

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE GROUP I MEETING HELD ON
November 3rd, 2011

The Group I Committee convened their monthly meeting in the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. with Chairperson Doug Mader presiding.

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

Absent: Councillors: Dan Kirby

I. Open discussion

- a) General Government - No Report
- b) Recreation and Culture (Doug Mader) – Discussion regarding tree project with the local Scout group. Chris will seek further information and see if there is a chance of utilizing in the Town. Will report back in December.

Community Coordinator Report – see below

Community Coordinator's Report

- **RiverPark Centre**
 - Facility is still getting some bookings; we have the Scout's facilitating their program in the park once a week on Monday evenings.
 - Concession is now winterized; both washrooms and meeting room are available throughout the winter for \$75. The main gate will be locked, key provided when rented.
 - There is one remaining serving window that needs upgrading to match the other two. Cost for the upgrade is \$750, work done by Glacier Glass. (Chris will get this work completed in 2012, or if there is 2011 budget funds available).
- **Campground**
 - Rec'd quote to finish remaining electrical sites on the outside loop (southwest) of the campground. Price includes all trenching to the six sites, all wiring to the electrical room and new pedestals. \$7240.00 (Bryan motioned to get this work completed and see if billing could be in January, 2012.)
 - We will re-number all the campground sites, have all materials ready for installation in the spring.
- **RiverPark**
 - Parking barriers all installed along ball diamonds, large rocks were used in the playground area. Large rocks were collected from R.M. of Lumsden gravel pit.
 - Started draft of RiverPark on AutoCad. Want to have a complete site plan of everything in the park; buildings, campground, playground, ball diamonds, trail, trees etc...
 - Chris will pursue availability of taking a course so he can utilize Autocad and/or Arcview software programs.
 - Playground will get a new NetClimber play structure in Spring 2012. The entire area will get new landing aggregate to meet CSA Safety Standards. Lion's are providing \$10 000 towards this upgrade.
- **Centennial Hall**
 - New tables, serving carts were in place for the annual Fall Supper.
 - Chair replacement and main floor light upgrades is next on the list for upgrades.
 - Landscaping in the front of the building will be completed this month weather permitting.
 - Distribution of heat in the basement is still an issue, poor venting distribution in the rooms.
 - Basement will get a phone connected to the current town system.
 - Final painting will be completed in basement kitchen when schedule permits.
 - Bryan suggested we review the policy of candle use at the hall.
- **Ball Diamonds**



- Jets diamond has had extensive upgrades to the fencing, backstop and player bench area. Fencing needs to be completed on the backstop and the dugouts rebuilt. This work will be completed in the spring.
- 7th East diamond is looking very good. We expect to get the backstop poles in by November 4th. Volunteers will spread the infield aggregate, lots of volunteer hours put into this project.
- Would like to build 3 more sets of bleachers this winter, currently trying to get the metal donated. We have some interest from local resident to donate some \$\$ to go towards the bleachers. We will plan to build over the winter.
- **Trail**
 - This year we budgeted \$2500 for an Alpine Groomer, to keep the trail groomed for walking and Nordic skiing. Could not find a used groomer. After some discussion with Dave and Jeff and some research into what other communities do for grooming, we came up with what we consider a better option. Purchase a prospector track kit for our Polaris Ranger ATV, the atv will then been utilized year-round. Track kit is \$5000 from Alsport Sales in Regina. (Chris and Jeff will review capital budget and make necessary changes to purchase the tracks).
 - Gary Howland received the SPRA award of merit in Saskatoon on October 21st. A certificate for the trail project will be framed and displayed at the municipal office and at the golf club house in Deer Valley.
 - We will have a draft plan of the new trail location in RiverPark by the end of November. New location will not be effected by the oxbow water levels and will be accessible year round.
- **Spray Park**
 - Committee continues to meet monthly and regular correspondence through email.
 - Upcoming fundraising: Toonie Frog, Corporate Requests and Magic Show in May 2012.
 - Currently... close to \$25 000 raised to date
- **Parks**
 - Rec'd quote to remove the 2 existing power poles in Lion's park along with the 2 meters, install underground power in a ground mount cabinet. Cost of the project is \$3270. Savings each year without the current meters, \$800/year. (Chris will pursue to get all overhead lines removed and get cabinet work completed in 2012.
 - Contracted Warren Pletz to do the first draft of Lion's park on Auto Cad. Working together to develop site plan with complete inventory. Want to have similar site plans for every Lumsden Green space.
- **Trees**
 - No trees have been moved from nursery in 2011.
 - Fencing the tree nursery area will be moved to spring 2012.
- **Special Events**
 - Would like to start a "Block Party" promotion in Lumsden in conjunction with the community parks, for example, if residents in an area do a park clean-up we would provide hot dogs, drinks etc... (Chris will put together a "block party package" that will be reviewed at the December meeting – would like to introduce program in spring 2012)
- **Sports Centre**
 - New netting for outdoor rink was delivered, public works will install before ice is prepared.
 - 1 section of boards needs repairing and 1 gate repaired.
 - Fencing needs refastening on both ends.
 - Next Rink Board meeting is November 7th at 7 pm.
- **Promotion**
 - In the past we have promoted Lumsden "A great place to visit, a great place to live". We have utilized various publications/web including: Tourism Sask, Southern Saskatchewan Vacation Guide, Leader Post and Explore Regina. To move forward in 2012, we should consider more web and mobile web presence along with some of the print media.
 - Chris will look into banner advertising on various websites and report back for the December meeting
 - The free advertising on our website and some local event, facebook and blog sites is increasing the "Lumsden Awareness".
- **Sask. Lotto**
 - Suggested Grant Allocations for 2011/12:
Cubs and Scout's Program \$3000
Preschool Program \$2000

Dew Drop In \$1500

Lumsden Historical Society \$1500

Lumsden Heritage Home \$1000

Karate Program \$1000

Lumsden and District Arts Council (reviewing their hours at Centennial Hall)

- The funds from the Cubs/Scouts, Arts Council, Preschool and Karate program will be returned to the town for facility user fees (they use the Centennial Hall and RiverPark Centre)

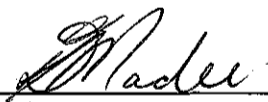
- c) Protective Services – (Jayne) she reported that Sgt Cleary will be attending the next council meeting. He will be open to any questions/concerns. He will also address procedures for bylaw enforcement.
- d) Planning and Economic Development – no report
- e) Lumsden Fire District (Dan Kirby) – sent report... Lumsden and District Fire Department has spent it's annual training budget on the training material and resources to have all firefighters trained to a level 1 fire fighter which is similar to the training received at the fire colleges. This is a huge undertaking and commitment by both the firefighters and our chief and public works foreman Jeff Carey. Everyone is committed to this and is looking forward to the training.

II. New business

- a) We have a request from a group renting the Centennial Hall on November 14, they need a screen and projector, office will contact group.
- b) Exterior Lights at hall are not working, need "physically challenged" signs put on lower parking area at the hall.... Put signs right on the building.
- c) Need one more serving table in basement of hall, currently have 3
- d) Chris is to submit an overview of personal vehicle use for 2011, council will review and decide on appropriate reimbursement.
- e) Chris – discussion regarding Town promotion. Continue Sask. Tourism promotion of the campground. Pursue avenues for promoting the new Town lots, bring information for the next Group 1 meeting on November 3rd.
- f) Current Shopvac at hall no longer works; a new unit will be purchased.
- g) Lion's are starting a Memorial/Sponsor Bench Program in Lumsden. People will be able to purchase a bench and have it installed in a designated green space in Lumsden. Chris will have a site map of each green space with possible locations of future benches. The kick-off for the project will be at the December 3rd Lion's Christmas Banquet.
- h) With assistance from the Lion's, we have done an inventory of plates, cups and cutlery at the hall. We do not have enough supplies for a banquet for 250 people. Chris will submit budget to get sufficient supplies to meet the demand in the hall.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



 Chairperson



 Chief Administrative Officer