

# TOWN OF LUMSDEN

## MINUTES OF RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The Lumsden Recreation & Culture Committee convened a meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the evening of Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:02 p.m. with Chairman Ron Hart presiding.

<b>Present:</b>	Chairman:	Ron Hart
	Mayor:	Verne Barber
	Councillor:	Gerry Tomkins, Sid Sikorski
	Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
	Public Works Supervisor:	Bob Schulz
<b>Absent:</b>	Councillor	Wayne McKay

### **River Park:**

The Committee discussed the following options for River Park Campground/Residence:

- Seasonal use of building & residence was discussed. The committee also discussed renting the Riverpark Residence in the winter with no campground responsibilities.
- The Mayor indicated that the Lumsden Sports Centre maintenance man, Todd, was presented an opportunity for year-round employment with another municipality. The Mayor asked the committee if they should be looking at a job share with the Sports Centre and the Town, as in the past with Troy Oehler, to offer year-round employment for Todd. Possible responsibilities might include looking after the campground, Centennial Hall Caretaker and summer maintenance for the Sports Centre.
- Councillor Hart to have a discussion with Todd to see if he's interested in year-round employment.
- The Committee reviewed one proposal prepared by students of the Lumsden High School and discussed options for funding and the need for public consultation. Options for funding were discussed such as the implementation of a special tax for this specific project. The committee discussed the idea of the leadership of the project being assumed by council versus service groups. The Committee indicated that a Senior Government grant would be required before a project like this could go ahead. The committee discussed meeting with all the stakeholders and reviewing all the proposals for Riverpark (Ron and Chris to come up with list of stakeholders). Bob to get a price estimate for the proposed building the committee reviewed.
- The Committee requested that thank you letters be sent to the class of the Lumsden High School that prepared the proposals for facilities at Riverpark Campground.
- Bleacher repair at Riverpark Ball Diamonds – Lumsden Home Centre needs only two days notice to get the lumber. Chris Exner is trying to arrange for the various groups that use the ball diamonds to provide the labour to replace the lumber. Public works to do the bracing this fall.

### **Centennial Hall:**

The Committee had the following discussions regarding the Centennial Hall:

- Chairman Hart initiated discussion on the base rate for the Centennial Hall. He felt that the decision to apply a base rate to everyone strayed from the committee's prior intention to offer free Hall rentals for a few community groups (ie) Duck Derby, Lumsden Optimists, Lumsden & District Heritage Home and occasionally the Science Fair).
- The committee decided that any group requesting donation of the Hall, that the Town has a vested interest in or has a member of council as a representative on the board or committee shall, at the discretion of council, still be eligible for a donation from the Town in the form of free Hall Rental.

### **ESSO Park/Tree Nursery:**

The Committee discussed the following regarding the Esso Park property and the Tree Nursery:

- Public Works to move in top soil from Schandre's when they have a chance
- Plant trees along the Esso property line to the recycle centre and along the north side – Willows were suggested
- Discussed planting the Evergreen tree from Councillor Tomkins in the North West corner of the Park and planting Lion's commemorative trees

- Councillor Sikorski indicated that on July 8<sup>th</sup> there would be a tree giveaway for the Residents of the Town of Lumsden from 9a.m. – 12 p.m. They must supply their own container and their own truck to haul them with.
- Councillor Sikorski will keep enough trees for Esso Park and Chris is to make application for seedlings from Shand Greenhouse on a yearly basis

**General Discussions:**

The committee discussed resident requests for a pool in Lumsden. The committee determined that due to the high maintenance costs and our proximity to Regina, it would not be practical to pursue the project.

As per the recommendation from Chris Exner, the committee agreed to donate the excess flower barrels, from the previous Communities in Bloom program, to the Lumsden Historical Society and they can sell them as a fundraiser for the Museum.

Councillor Tomkins reported on the Lumsden Library meeting he attended today and discussed the reunion house tour they have planned for the weekend of the Duck Derby. The Library is looking for 6-7 character homes to showcase their history.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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**Chairman**

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**Administrator**