

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE GROUP II COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2015

The Group II Committee convened their budget meeting in the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on the evening of Monday, March 16, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. with Mayor Matheson presiding.

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

The committee reviewed the Group II departmental proposed operating budget for 2015 and the five year capital plan as revised by the Department Managers.

Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick provided the Committee with a written report regarding various budget changes over last year.

Pavement Patching:

The Committee discussed the increase in budget for pavement patching over last year. The Committee determined that all pavement patching required, as a result of a water or sewer line repair, should be expensed through the utility. The comparison was made to other utility companies, such as Sask Energy, that if pavement patching was required as a result of a problem with their utility line, they would be required to pay for the pavement patching.

Long Term Debt:

The committee reviewed the long term debt and it was recommended to administration to check into paying off the balance of the loan for Well No. 5 in the amount of \$74,116.93 through reserves in order to pay off the Loan due to the high interest rate of approximately 6%.

Drainage Map:

The Committee discussed the need for a Drainage Map to be done for the Town. Administration will look in to having this layer incorporated into the mapping for the Town.

Capital Budget Discussion:

Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick presented the 5 year capital plan as proposed by the department managers. The Committee agreed to move the garbage truck purchase to 2016 in order to fit better within the Equipment Reserve funds. The committee also indicated their support for adding the purchase of a Trash Pump in to the 2015 budget. Dave will obtain price quotes for the pump.

Water Meters – Municipal Owned Facilities:

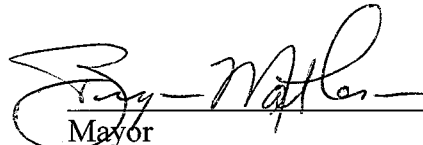
The Committee requested an increase to the budget for the purchase of water meters from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in order to install water meters at municipal facilities e.g.) Sports Centre, Centennial Hall, Riverpark Centre, Municipal Office, Town Shop, etc.

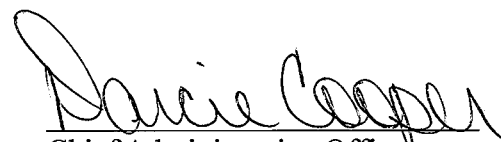
7th Avenue Engineering Design:

The Committee wanted a full engineering design included in the budget, for 7th Avenue including storm sewer, pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk. The design should ensure that the storm water is redirected from 7th Avenue to the Oxbow.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


 Mayor


 Chief Administrative Officer