

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE GROUP II MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 5, 2012

The Group II Committee convened their monthly meeting in the Town Shop in Lumsden, on the afternoon of Thursday, January 5th, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. with Chairperson Rhonda Phillips presiding.

Present:	Chairperson:	Rhonda Phillips
	Mayor:	Bryan Matheson
	Councillors:	Al Sulma
	Utilities Forman:	Dave Cherney
	Public Works Forman:	Jeff Carey

Environment:

- Landfill – pumping so packer can be taken up there on the road
- Mrs. Bergman continues to scavenge at the landfill, landfill attendant will speak to her regarding the Town's policy.
- We will recommend to council that the landfill be opened the Saturday after the long weekend for people to take yard waste and drop it off.
- Recycling is behind. The Committee discussed getting a proper tank for the used oil. This would be a budget item.
- Jeff will get some prices for tanks and submit with comments from Dennis Perras, Environmental Protection Officer. New Alta picks up the used oil and Jeff will see if they can provide tanks.

Transportation:

- James Street South paving project needs to be considered in the budget. We need more information about possible ways to finance the project which we expect to get from Administration staff. Safety continues to be a concern of residents on the street.
- The plan for sidewalks and walkways involves focus on the areas that need maintenance and are paid for under the gas tax grant. The first area to be addressed will be 2nd Avenue to the school. Consideration is being given to improving the sidewalk on both sides. Committee wonders if some of the gas tax money can be spent on James St. South. There is a need for sidewalks on 5th Avenue, for two blocks. This is a new sidewalk which has to be engineered and could be considered in the budgeting process.

Water & Sewer:

- Since we now have the Preliminary Design document for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility we need to find money to fund the project. We will continue moving ahead on this project. We need to determine the level of financing needed, that is how much the Town can do on its own. The next step is detailed design which will cost about \$500,000. It may be considered in budgeting so that the project is "shovel ready" if other funding becomes available. On the other hand, there is no point in doing a detailed design too soon if the capital project is not affordable.
- Lift station #2 renovations has electrical done and the piping will be done in spring.
- Chris will take Wastewater Collection course #1 starting on Monday. He is interested in taking the Water Tech Course by correspondence but will still need the experience component to be qualified to run the new WWTF. Jeff will do Water and Wastewater level 2 next year.
- Filter maintenance is being completed in the Water Treatment Plant.

Environment:

- Recycling is busy but fine.
- Landfill is well maintained. Staff was asked to investigate renting a mulcher for Christmas trees.

Budget Considerations:

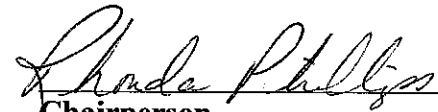
- Detailed design for Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Funding for training for water and wastewater courses for Chris, Jeff and Lance
- Piping for LS #2

BMT


- James St. South road rebuilding, sidewalk and paving project
- 5th Avenue sidewalks
- Mulcher for trees and branches
- Not all of the budget was spent in 2011 but a great deal was spent on pumping

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


Chairperson


Chief Administrative Officer