

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
NOTES OF THE GROUP I MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 3rd, 2010

The Group I Committee convened their monthly meeting in River Park Centre in Lumsden, on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. with Chairperson Doug Mader presiding.

Present: Chairperson: Doug Mader
Mayor: Bryan Matheson
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Absent: Councillors: Dan Kirby, Jayne Leibel

River Park Campground

- Chris said that Ken and Dianne are doing good work at the campground and River Park facility. We have had many compliments on the cleanliness of the new facility. Ken has been thorough with collection of fees in the evening and follow-up each morning.
- We reviewed the Ulmers' report; Chris will continue to meet with the Ulmers regarding day to day issues
- Some recommendations will be considered include:
 - Change River Park Centre hours from 8 am to 8 pm – new hours would be 7 am to 9 pm (spring 2011)
 - Change Septic Dump Fee, currently \$5 for non-registered campers – change to \$10 (spring 2011)
 - Showers for non-campers is \$2, we will install money collection box in the washrooms
 - We will get quotes for a utility sink in the maintenance room, work to be done in fall 2010
 - Chris will meet with Ken regarding adding an addition drive-thru site, garbage can placement, moving a fire pit ring and new pay station location
 - Chris will talk with Fun in the Sun organizers, considering a flat campground fee to the committee, then all teams camp for free. We would not have to collect fees that weekend, could hire extra staff for cleaning
 - New pay station and signage will be completed in Fall 2010
 - We will have a town business directory and town map available at the new pay station
 - Site numbers will be upgraded in Fall 2010
 - Vinyl privacy covering will be installed on the upper washroom vent windows Fall 2010
 - Town will send a letter replying to Lorne Stockburger's letter of concern July 5/10
 - Ken Ulmer and Mike Fisher may submit a proposal to operate the canteen in River Park Centre starting in Spring 2011. This could be beneficial to campers, the community and the ball diamond. They will submit their idea of the project to council.

Centennial Hall

- Chris said Whitney has made some noticeable progress with the cleanliness and presentation of the hall. Both storage areas are tidy and well organized. Washrooms look and smell clean, floors throughout the hall are shining. I called Whitney and expressed appreciation of the work she is doing.
- We will continue to complete items on our long "to do list" at the hall
- Have not received the energy audit report from the spring inspection

Dew Drop In

- Metal roofing is now completed on the Dew Drop In. Total bill from DNA Roofing is \$6,278.50. We will invoice the Dew Drop in for \$1,278.50

Canoe Shed

- Chris met with Merv Woods at the proposed River Park location for the new canoe shed. Location should be a great location for the canoe club; good parking, access to camping and facilities. Great opportunity in the future to host the national championships.
- Dock placement has to be approved by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Chris is forwarding the forms to Merv

Boot Camp

- The program is underway at the hall, Sariah Walsh agreed with the monthly rates. She operates an innovative bootcamp that includes aerobics, yoga and nutrition
- Program is held on the main floor, her supplies are stored in the serving kitchen

Flower Bed / Town Sign

- Doug reported that the flowerbed has been maintained by volunteers. They are requesting that public works water the area during dry periods.
- Bryan suggested that the waterbed be watered on a regular basis by public works for the rest of the season and then we re-evaluate the project in the fall
- Chris suggests designing a ground level area in the fall that requires minimal maintenance or irrigation. Incorporate the design for a new town sign in Spring 2011. Chris mentioned Regina and Saskatoon are currently removing raised beds and replacing them with ground level mulched areas that require little maintenance.
- Doug mentioned that Sid Sikorski would like to be involved in the process

Swim Program

- First session went well, excellent instructors and clean pools. Currently taking registrations for session 2 which runs from August 9th to the 20th.

Picnic Tables

- Portable picnic tables are complete and stored at River Park, 27 new tables at a cost of \$185.19.
- We have had requests for renting tables, Doug and Bryan will bring up a few suggestions at next council meeting.
- I am expecting higher than anticipated revenue at the campground this season. We will review the totals at the end of August, I would like to make some more permanent tables over the winter. I would like to have a permanent table at each site, currently have 10.

Tourism

- Lumsden was recently highlighted in the Leader Post, part of the Suburbs and Satellites special. The community was described as "Unforgettable ! A little Something For Everyone". There were 11 local ads on the page as well as a page of text.
- Access Communications will be coming to Lumsden and coordinating a 10 minute video of Lumsden, the community, attractions and special events.

Job Description

- Doug presented a draft job description for the Community Coordinator position. Doug and Bryan will present at next council meeting for discussion.

Cottonwood Park

- We are currently at a "stand-still" with park plans. Esso has informed us that we could bring topsoil in and do mound planting and paths on aggregate leaving the pesometers accessible. Any plans would have to be presented to Esso for final approval. Chris has checked into having Stantec do up an initial drawing.

Scarecrow Festival Committee

- Bryan mentioned Bob Croft has inquired about the status of the walking bridge. The Scarecrow committee would like to start fundraising for a community project. Bryan will discuss at the next council meeting.

Holidays

- Chris reported that he will be away on holidays for two weeks starting August 9, 2010

Computer

- Chris reported that his laptop is down. Dell did a diagnosis of the computer and is sending parts out. Computer should be fixed while on holidays. No memory was lost on the laptop, graphics card was the main problem.