawler was estimated to cost about \$125,000. The value of the Grader was estimated at \$50,000 and the Crawler we currently have was estimated at \$25,000. If both machines were traded in for a new Crawler the difference would be \$50,000 after Trade-ins.

**Landfill Fence:**

Bob Schulz had pricing for a moveable litter catch fence of \$5,000. The committee felt that a permanent fence would be more effective. Bob was to get pricing on that type of fence and a price to have the work done by contract for the next council meeting.

**Well #5:**

The Committee discussed the financing for the Well #5 pipeline project and scheduled the pipeline to go ahead for next year, 2007. The financing would be as follows:

Infrastructure Investment Plan (new deal):	MRIF Grant	Loan (balance)	Project Total
<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	
\$10,500	10,000	28,000	\$146,500      85,000      =      \$280,000

**Recycle Depot:**

Councillor Bonokoski presented 2 proposals available for door to door recycling program. The committee discussed funding for this project through a utility or through the mill rate as the cost would be an additional \$35,000. This increase would represent 1 mill for the door to door service through Crown Shred & Recycling. The committee was concerned that if Wascana Recycling was contracted there may not be adequate service provided.

The Committee discussed relocating the recycling facility and decided that this option was too costly and removed it from the capital plan.

The Committee discussed leaving the operation as it is and perhaps hiring an additional employee to look after the recycle depot as well as assist public works as available. The product could then be sold to Crown Shred and Recycling. The Assistant Administrator is to check with Crown Shred and Recycling to ensure that they will accept our products. There was discussion around having the employee work from Tuesdays to Saturdays to handle the product dropped off on Saturday. There were some concerns raised that an employee should not be working alone as it is a safety hazard. Suggestion was to put out more bins to receive the weekend material without the depot being manned.

Councillor Bonokoski was to check into relocating the Community Living Bins up to the Landfill to help alleviate the unacceptable materials being left on the outside of the bins ie) furniture, etc.

**General Discussions:**

- The Committee suggested that the 2008 Infrastructure Investment Plan be put towards the Lagoon project and Streets and Roads.
- The Water and Wastewater Operator requested that the committee add a Fire Pump for the upper subdivisions of Town to the Capital Plan, estimated costs for the Fire Pump is \$25,000 - \$30,000. The Committee decided to add this to the 2009 year.
- The Water and Wastewater Operator also requested that the committee add a fixed power plant (Genset) to the capital budget at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The committee decided to add this into the 2010 year.

- The public works staff indicated that the portable generator (\$4,500) and the Mig Welder (\$2,500) were not priorities right now.
- The Water and Wastewater Operator identified the priorities for Water and Sewer. The committee identified the priorities as follows:
  - (i) Gudi Study (\$10,000)
  - (ii) SCBA systems for the Water Treatment Plant (\$6,000) (Capital)
  - (iii) New pump for upper distribution area (\$2,500)
  - (iv) Chemical pumps for back up (\$3,000)
  - (v) Page wire fence around reservoirs (\$500)

**Adjournment:**

Barber/Matheson: "That we adjourn this committee meeting at 6:40 p.m."

***CARRIED***

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**Chairman**

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**Administrator**