

TOWN OF LUMSDEN

MINUTES OF GROUP I COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 30th, 2007

The Lumsden Town Council Group I Committee convened a meeting in the Council Chambers, on the evening of Monday, April 30th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. with Chairman Gerry Tomkins presiding.

Present:	Chairman:	Gerry Tomkins
	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Councillor:	Ron Hart, Wayne MacKay
	Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
	Community Co-ordinator:	Chris Exner

General Discussions:

- The Administrator went through the impact of the Water and Sewer fund on the 2007 Budget, where the budget is currently calling for a Utility surplus of \$47,885. While the Governmental Activities fund is showing a deficit of \$71,143.
- The Administrator then went through the Group I departments highlighting the recent proposed additions to the 2007 budget when compared to the 2007 budget adopted in 2006.
- The Administrator recommended a balanced approach to reaching a balanced budget in 2007.
- Each Group needs to increase fees and charges where feasible and reduce costs, without affecting service delivery.
- Each Group indicated that reduced service delivery is not a desirable goal.
- The Administrator indicated that if its not possible to balance the budget through this approach, Council still has the mill rate to consider as an additional revenue source.
- The committee discussed the Administrator's recommendation to make a variety of changes to balance the departments from increasing fees and charges to cutting services.
- The committee decided to cut the grant to the Museum for a building move in the amount of \$2,500, the Riverpark building in the amount of \$12,000 and remove the Fluorescent Lighting/Grad Scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,000.
- The mayor discussed possibility of public consultation regarding the plan for Riverpark and future buildings for the site, as well as, possible private funding support to offset the proposed community message sign.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman

Administrator