## TOWN OF LUMSDEN

## MINUTES OF THE GROUP I COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6th, 2013

The Group I Committee convened their budget meeting in the Municipal Office, on the evening of Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. with Chairperson Reggie Newkirk presiding.

**Present:** Chairperson:

Reggie Newkirk Bryan Matheson

Mayor: Councillor:

Jane Cogger

Community Coordinator:

Chris Exner (left at 5:55 p.m.)

Chief Administrator Officer:

Darcie Cooper

Asst. Administrator:

Krystal Strong

**Absent:** Councillor

Wes Holobetz

The committee reviewed the Group I departmental operating budget for 2013 and the five year capital plan as revised by the Department Managers.

## **Capital Budget Discussion:**

- Community Coordinator, Chris Exner indicated that previous council budgeted for replacement of all the light fixtures in the Hall in the Capital plan for the 2014 year. Chris feels that the current light fixtures add a nice feel to the Hall and that bulb replacement may be all that's needed. The committee is to decide whether they want to leave it in the capital plan or remove it.
- Discussed the need to complete the off-site back up room in the Centennial Hall for the office
- Discussed moving the North emergency exit in the basement of the Centennial Hall so that is more visible to all users of the Hall basement.
- Committee requested the addition of the Legion roof repair project to the 2013 capital plan at a cost of \$66,000 with financing from the Community Initiatives Grant, of which approval has been received for \$33,000 and the balance funded by donations from the Lumsden Legion.
- The screwgate and oxbow enlargement project in the capital budget at a cost of 382,000 needs further discussion with Jeff Carey, Public Works Manager to determine the need for the project
- Darcie to check and see if Turn-out Gear for the fire department should be in the Capital budget or the operating budget and add the amount in the appropriate area.

## **Operating Budget Discussion:**

- Committee reviewed 2012 actuals compared to budget and the proposed budget for 2013 with the changes proposed by the staff.
- Discussion took place whether or not monthly meetings of the Committee were considered necessary to Council or whether quarterly meetings would be sufficient with monthly updates on recreation and culture issues be sent to committee members by Community Coordinator, Chris Exner. Council cost per meeting is \$600.00

Matheson/Cogger: "That the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m."

Chairman