

**Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting January 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting at the Due Drop In (in Lumsden) and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Present:**

Deputy Reeve: Division 6: Cody Jordison

Councillors:

Division 1: Steve Eckel

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: John Langford

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 8:29 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 7:17 pm)

Planner: Denise Donahue (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 7:18 pm)

Youth Member: Jocelyn Young (attended from 7:00 pm to 8:26 pm)

**Absent:**

Reeve: Kent Farago

**Resolution No.**  
2024-030

**Additions to Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda under Accounts for Approval and New Business:

- 6.3 Additional List of Accounts

- 13.3 Property Tax Penalty

- 13.4 TransCanada Trail - Boardwalk."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-031

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 5.1 on today's agenda. Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest because her company, L & G Crushing Corp., may submit a tender.

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 6.1 on today's agenda. Councillor Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to reimbursement of an invoice associated with his appointment as the municipality's Weed Inspector.

## Public Works Reports

### **Conflict Declared**

*Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to discussions pertaining to the "RFQ - Gravel Crush". Councillor Schlosser is an owner of L & G Crushing Corp. and may submit a tender. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:03 pm.*

**Resolution No.**     **RFQ - Gravel Crush**  
2024-032     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we authorize the posting of the Request for Quotation for Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling in the leased pit located at S 1/2 6-21-22-W2."     **CARRIED**

### **Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of discussing and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 7:07 pm*

## Accounts for Approval

### **Conflict Declared**

*Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to reimbursement of an invoice associated with his appointment as the municipality's Weed Inspector. Councillor Langford abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:11 pm.*

**Resolution No.**     **Langford - Account for Approval**  
2024-033     **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel

"That we approve an invoice from John Langford in the amount of \$1,696.00 related to the purchase of weed control products resulting from his appointment as the municipality's Weed Inspector, as per Schedule "A". "     **CARRIED**

### **Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Langford returned to the council chambers at 7:12 pm.*

**Resolution No.**     **List of Accounts - January 18, 2024**  
2024-034     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment."     **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**     **Additional List of Accounts - January 18, 2024**  
2024-035     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the additional list of accounts attached as Schedule "C" is approved for payment."     **CARRIED**

**Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:17 pm.**

## **Planning and Development Applications and Reports**

**Resolution No.**     **Annual Planning & Development Report 2023**  
2024-036     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That the Planning & Development Annual Report for 2023 be accepted as presented by the Planner, Denise Donahue."     **CARRIED**

**Planner, Denise Donahue, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:18 pm.**

## Adoption of Minutes

**Resolution No.**     **December 11, 2023 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Board Meeting**  
2024-037     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the December 11, 2023 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Board Meeting be approved, as circulated."     **CARRIED**



**Resolution No.** **January 3, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting**  
2024-038 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That the minutes of the January 3, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.** **January 8, 2024 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Board Meeting**  
2024-039 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That the minutes of the January 8, 2024 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Board Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

#### Committee Reports

**Resolution No.** **Deer Valley - Municipal Utility Parcel**  
2024-040 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we approve a request from the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board to amend their October 16, 2023 resolution by substituting '10M' with '8M' as follows:  
*That, for the purpose of creating a Municipal Utility Parcel to establish access to sewer infrastructure located on the Deer Valley Golf Course, we request that the RM of Lumsden No. 189, authorize the purchase of an 8M wide strip from the rear of Lots 19 and 20, Block 1, Plan 01RA14458.*" **CARRIED**

#### Unfinished Business

**Resolution No.** **Little Church Bridge**  
2024-041 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That we approve a request from the RM of Longlaketon No. 219 to provide \$9,093.30 in additional funding for costs related to labour, guardrail steel and signage required to complete the 'Little Church Bridge' replacement project, bringing our total contribution to \$132,411.34." **CARRIED**

#### New Business

**Resolution No.** **HELP International Shelterbelt Program - Free Tree/Mulch/Drip Irrigation Program - Expression of Interest**  
2024-042 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom  
"The RM of Lumsden No. 189 recognizes the central role trees play in wind and snow protection, carbon sequestration, oxygen production, and habitat development and is interested in our rural residents' participation in HELP International's proposed Free Tree/Tree Mulch/Drip Irrigation materials program under the federal government's Two Billion Tree Initiative." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.** **Deer Valley Road Allowance - Bore Hole for Soil Sample**  
2024-043 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we approve a request from Leon Friesen to drill a bore hole for the purpose of soil sampling, in the north road allowance of Deer Valley Road, at the location indicated on the map attached to these minutes as Schedule "D"." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.** **Property Tax Penalty - O&T Enterprises**  
2024-044 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel  
"That we approve a request from O&T Enterprises to cancel property tax penalties in the amount of \$316.62 resulting from delayed mail service due to an improperly addressed envelope." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.** **TransCanada Trail - Boardwalk**  
2024-045 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we agree to partially fund the construction of approximately 10 meters of raised boardwalk on the TransCanada Trail which is expected to cost approximately \$5,000; the TransCanada Trail is contributing \$2,600 and the remainder will be funded using deferred revenue from the 2022 TransCanada Trail Bridge Project." **CARRIED**

**Reports of Administration**

**Resolution No.**      **Council Update**  
2024-046      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Communications**  
2024-047      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:  
a. Triple Transport - Green Earth Road Spraying  
b. Shercom Industries - Greetings  
c. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Quarterly Report October 1- December 31, 2023  
d. South Central Transportation Planning Committee - 2024 Membership Fee  
e. Highline Manufacturing - Hydraulic Drive Movers  
f. SARM - Respect in the Workplace  
g. SARM - Regina District Association of Rural Municipalities - co-sponsor resolution."  
**CARRIED**

**Bylaws**

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-01 - Municipal Wildlife Control - 1st Reading**  
2024-048      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-01, being a bylaw to establish the method of appointing a Municipal Wildlife Control Officer, be read a first time."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**  
2024-049      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt  
"That we move into Closed Session at 8:29 pm for the purpose of discussing employee-related matters as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* (LAFOIP S. 6(1)(b)), with the Chief Administrative Officer to be included in the session."  
**CARRIED**

**Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 8:29 pm.**

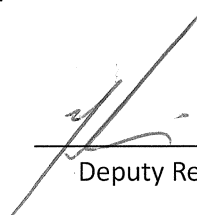
**Rise from Closed Session**


At 9:19 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**      **Resignation - C. Bohach**  
2024-050      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Heavy Equipment Operator, Chris Bohach effective January 10, 2024."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Current Staffing Model**  
2024-051      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That we contract a human resource consulting firm to complete a workplace assessment to review our staffing model."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Adjournment**  
2024-052      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom  
"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm."  
**CARRIED**

  
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Deputy Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer