

**TOWN OF LUMSDEN**  
**MINUTES OF THE GROUP II COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING**  
**HELD ON MARCH 4, 2014**

The Group II Committee convened their budget meeting in the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on the evening of Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Matheson presiding.

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor:	Bryan Matheson
	Councillors:	Rhonda Phillips, Trevor Grohs
	Utilities Foreman:	Dave Cherney
	Public Works Foreman:	Jeff Carey
	Chief Administrative Officer:	Darcie Cooper
	Finance Officer:	Sheena Carrick
<b>Absent:</b>	Councillor:	Randy Bogdan

The committee reviewed the Group II departmental operating budget for 2014 and the five year capital plan as revised by the Department Managers.

CAO, Darcie Cooper provided the Committee with a written report regarding a comparison between the contracting of commercial recycling vs. in-house processing. She also reported a summary of the municipality's long term debt, debt capacity and the funding of capital projects.

**Landfill/Recycle:**

The Committee considered the information provided and due to the relatively low cost of contracting the Commercial pick up to Crown Shred & Recycle, particularly in comparison to what it currently costs the municipality to process and pick up the recycling, the Committee recommends that the Commercial recycling program continue to be financed through the municipal mill rate, as is residential curb-side pick-up.

Darcie provided information she received regarding an anonymous donation of \$50,000 to the recycling department if particular criteria can be implemented. Council agreed to implement the criteria requested as follows:

- Reinststate the electronics recycling program
- Recyclable Paper products be banned from the landfill
- Ensure approved haulers are dumping material in the appropriate location in the landfill

The Committee agreed to put the donation towards the purchase of a container necessary for the acceptance of electronics, to be placed at the landfill, as well as the site preparation work for the new recycling compactor.

The Committee agreed that leasing of the compactor was the preferred option over purchasing due to maintenance issues.

Public Works Foreman, Jeff Carey to come up with a plan for the recycle/landfill area respecting the new compactor, site preparation and proposal for the current recycle location.

**Capital Budget Discussion:**


Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick presented the 5 year capital plan as proposed by the department managers. The Committee agreed with the recommendations and agreed to add Well 4 replacement to the 2018 year.

The Committee discussed the need to establish an infrastructure reserve policy to finance future paving projects incl. road improvements, sidewalks, curb and gutter. The Committee recommended the incorporation of \$150,000 Reserve amount in to the 2014 budget for consideration.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Chief Administrative Officer