## TOWN OF LUMSDEN

# MINUTES OF THE GROUP II MEETING HELD ON MAY 3, 2012

The Group II Committee convened their monthly meeting in the Town Shop in Lumsden, on the afternoon of Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 3:50 p.m. with Chairperson Rhonda Phillips presiding.

**Present:** Chairperson:

Rhonda Phillips Bryan Matheson

Mayor: Councillors:

Al Sulma, Jane Cogger

Utilities Forman:

Dave Cherney

Public Works Forman: Chief Admin. Officer: Jeff Carey Byron Tumbach

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#### **Environment:**

- The packer at the landfill is leaking, repair is required
- The recycle depot needs to be worked into the capital plan because the roof is leaking

### Transportation:

- Jeff reported that the James Street Bridge resurfacing may be done at a lower cost than
  considered in the budget; perhaps capital work is not required. Highways engineers
  were in town and gave suggestions regarding adding steel to the structure. This could be
  done by Town staff. One side of the bridge would have to be closed at a time. After the
  structure is reinforced the surface would be repaved.
- Stop signs installation should be considered for: James Street South & Canning Road, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Pleasant Street.
- Installation of a dead end sign was discussed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue however it was recognized that once a vehicle is at the point where there is a dead end, they are already committed.
- There is a large puddle at the corner of the 8th and James Street North (where the highway comes into town) which needs to be filled in.
- Summer students have started training this week

## Water & Sewer:

- River Park water supply to new sites and maintenance of existing water supply to sites should be completed at the end of next week,
- New playground equipment is being installed at River Park on May 4th
- Waiting for the aerator for the lagoon
- The odor of the lagoon in town is due to the cool cloudy weather
- Will start to reduce the lagoon by pumping, there is 6" left at the top of the lagoon
- The problem of excess water in the lagoons appears to be a result of infiltration into the sewer system, into the lagoons and sump pumps discharging into the sanitary sewer system
- Water systems are all fine,
- Awaiting budget adoption to complete capital work at 7th Avenue. The pumps at this lift station still have lots of capacity (2 pumps, 34 hour each/24 hours).
- Sewage lift issues need to be addressed when dealing with new developments
- A proposal from Schandre Estates to council next week-they need to run their sewer line down to Qu'Appelle Drive
- Maple Bay is not on sewer lines, they have septic tanks
- Temporary lift station at Schandre will need to be replaced once more development commences

#### **General Discussion**

- Management of concerns or call for services was discussed
- Notify public works is to be notified by email when concerns or messages from the public come in. The public works managers then have a record on their Blackberries and can deal with the issue in a timely manner.
- Three students have hired.
- Ken Turnbill, office manager of Associated Engineering, will be coming out to meet with Town staff and Mayor Matheson.

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## **Group II Meetings - Future Format**

- Public Works Foreman will get information prior to meeting. To review at group meeting and explain overages to councilors
- Capital submission forms will be prepared by Administration with a definitive 5 Year Capital Plan on year by year basis. Information will be updated every year
- The goal for 2013 budget submissions is November to coincide with the newly elected council
- Krystal will be attending Group II meetings to assist with minute taking, financial reporting and capital budget preparation

# Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Chief Administrative Officer