



**Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Public Works Committee August 22, 2024 - 9:00 AM**

**Call to Order**

The Public Works Committee of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the R.M. Office on Wednesday, August 22, 2024, at 9:02 am.

**Present:**

Chairperson: Cody Jordison  
Reeve: Kent Farago (Attended 9:02 am - 9:28 am, 10:46 am - 12:00 pm)  
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (arrived at 9:05 am)  
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended 9:02 am to 11:33am)  
Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes

**Non-Committee Members:**

None

**Absent:**

Public Works Manager: (vacant)  
Councillor: Steve Eckel

**Additions to Agenda**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda under New Business:

- Speeding on Seven Bridges Road
- Gravel Reclaimer."

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**July 17, 2024 - Public Works Committee**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That the minutes of the July 17, 2024, Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

**Unfinished Business**

**Lumsden Beach Road**

The Committee discussed a 6" clay cap needed for this road. The RM has access to clay, but it will need to be hauled to the site. The RM can spread the clay. When all the materials are lined up, the project would take PW staff 1 week. The committee requested administration obtain quotes to complete this job, to determine if it can be completed in 2025 or 2026.

**Reeve, Kent Farago, left the meeting from 9:28 am to 10:46 am.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kent Farago", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

**Speed Limits for Heavy Vehicles**

The Committee requested this item be brought back to the next meeting with historical information, including resolutions or bylaws, pertaining to weight restrictions in the RM.

**Webfam Internal Subdivision Roads**

The Committee requested historical information on how this road was tested for clay and compaction by the engineers on record.

**Dust Control**

The Public Works Committe agreed the PW Foreman can use the remaining 16 totes of DUST/BLOKR at his discretion and authorize overtime for road preparation for contracted dust control in 2025.

**New Business**

**Contracted Work Plan for 2025**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we recommend Council approve pulling the shoulders on 3 miles of road known as Exit B West (TWP RD 192), the heavy haul route."

**CARRIED**

**Range Road 2215 Widening (old CPS Road)**

Public Works will pull and rock rake this road, and others in Division #6 as time permits, that require widening.

**Speeding on Seven Bridges Road**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we recommend Council request that the RCMP enforce the 60 km/h speed limit on Seven Bridges Road, as the neighborhood has raised safety concerns with ongoing speeding and dangerous driving."

**CARRIED**

**Gravel Reclaimer**

The Committee requested that Public Works use the gravel reclaimer and report back on its efficiency and usefulness.

**Committee Members Forum**

**Next Public Works Committee Meeting**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we meet next on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm."

**CARRIED**

**Closed Session - Strategic Planning**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we move into Closed Session at 11:20 am 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**

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 11:33 am, the Committee left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Closed Session - Employee Related Matters**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we move into Closed Session at 11:33 am 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 included in the session."

**CARRIED**

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 11:59 am, the Committee left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.



**Public Works Department Staff**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we recommend to Council to advertise for a full-time, permanent, Heavy Equipment Operator."

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm."

**CARRIED**

  
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Chairperson  
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Chief Administrative Officer