

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF GROUP I COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 20th, 2006

The Lumsden Town Council Group I Committee convened a meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the evening of Monday, February 20th, 2006 at 7:35 p.m. with Chairman Gerry Tomkins presiding.

Present:	Chairman:	Gerry Tomkins
	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Alderman:	Ron Hart, Sid Sikorski (arrived at 7:45 pm)
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff

The purpose of this meeting was to plan for the 2006 budget year by reviewing the proposed capital/operating budgets and expected revenue changes. Discussions took place regarding service costs and infrastructure needs, as well as, the opportunity for future budgets to improve the municipal surplus/reserve and overall financial health of the municipality.

General Discussions:

The committee discussed the upcoming 2006 budget and the areas they would like to see improved as follows:

- improve municipal bottom line through planned surplus growth and the move to ensure all reserves are fully funded by bank accounts
- would like to see increased funds from New Deal used for infrastructure maintenance
- would like to restore municipalities surplus/reserves with the new money coming
- committee felt that the Fire department should be good for 2006, not a lot of change or new equipment anticipated
- should consider alternative ways of delivering services ie) campground
- Esso lot at the end of James Street and the need to develop it into a park
- Washrooms/showers in campground should be constructed and Station facility renovated
- Centennial Hall inspected for capital improvements required; possibly recreation facility reserve can be utilized
- Recycle operation needs to be reviewed for an agreed long term plan
- Additional summer student hired to maintain flower pots, focus on Town beautification
- We need to flag recycle depot relocation as a possible new deal project under regional pool
- Group I to meet with Sask Watershed on creation of another subdivision by the school on remainder of land received from channel straightening project since it is all behind flood protection works
- Brian Barber – Bridge project – community should plan for a new bridge to add 100 ft span to original design. This would create a 250' span across the top of dykes to meet Sask Watershed requirements
- This new span would increase the cost to approximately \$500,000; it was pointed out that a shortage of contractors exists
- Council needs to consider debt levels in the budget proposed for next three years
- Recreation administration costs – possibly it is time to share with the R.M.
- Practically it may be more feasible to cost share grader with R.M. and maybe a Bob Cat steer skid loader

Next Group I meeting scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Tomkins/Hart: "That we adjourn this committee meeting at 9:00 p.m."

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Chairman

Administrator