

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING APRIL 17th, 2007

The Lumsden Town Council convened a budget meeting in the Council Chambers of the Lumsden Municipal Office, on the evening of Tuesday, April 17th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber presiding.

Present:	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Councillor:	Sid Sikorski, Al Sulma, Ron Hart Gerry Tomkins
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
	Public Works Supervisor:	Bob Schulz
Absent:	Councillor:	Dan Kirby, Wayne MacKay

Proposed Budget changes:

The Administrator reviewed the Revenue Sharing report that he prepared on past performance and his projections for 2007 year. There have not been any Revenue Sharing dollar announcements to date from the Province.

The Administrator indicated that an additional loan of \$140,000 would balance the budget as it is proposed now.

The Administrator reviewed the proposed increases to each department for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 years. He recommended that Recreation and Culture draw on their reserve to cover their proposed increases.

The Administrator indicated that the 2007 proposed changes in operating would result in a \$7,000 loss instead of the previous budgeted surplus \$37,584.

Lagoon:

Council discussed the lagoon aeration and indicated the need to receive the Wastewater management study from Associated Engineering.

Mayor Barber indicated that 3C Water Systems now has funding in place to build and operate a plant at our lagoon if the Town can get approval from SERM to manage the lagoon. They would also require some help from the Town to prepare the site where they would build their plant.

Library:

Mayor Barber discussed adding \$300 to the Library contract to cover the Librarians wages that is lost by the requirement of the Southeast Regional Library to have an Assistant Librarian work for 3 hours/month.

General Discussions:

- need for new planking for the bleachers at the ball diamonds. Councillor Hart is going to discuss the issue with Minor Ball to see if they will replace the planks.
- Hiring 3 summer students commencing May 7 for the public works department
- Councillor Hart asked about staggering the coffee breaks for the public works department so it appears to have better public perception
- Remove 7th avenue fence
- Get price from Chris for sending energy efficient light bulbs one for each resident – approx. \$900. Chris is also checking into a grant from Sask. Power for the light bulbs
- Discussed a \$500 scholarship for a Lumsden High School graduate with criteria, such as someone who has demonstrated community involvement, and/or someone who hasn't received any other scholarship money.

Proposed Budget Changes:

Hart/Sulma: "That we approve the proposed 2007 budget increases as prepared by each Committee and presented by the Administrator." **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Sikorski/Tomkins: "That we agree to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairman

Administrator