



THE TOWN OF  
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**Town of Lumsden**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Group I - Committee Meeting June 1, 2020 - 04:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

The Group I Committee of the Lumsden Town Council convened their meeting at the Lumsden Centennial Hall on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 4:03 p.m., with Chairperson Byron Tumbach presiding.

**Present:**

Chairperson: Byron Tumbach  
Mayor: Bryan Matheson  
Councillors: Dave Cameron, Jane Cogger  
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky  
Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong  
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (left at 5:07 pm)  
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Cogger

"That we adopt the agenda as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Reports of the Community Coordinator**

The Community Coordinator provided a report on the following:

- **Campground**
  - Campground officially opened on May 16<sup>th</sup>, limited to 20 sites and many COVID restrictions in place. Will have 20 sites filled by June 5<sup>th</sup>. All weekly or monthly campers. Non-service fees are in place until RiverPark Ctr re-opens.
  - Campground Host contract renewed with some minor changes with role and responsibilities because of current COVID situation in the province.
  - Campground is operating with power and water to sites. Washroom and laundry facilities are currently closed.
  - Painting of the laundry room floor will be completed in June. Will then move machines in and prepare for the opening of the facility when recommended restrictions are lifted.
  
- **RiverPark Centre**
  - Current rates for the facility; \$75/half day fee for birthdays/anniversaries etc. \$150 fee for full day conferences. All bookings for June have been cancelled or on hold, some dates also on hold for July and August.
  - Facility will receive weekly cleaning and getting some small repairs completed.
  - Showers/washrooms are currently closed to the public.
  - RiverPark Canteen is open Fri/Sat/Sun noon to 7 pm.
  
- **Centennial Hall**
  - Hall has had a large drop in usage since March with the current COVID situation. Most bookings have been cancelled for 2020. Most people are rebooking in 2021 and 2022.
  - Exterior and interior carpentry was completed around the main floor fire exit door.
  - Basement lights have all been replaced with LED strip lighting.
  - No news regarding roof project grant status (ICIP).
  - Water closet is painted and ready for the new water meter.
  - Have a sample replacement LED for the main floor lighting – looking at replacement options for the old fixtures. Repairs and maintenance costs on the lighting is rising each year.
  
- **Library**
  - Library is currently closed because of the current COVID situation.
  - Some libraries in larger centres (Regina and Saskatoon) are planning re-opening with limited hours, I expect the same for the Lumsden location in July if COVID statistics continue to level out and/or drop.
  - Furnace room floor repair is still planned to complete prior to summer.

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*Byron Tumbach*

- **Special Events**

- Senior Appreciation Night, Medieval Feast, National Indigenous People's Day and Canada Day events have been cancelled. Fun in the Sun is still planned at this time.
- Coordinating Celebration videos for both the National Indigenous People's Day and Canada Day events, the videos will be posted on the Town's social media feeds.
- Planning various options for both the Duck Derby and ScareCrow Festival in September.
- Finished the first stage of the Sask Arts Board for Mural Project, waiting for next funding approval.

- **Ball Diamonds**

- Five ball diamonds are in good shape, grass is really growing, however, no ball games on with the current COVID situation. I have seen several people out on the diamonds playing catch etc...
- The irrigation pump is getting a tune-up and some repair of the clutch plate. The hose and components have all been received and are now ready for installation. Jeff is arranging rental of a trencher. Some time in June we will be putting in all the irrigation pipe and the nine standpipes for the spray canons. Once the system is installed, we will have irrigation for the 3 diamonds in RiverPark with water from the oxbow. There is a potential to build similar infrastructure with the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue ball diamonds and use the same pump and spray cannons.

- **Trails**

- Trails in Lumsden and area are getting an incredible amount of traffic, many walkers, joggers, bikes etc... people are looking at new outdoor pursuits since many organized outdoor activities are cancelled or postponed.
- In discussion with Jeff regarding upgrading the surface on the dyke trail. We need some more material on the trails and find a solution to keeping the aggregate on the trail.
- Just west of Lumsden we have a section of the trail closed. New landowner is not renewing lease for the section that goes across their property. Meeting with a few other landowners in the area to plan short section of trail that would link the two sections.
- Received funding for spring clean-up in the Town of Lumsden and a section of the RM of Lumsden. Summer students will do the work; mowing, grass whipping and debris clean-up.

- **Trees**

- Planted 12 coniferous trees in Lion's park on May 26. Trees range in height from 6 to 12 feet in height. Planning to plant another 6 deciduous trees in Lion's park in the fall.
- Booked in Tree Company to trim trees in Lumsden the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June, keeping a list of "issue trees" to be trimmed/removed.
- Good signs from our 2019 planting, trees are doing well
- In late June when all trees have leafed out, we will have an arborist out to do some core sampling completed



- **Parks**

- Updating park site maps. Will start with Lion's park. Site maps include inventory of all trees, playground equipment, benches etc.. will include future development
- Lion's Park; New equipment has been ordered with the TOM program, installation mid-June, includes saucer swing. Also back nine disc pads will be poured and new decals on the disc golf signs.
- June installation of the Lion's Duck spring toys that were purchased this past winter.
- Completing the draft of potential dog park, looking for more funding/sponsors.
- Several landing areas at parks will get additional pea rock, some areas have settled.

- **Summer Swim Program 2020**

- Dates for 2 summer sessions: (Session 1 July 6 to 17) and (Session 2 August 17 to 28). Meeting with Red Cross to determine whether we can proceed with our program in 2020.
- All pools, instructors and supplies are ready if we proceed.

- **Benches and Picnic Tables**

- Sponsored benches and picnics tables in Lion's Park are available. \$1000 for a bench or a picnic table. Both products have solid metal frames with cedar planking. A bronze plaque is attached to acknowledge the sponsorship.
- 2020 benches will be installed at Lion's Park and Broad Street Park.
- Anyone interested in sponsoring a bench or table can contact the office and talk to the Community Coordinator. Bench or table placement can be requested, location discussed and finalized after meeting on-site and "locates" are completed.

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**Accept Community Coordinator's Report**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cogger

**Seconded by:** Councillor Cameron

"That the report of the Community Coordinator be accepted as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Previous Meeting Minutes for Review**

**March 5 - Group I Committee Meeting**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cameron

**Seconded by:** Mayor Matheson

"That the minutes of the March 5, 2020 Group I Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

**Draft Policy - Disconnection of Water Service and Adding Arrears to Tax Roll**

**Moved by:** Mayor Matheson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Cogger

"That we recommend Council adopt the Disconnection of Water Service and Adding Arrears to Tax Roll Policy, as attached as "Schedule A" and forming a part of these minutes."

**CARRIED**

**RiverPark Concession Agreement - Folk**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cameron

**Seconded by:** Councillor Cogger

"That we recommend Council enter into an agreement with Shane and Jennifer Folk for the lease of the RiverPark Concession for the 2020 season with reduced rates during the COVID-19 Pandemic."

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cogger

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:34."

**CARRIED**

  
Chairperson

  
Chief Administrative Officer

