

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189 Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting July 4, 2024 - 1:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting at the Dew Drop In (in Lumsden) and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, July 4, 2024 at 1:02 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago

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 (attended from 1:02 pm to 3:06 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 1:02 pm to 3:06 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (attended from 1:02 pm to 3:06 pm)

Absent:

Councillor: Division 6: Cody Jordison

Public Works Manager: (vacant)

Resolution No.
2024-310

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda:

- 18.2 - Bylaw No. 2024-06 - Property Tax Rates

- 20 - Olympic Real Estate Development Corp. - Traffic Impact Assessment." **CARRIED**

Resolution No.
2024-311

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 18.1 on today's agenda, being a bylaw in relation to an application he has made for a residential subdivision of his land.

Resolution No.
2024-312

Public Works Reports

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the Public Works Report, as submitted by Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes."

CARRIED

Accounts for Approval

Resolution No.
2024-313

List of Accounts - July 4, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "A" is approved for payment."

CARRIED

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Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Resolution No. 2024-314 **Mid-Year Planning and Development Department Report**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That the Mid-Year Planning and Development Department Report be accepted, as presented by the Director of Planning and Development, Aimee Bryck." **CARRIED**

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-315 **June 19, 2024 - Special Council Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the minutes of the June 19, 2024 Special Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-316 **June 19, 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the minutes of the June 19, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-317 **June 20, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the minutes of the June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-318 **July 3, 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the minutes of the July 3, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

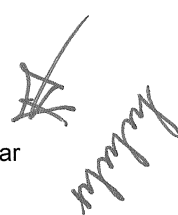
Resolution No. 2024-319 **Finance Committee Reports**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That the Finance Committee Reports for the June 19, 2024 and July 3, 2024 meetings, be accepted as presented by Councillor Schlosser." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-320 **Financial Reserve Policy - Amendment**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we agree with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the amended Financial Reserve Policy, as per Schedule "B"." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-321 **2024 Budget Recommendation**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That we agree with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the 2024 budget with a 2.08% increase to the 2023 mill rate resulting in a mill rate of 9.6113 for the year 2024." **DEFEATED**

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Steve Eckel		✓		
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt		✓		
Cody Jordison				✓
John Langford	✓			
Marlise Nordstrom		✓		
Glenda Schlosser	✓			

Resolution No. 2024-322 **2023 Surplus Allocation**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we table the 2023 operating surplus allocation, in the amount of \$271,337, until our next meeting." **CARRIED**



New Business

Resolution No. **Youth Member Review**
2024-323 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel
"That we agree to appoint a Youth Member of Council, *who is yet to be appointed*, from the Lumsden High School during their 2024-2025 school year." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Memoriam Donation Policy**
2024-324 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we adopt the Memoriam Donation Policy, as per Schedule "C"." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Beaver Dam - NW 04-20-20-W2**
2024-325 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we authorize administration to bring back quotes for the removal of the beaver dam at NW 04-20-20-W2." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Review Building Official Policy**
2024-326 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee and adopt the 'Review Building Official' Policy in which the Town and RM of Lumsden No. 189 jointly issue a Request For Proposals for Building Official Services, every five years as per Schedule "D"." **CARRIED**

Council took a brief recess from 2:24 pm to 2:29 pm.

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. **Council Update**
2024-327 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Communications**
2024-328 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel
"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:
a. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - AGM June 12, 2024
b. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Administrator's Annual Report
c. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Financial Statement, Year ending March 31, 2024
d. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Membership
e. Lumsden RCMP - Community Policing Report, May 2024
f. Miscellaneous." **CARRIED**

Bylaws

Conflict Declared

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to a bylaw related to an application he has made for a residential subdivision of his land. Councillor Langford abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 2:37 pm.

Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2024-05 - Zoning Bylaw Map Amendment - NE-13-20-21-W2M - 1st Reading**
2024-329 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That Bylaw No.2024-05, being a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw Map for the NE-13-20-21-W2M, be read a first time." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor John Langford returned to the council chambers at 2:39 pm.



Resolution No. 2024-330 **Tabled - Bylaw No. 2024-06 - Property Tax Rates - 1st Reading**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That we table Bylaw No. 2024-06 until the our next meeting." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-331 **Closed Session**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we move into Closed Session at 2:51 pm for the purpose of discussing strategic planning as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act*, with staff to be included in the session." **CARRIED**

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to discussions regarding the gravel tender for Divisions 2, 3 & 6. Councillor Schlosser's company 'Big Rock Trucking Ltd.' submitted a bid and was awarded the tender at the June 20, 2024 meeting. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and left the council chambers at 2:51 pm.

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 2:55 pm

Rise from Closed Session

At 3:05 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. 2024-332 **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**
Moved by: Councillor Eckel
"That we move into Closed Session at 3:06 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**

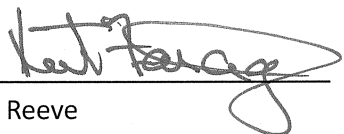
Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, Director of Planning and Development, Aimee Bryck and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 3:14 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. 2024-334 **Finance Committee Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That the Finance Committee meet next on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024-335 **Adjournment**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That we adjourn the meeting at 3:16 pm." **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer