

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE GROUP I COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 18th, 2016

The Group I Committee convened their budget meeting at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson: Jane Cogger
 Mayor: Bryan Matheson
 Councillors: Wes Holobetz, Reggie Newkirk (*left at 5:00 pm*)
 Finance Officer: Sheena Carrick
 Chief Administrator
 Officer: Darcie Cooper (*left at 4:55pm*)
 Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Chairperson Appointment – 2016 year:

Matheson/Holobetz: "That we appoint Councillor Cogger as Chairperson for the Group 1 Committee meetings for the 2016 year." **CARRIED**

Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick provided the Committee with a written report regarding a summary of the municipality's departmental changes and recommendations.

The Committee discussed the following items:

- Community Safety Officer – the Committee were not in favour of pursuing this as they felt that this program was too costly and that there were a lot of other higher priority projects to be funded in the municipality
- Riverpark Waterline – The Committee agreed with the need for the waterline replacement to address fire suppression requirements and increase the water flow for the Campground.

Riverpark Reserve:

Matheson/Holobetz: "That we agree with administrations recommendation and recommend council approve the establishment of a reserve for River Park and contributing 100% of the net profits from the Riverpark Campground on an annual basis to fund improvements to Riverpark Campgrounds, including the future waterline replacement." **CARRIED**

The committee reviewed the Group I departmental operating budget for 2016 and the five year capital plan as revised by the Department Managers.

Capital Budget Discussion:

Finance Officer, Sheena Carrick presented the 5 year capital plan as proposed by the department managers.

- The Committee agreed to move Central Park improvements forward one year on the capital plan, to commence in 2017
- The Committee indicated they would like Group 2 Committee to consider the proposed solar power service that Qu'Appelle Valley Nordic Centre would like to tie in to when constructing and servicing the recycle centre relocation at the landfill.

Sheena reviewed the operational changes proposed for General Government, Protective Services, Parks and Recreation and Planning and Development departments with the Committee.

Adjournment:

Matheson/Holobetz: "That we adjourn this meeting at 5:25 p.m."

CARRIED

Jane Cogger
 Chairperson
Darcie Cooper
 Chief Administrative Officer