

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
NOTES OF THE GROUP I MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 6th, 2011

The Group I Committee convened their monthly meeting in the Municipal Office in Lumsden, on the afternoon of Thursday, October 6th, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. with Chairperson Doug Mader presiding.

Present: Chairperson: Doug Mader
Mayor: Bryan Matheson
Community Coordinator: Chris Exner
Absent: Councillors: Dan Kirby and Jayne Leibel

I. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a) General Government - No Report
- b) Recreation and Culture (Doug Mader)

Community Coordinator's Report

- **Great Pumpkin and ScareCrow Festival – was held September 30 and October 1**
 - The festival was well attended, weather was perfect
 - We sponsored children's program included; bounce tent, obstacle course and petting zoo
 - I represented the town on the committee starting in late August, corresponding by email/text. Met with specific committee members on-site prior to the festival.
 - The group got started a little later than usual, causing some last minute rushing
- **Trees**
 - Received a shipment of 15 Colorado Spruce, 10 Linden and 3 Schubert Chokecherry
 - Finished planting on Wednesday, October 5th, new trees in RiverPark, James North, 5th Ave and 7th ball park.
 - Great response from residents offering to help with maintenance
 - We will need to continue tree planting; trees still needed in numerous areas
 - Weather and labour permitting I would like to take a few trees out of nursery this fall
- **RiverPark Centre**
 - I completed a tour and checklist with the contractors on September 30, facility is in great condition. Contractors had a list of suggestions/feedback. We both agreed that the maintenance of the single washroom was an issue and there needs to be a few changes for the Fun in the Sun and Duck Derby events.
 - I have yet to meet with the concession contractor, they left for a holiday. On their return we will meet and review the season, discuss the facility and plan for 2012.
 - Income from the Concession for 2011 is \$2 300 (\$0 in 2010). Have not received funds for Aug. or Sept.
 - Income from the meeting room in 2011 is \$950.00 to date (\$450 in 2010).
 - Lumsden Scouts will use the facility throughout the winter months on a weekly basis.
- **Campground**
 - Service camping finished at the end of September, non-serviced camping went into effect.
 - Non-service is just electrical – no water (Non-service off season is \$20/night or \$400/month).
 - There are some potash drillers that will be camping into October, we will leave the single washroom open until the water lines are winterized. Expect to winterize the lines the third or fourth week in October.
 - Met with electricians to get the remaining 10 campsites serviced, no quote for the work yet and have not issued work order. I meet with them again on October 7th.
 - Campground Income \$39 960 (\$26 066 in 2010).
- **RiverPark**
 - All the old parking barriers have been removed, new metal parking barriers have been installed.
 - Parking area west of Jets diamond by the septic dump will be expanded for the needed turning radius of campers into the campground and meet the needs of increased parking, if work isn't completed in the fall, we will complete it spring 2012.

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- Lion's have committed \$10 000 towards new playground equipment. I will order the equipment before the end of October. We will plan for May 2012 installation and complete the playground area. All the aggregate around the new structure as well as the area around the old equipment will be upgraded to pea rock, meeting CSA standards.
 - Lion's have committed to funding benches for the area, I will make sure the benches are made and ready for spring installation.
 - On October 4th, we picked up two dump truck loads of large rocks out of the R.M. of Lumsden in the area of the community pasture. We dumped the rocks in the main parking lot at RiverPark, we will place the rocks in the park as "natural" barriers so vehicles cannot drive through the park.
- **Centennial Hall**
 - Lion's will be issuing the town approx. \$1900 towards the purchase of more plastic tables for the hall. Lion's received the funds from the ScareCrow committee, part of the fundraising that was done.
 - We recently received the tables, I unpackaged the tables, labelled and dated each one.
 - Broken or damaged tables will be removed from the facility.
 - Karate has started using the facility on Tuesday nights. Currently working towards an agreement with Level 10 in doing some fitness classes, possibly on Thursday evenings.
 - Lion's are currently upgrading the sink and cupboards in the "den".
 - There are a number of small fixes that will be completed before upcoming Fall Supper & Snowflake Bazaar.
- **Spray Park**
 - The committee hosted an Outdoor Movie Night in RiverPark on Saturday, October 1st. The weather was great and the event was well attended. The event brought in close to \$2 000.
 - All funds go towards future spray park, funds being held in trust by the Town, total is now approx. \$25 000.
 - There is an opportunity to have a magician from Vancouver do a show in May.
- **Before and AfterSchool Program at Centennial Hall**
 - I have been meeting with Scott Kistner regarding a new program for Lumsden; if enough interest, elementary aged students would be able to attend the program for up to 2 hours before school and up to 2 hours after school. Saskatchewan Lottery funds would cover the cost of the hall basement. A user-fee would be collected to cover all other expenses; the program would be facilitated by Scott. I would be a resource for this program. The program would copy some of the successes of similar Regina programs.
- **Ball Diamond Upgrades**
 - Some great progress at the ball diamonds (go take a look – wonderful work), Jet's diamond in RiverPark and the 7th East diamond
 - If the weather holds we could have all the fencing and two backstops replaced
 - We added spruce trees outside the centre field fence at 7th Ave diamond, would like to add permanent picnic tables in around the spruce trees.
 - Great group of volunteers working on the project.
 - There were some issues with the property owners on the south side of the 7th ball diamond. They had concerns of the property line in relation to the outfield fence and the trees. I issued Focus Survey to mark 3 of the property pins and confirmed that everything was in the proper location. Outfield fence is well away from the property line, the trees are at least 5 feet away from the property as planned. If resident puts up a fence the trees will grow right to the line. In the spring we will put up a locked gate from the outfield fence to the property line ensuring unauthorized vehicles from driving through the park. A letter will go to the property owner with details of all the upgrades to the park and the construction of a gate in the spring.
- **Trail**
 - Committee meets on October 6th at 7 pm. Discussion will include a review of the 2011 and plans for 2012.
 - Trail committee member Gary Howland will receive the SPRA Award of Merit on October 21st in Saskatoon.
 - Waterfront might do a story, I will insert a congratulatory note from the Town and the R.M. in the paper.

Chris Exner, Community Coordinator

- c) Protective Services – no report
- d) Planning and Economic Development – no report
- e) Lumsden Fire District (Dan Kirby) – no report

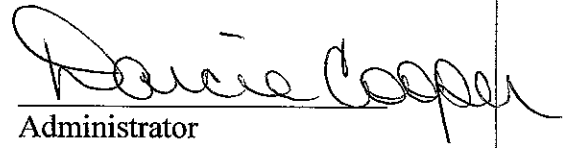
II. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Chris – discussion regarding Town promotion. Continue Sasktourism promotion of the campground. Pursue avenues for promoting the new town lots, bring information for the next Group 1 meeting on November 3rd.
- b) Outdoor Rink – Chris ordered the protective netting for the outdoor rink, material should arrive and be installed the first week in November.
- c) Curling Rink – Town received the cheque from SGI (\$10 756.65) for the ice controller claim. Town will send the amount to the Sports Centre who purchased the replacement controller. The Curling Club will pay the Sports Centre the deductible (\$2 500.00).
- d) Hall Discussion – need to check outdoor lights and look into handicapped parking by the basement doors.
- e) Bryan discussed more efficient use of the Oxbow water when the area is being pumped. Water could be used for watering grass and trees. Chris to discuss with Jeff and Dave.
- f) Bryan informed the group of a fundraising opportunity “puck n funny” comedian.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Chairperson


Administrator