



THE TOWN OF
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Town of Lumsden
Meeting Minutes
Group I Committee September 2, 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 Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 4:01 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
Public Works Superintendent: Jeff Carey

Absent:

Community Coordinator: Chris Exner

Additions to Agenda

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 is now fully operational after operating at SHA COVID regulations for April, May, June, and 2 weeks in July. If weather cooperates, we should have a good September and first part of October.
 - Had a few storms make a mess in the campground, had tree contractor in a couple times to clean-up some large trees that were knocked down.
 - The students have done a great job in the campground with cutting and trimming grass. Campground looks good.
 - Campground host has been excellent this season, providing good service to the campers and keeping the RiverPark Centre clean.

- **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.
 - COVID has caused cancellations spring and most of summer. Now having requests for meetings and 1 hr functions. Some groups don't have access to the school etc... going to adapt to the new trend of requests.
 - Canteen is closed. Mobile catering is continuing.
 - Eaves are completed on the building.
 - Extension of the RiverPark Trail loop will get some aggregate and add the busy section for walkers/bikers. Trails have been getting a large increase of use during COVID. Planning to extend the loop along oxbow behind the campground, rather than walking on the road.

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- **Centennial Hall**
 - Hall has been quiet with all the weddings and events cancelled from March 2020 through to the end of the year.
 - Many small repairs have been completed and extra cleaning caught up on.
 - Found some reasonable priced fixture/LED components to replace the insides of the main floor globes. This change will save a lot of energy, over 80% more efficient.
 - Some challenges with the curb stop valve, so the new water meter has not yet been installed.
 - Students have done an excellent job keeping up with the grass around the hall, the grounds look good.
 - Library
 - Library has re-opened, with many COVID guidelines in place. Screens have been installed along with floor markings. Books and library items can be ordered. Still no browsing in the library.

- **Special Events**
 - National Indigenous People's Day and Canada Day events had to be cancelled. Had approval to use the grant funds to create videos for our social media. Both videos were posted and we had a tremendous response on our social media.
 - We are planning a scaled down ScareCrow Festival on September 19. Will get NED SMUL up by the Town Sign. Promote public displays, specials at local stores, give out prizes, tshirts for displays and depending on the COVID situation we will have a fire work display that can be seen from anywhere in Lumsden.
 - CTV is visiting Lumsden on September 1. They will do 5 live cut-ins throughout the morning. The clips will be shared on our social media. 5 locations include: entrance to Town, RiverPark, Lion's Park, Street Treats and FREEBIRD.
 - The Lost Girls Guide to traveling will be visiting Lumsden for 2 days in mid-September. Ashlyn George will be in Lumsden and upload her experiences on her social media. The project is being funding by Tourism.

- **Ball Diamonds**
 - Five ball diamonds are in good shape, had some damage to the Jet's diamond during an August storm. We be repairing the Jet's diamond dugouts in September.
 - Irrigation project is underway; all piping has been trenched in, standpipes installed, valves are currently being installed. Should test the system in mid-September. Lent one of the water canons to the school for the football field, they can now irrigate from the river.
 - Ball fields had some team practice and games after all leagues were suspended because of COVID. Some minor ball teams are expected to play into September.

- **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.
 - Just west of Lumsden we have a section of the trail closed. We have proposed a new route that would take the trail away from nearby roads and travel along the valley edge. Biggest challenge is the new section would have to cross the creek. Have had discussions with TCT about possibly funding a needed bridge. Engineers have been on site and there are a couple locations that would work. All paper work will be completed for the grant and will be submitted in late September.

- **Trees**
 - Glad to report that the 12 new coniferous trees in Lion's park are doing excellent. Trees range in height from 6 to 12 feet in height. We have been busy with managing the trees in Town this year. A few storms and some very windy days wreaked havoc on the big old trees in town.
 - We will bring a contractor back to town in early October to work with the issue trees that we have identified.

- **Parks**
 - Lion's Park; New equipment purchased with the Lion's Trip of the Month donation has been installed in Lion's Park, the new equipment has been popular.
 - Disc Golf back 9 t-off pads have been installed. Previous hole decals have been replaced. Hole number pendants will be installed in the t-off pads mid-September.
 - The remaining Lion's Duck spring toys will be installed this fall once the border material arrives.
 - Dog parks area survey has been completed, looking for more funding/sponsors. First section of fence will be installed October 2020.

- **Summer Swim Program 2020**
 - Just completed a session of swim classes. Utilized 3 private pools. Followed all COVID guidelines that were supplied by SHA and the Red Cross. Every Class was full. Very please with the instructors at each pool. Very fortunate to have 3 very generous families who provide their pools for our swim program.

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- **Benches and Picnic Tables**

- Sponsored benches and picnic 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.

Reports of the Community Coordinator

Moved by: Councillor Cogger

Seconded by: Councillor Cameron

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

CARRIED

Minutes for Review

June 1, 2020 - Group I Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Cogger

Seconded by: Mayor Matheson

"That the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Group I meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

New Business

Utility Meter Deposits

Election Official Remuneration

Moved by: Councillor Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Cogger

"That we recommend Council approve the following rates for the 2020 General Election:

	Advance Poll	Election Day	PV School Division agreed to pay extra on Election Day
Poll Clerk	\$75	\$250	\$50
Deputy Returning Officer	\$90	\$300	\$60."

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Village of Craven - Fire Protection

"That we recommend Council have discussions with the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 to enter into agreement with the Village of Craven for Fire Protection Services, including the following terms:

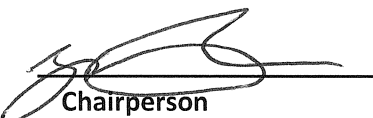
- Charge an annual premium for 2021 of \$6,500 and increasing each year on January 1 by the Consumer Price Index. The CPI will be determined by averaging the rate for Canada, Saskatchewan and Regina as of September in the previous year;
- Fees for Service would be charged at the same rates that are used in the Mutual Aid Agreement,
- The Village of Craven would be responsible for paying invoices issued by the Town of Lumsden." **CARRIED**

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cogger

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:16 pm."

CARRIED


Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer