

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE GROUP I BUDGET MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 3rd, 2009

The Group I Committee convened their budget meeting in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Gerry Tomkins presiding.

Present: Chairman:	Gerry Tomkins
Mayor:	Verne Barber
Councillor:	Wayne MacKay
Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
Fire Chief/PW Foreman:	Jeff Carey

Absent: Councillor: Ron Hart

General Discussion:

The committee reviewed the list of recommendations from Community Coordinator, Chris Exner for the 2009 recreation and culture budget with a summary of the items discussed as attached.

The committee reviewed the Group I departmental budgets as revised by administration and the community coordinator. The committee reviewed the budgets for General Government, Protective Services and Recreation and Cultural making minor changes.

The majority of the revisions reflected actual costs variances over budget, and minor adjustments for salary, insurance, power, heat and maintenance budgets year over year changes.

The committee discussed the need to budget money for the 2010 Provincial Men's Curling Championship, suggested budget \$3,000.00 grant and \$2,000.00 in-kind contributions.

The Fire Chief, Jeff Carey discussed the department's request for a fire truck. He indicated that the costs have increased significantly from when the item was initially budgeted for approximately 5 years ago. The new price has risen from \$150,000 to approximately \$284,000.00. The committee discussed financing a new fire truck once the Fire Hall was paid for. The proposed budget calls for a \$75,000 loan to finance the town share of a newer fire truck.

Next budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman

Administrator