

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting February 15, 2024 - 7:00 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, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Reeve.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago (arrived at 7:08 pm)

Councillors:

Division 1: Steve Eckel

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt (attended from 7:00 pm to 8:38 pm)

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom (attended from 7:00 pm to 9:07 pm)

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison (Deputy Reeve)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 9:02 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm)

Planner: Denise Donahue (via Zoom, attended from 7:00 pm to 7:53 pm)

Absent:

Youth Member: Jocelyn Young

Resolution No.
2024-089

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item numbers 5.1, 5.2, and 20 on today's agenda. Items 5.1 and 5.2 relate to tenders involving gravel. Councillor Schlosser is an owner of L & G Crushing Corp. and Big Rock Trucking Ltd., companies that are typically involved with tenders related to gravel. Item 20 is a discussion in Closed Session, related to QBG 1157 of 2019; legal action against Norman Colhoun and Laura Colhoun, owners of Skynorth Sand & Gravel. The conflict of interest pertains to potential business dealings Councillor Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd., may have with Skynorth Sand & Gravel.

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to item number 8.2 on today's agenda. Councillor Langford felt there may be a perceived financial conflict related to Development Application No. 2022-018 due to his business arrangements with the applicants.

Councillor Marlise Nordstrom declared a conflict of interest with respect to item numbers 8.1 and 21.1 on today's agenda. Councillor Nordstrom felt there may be a perceived conflict of interest related to item 8.1, Development Application No. 2024-001, as she is an adjacent landowner to Parcel A, Plan 65R38096. Councillor

Nordstrom also felt there could be a perceived conflict of interest related to item 21.1, a disciplinary procedure involving an employee of the municipality.

Public Works Reports

Conflict Declared - Councillor Schlosser

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Gravel Crushing Tender (item 5.1), as she submitted a tender under the business name of L & G Crushing Corp. Councillor Schlosser also declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Gravel Supply, Load, Haul and Spread Tender (item 5.2), as she is an owner of Big Rock Trucking Ltd. and may submit a tender. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matters and left the Council Chambers at 7:03 pm.

Resolution No. Gravel Crushing Tender

2024-090 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel

"That we award the 2024 gravel crushing and stockpiling contract to the sole bidder, L & G Crushing Corp. at the quoted price of \$6.30 per cubic yard, plus \$280 per hour for machinery associated with the stripping of overburden." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. Gravel Tender - Division 1, 4 and 5 - Supply, Load, Haul and Spread

2024-091 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we authorize the posting of a Request for Quotation for Gravel Supply, Load, Haul and Spread to be completed in Divisions 1, 4 and 5." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matters, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the Council Chambers at 7:07 pm

Reeve Kent Farago joined the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Resolution No. RCMP Training

2024-092 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we write to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Depot Division) regarding their cadets performing power-turn training on our municipal roads and request they notify us of when and where they would like to practice, and; That we inform RCMP Depot that we prefer they practice during the summer months so that damage to the roads is minimized." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. Proposed TransGas Limited Washout Project - Last Mountain Lake Canal Washout

2024-093 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we authorize TransGas Limited to cross and utilize the municipal road known locally as the "Whitmore Farm Road", to facilitate a geotechnical study and installation of a replacement pipeline via a short horizontal directional drill due to a washout at SE 22-20-21-W2." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. Proposed TransGas Limited Washout - Wascana Creek Washout

2024-094 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we authorize TransGas Limited to utilize municipal roads to facilitate a geotechnical study and installation of a replacement pipeline via a horizontal directional drill due to a washout at NE 04-19-21-W2." **CARRIED**

Financial Reports

Resolution No. 2022 Case Roller

2024-095 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we authorize administration to sell the 2022 Case SV207E SP Roller to Redhead Equipment for \$130,000 (applicable taxes included)." **CARRIED**



Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. List of Accounts

2024-096

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

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

CARRIED

Resolution No. Additional List of Accounts

2024-097

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

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

CARRIED

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Conflict Declared

Councillor Marlise Nordstrom declared a conflict of interest with respect to a perceived conflict regarding Development Application 2024-001, submitted by her neighbor. Councillor Nordstrom abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:30 pm.

Resolution No. Development Application No. 2024-001 - Proposed Residential Subdivision - Parcel A, Plan 65R38096

2024-098

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That Council recommend approval of the proposed subdivision of lands legally described as Parcel A, Plan No. 65R38096, subject to the following:

1. Entering into a Servicing Agreement, including the payment of off-site development fees.
2. Providing cash-in-lieu of Municipal Reserve Land.
3. Prior to the construction of any new buildings or structures on the parcel, a Development Permit and Building Permit shall be submitted to the RM.
4. Prior to the construction or improvement of any approaches, a *Property Access Approach Application* shall be submitted to the RM."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Marlise Nordstrom returned to the council chambers at 7:44 pm.

Conflict Declared

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest with respect to a perceived conflict regarding Development Application 2022-018, for which he has business dealings with the applicants. Councillor Langford abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:45 pm.

Resolution No. Development Application No. 2022-018 - Permit Expiry and Interest Registration - Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 102335790

2024-099

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we agree to enter into an agreement with the landowners of Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 102335790, pursuant to section 235 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to register a miscellaneous interest on title noting the requirement to establish a Principal Building on the land."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor John Langford returned to the Council Chambers at 7:52 pm.



Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. February 1, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting
2024-100 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel
"That the minutes of the February 1, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Planner, Denise Donahue, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Resolution No. February 12, 2024 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting
2024-101 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That the minutes of the February 12, 2024 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Resolution No. Deer Valley Organized Hamlet - February 12, 2024 Report
2024-102 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Report of February 12, 2024, be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Schlosser." **CARRIED**

New Business

Resolution No. Loraas Disposal - Road Access for the 2024 Spring Road Ban Period
2024-103 **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel
"That we deny the request of Loraas Disposal for blanket approval to travel through the municipality while road bans are in place, alternatively, Loraas is encouraged to communicate with the Public Works Manager to obtain Over-Weight Permits if required." **CARRIED**

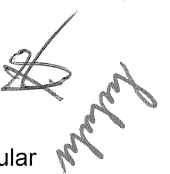
Resolution No. Fidelity Bond
2024-104 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That, as per Section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, we agree to pay the annual renewal fee of \$325 to SARM for the Fidelity Bond for the 2024 year, which provides the following coverage in the event of financial losses due to dishonest or fraudulent acts by employees:
Fidelity Bond Insurance: \$200,000 coverage
Registered Mail: \$50,000 coverage included
Money & Securities: \$2,500 coverage included." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2024 Weed Inspectors' and Land Managers' Workshops
2024-105 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we authorize Councillor John Langford and Assistant CAO Krystal Strong, to attend the 2024 Weed Inspectors' and Land Managers' Workshop in Regina on April 3, 2024, with expenses to be reimbursed by the municipality." **CARRIED**

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. Council Update
2024-106 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. Excess Liability Insurance
2024-107 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That we increase our SARM Excess Liability Insurance from \$2M to \$4M, effective immediately, based on the RM's significantly large population as well as the volume of train traffic in our jurisdiction; the additional cost is \$806 annually." **CARRIED**



Appointments

Resolution No. 2024-108 **Development Officer Appointment - Denise Donahue**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we appoint Planner, Denise Donahue, as a Development Officer effective January 1, 2024."
CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-109 **Municipal Wildlife Control Officer Appointment - Perry Reavley**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we appoint Perry Reavley as the Municipal Wildlife Control Officer, pursuant to Bylaw No. 2024-01."
CARRIED

Communications

Resolution No. 2024-110 **The 56th Annual State of the City Address with Mayor Sandra Masters - March 7, 2024**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
"That we authorize two representatives to attend the 56th Annual State of the City Address with Mayor Sandra Masters on March 7, 2024, at a cost of \$60 per ticket, with expenses to be reimbursed by the municipality."
CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-111 **Approve Communications**
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. APAS Board meeting highlights - January 29-30, 2024
b. The 56th Annual State of the City Address with Mayor Sandra Masters - March 7, 2024
c. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - February 2024 Newsletter
d. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Governance Structure & Upcoming Meeting
e. Regina and District Association of Rural Municipalities - Convention Jan. 9 & 10, 2025
f. ATAP Infrastructure Management - January 2024 Newsletter
g. Inside Outside Studios - RM Map Sales Annual Report 2023
h. Miscellaneous."
CARRIED

Councillor Cody Garbutt left for the remainder of the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Resolution No. 2024-112 **Closed Session**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That we move into Closed Session at 8:47 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 Schlosser

Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to discussions related to QBG 1157 of 2019, legal action against Norm Colhoun and Laura Colhoun, owners of Skynorth Sand & Gravel. The conflict of interest pertains to potential business dealings Councillor Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd. may have with Skynorth Sand & Gravel. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion on the matter and left the council chambers at 8:48 pm.

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 8:53 pm

Rise from Closed Session

At 9:01 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.



Resolution No. Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters
2024-113 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:01 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 9:02 pm.

Conflict Declared

Councillor Marlise Nordstrom declared a conflict of interest with respect to a perceived conflict of interest related to 21.1, a disciplinary procedure involving an employee of the municipality. Councillor Nordstrom abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers for the remainder of the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Resolution No. Employee Dismissal - K. Reimer
2024-114 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we accept the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer to terminate the employment of Heavy Equipment Operator, Keon Reimer, effective immediately."

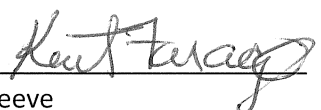
Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Steve Eckel	✓			
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt				✓
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford	✓			
Marlise Nordstrom				✓
Glenda Schlosser	✓			

CARRIED


Resolution No. Adjournment
2024-115 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm."

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer