

**Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting January 3, 2024 - 1:00 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) on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 1:04 pm.

**Present:**

Reeve: Kent Farago (arrived at 1:06 pm)

**Councillors:**

Division 1: Steve Eckel

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison (Acted as Deputy Reeve from 1:04 pm - 1:06 pm)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 1:04 pm to 3:42 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 1:04 pm to 1:20 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (attended from 1:04 pm to 3:42 pm)

**Absent:**

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts

Youth Councillor: Jocelyn Young

**Resolution No.**  
2024-001

**Approval of Agenda**

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

"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 20 on today's agenda, the conflict of interest was declared because Councillor Schlosser is an owner of Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Discussions in Closed Session, item 20, are 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 7.1 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.

**Reeve Farago arrived at 1:06 pm and relieved the Deputy Reeve.**

- Resolution No.** **Public Works Reports**  
2024-002 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
- "That we recognize the Blanket Culvert Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit issued by the Water Security Agency, valid until March 31, 2027, as presented." **CARRIED**
- Financial Reports**
- Resolution No.** **Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**  
2024-003 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
- "That the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2023, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** **Accounts for Approval**  
2024-004 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "A" is approved for payment." **CARRIED**
- 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 voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 1:17 pm.*
- Resolution No.** **Langford - Account for Approval**  
2024-005 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
- "That we table an invoice from Weed Inspector John Langford, pending additional documentation." **CARRIED**
- Conflict - Returned to Chambers**
- At the conclusion of voting on the matter, Councillor John Langford returned to the council chambers at 1:19 pm.*
- Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 1:20 pm.**
- Planning and Development Applications and Reports**
- Resolution No.** **Development Application No. 2023-036 - Discretionary Use - Residential Care Facility - Section 34-19-20-W2M**  
2024-006 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That, Development Application No. 2023-036, being a Discretionary Use for a Residential Care Facility located within the Living Skies Retreat & Conference Centre, be approved with the following conditions:
1. The development shall comply with the policies, standards and conditions contained within the RM of Lumsden No. 189 Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.
  2. The site be developed in accordance with the application for the intended use of a residential care facility, and any future expansion or change of use shall require a new development application.
  3. Construction of any structural renovations, additions, new buildings or structures shall not commence until a building permit has been issued by the RM.
  4. The development is subject to the standards and requirements of all applicable Provincial Regulations, and all other applicable bylaws and regulations.
  5. That a Traffic Impact Assessment be completed, at the developer's expense, to evaluate the safety of the intersection to access the subject property from Grid No. 734 and that the assessment be based on full operation of the facility." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** **Development Application No. 2023-037 - Proposed Commercial Subdivision - SE-6-19-20-W2M**  
2024-007 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That we table the proposed commercial subdivision of the land legally described as SE-06-19- 20-W2M Ext. 3 pending the submission of a Concept Plan for the subject lands." **CARRIED**



### Reports of Administration

**Resolution No.**      **Little Church Bridge**  
2024-016      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison  
"That we table the Little Church Bridge discussion until our next meeting."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Council Update**  
2024-017      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt  
"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Communications**  
2024-018      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:  
a. ValleySide Electric - Donated work at the Library  
b. Municipal Hail Insurance - Summary 2023  
c. Lumsden and District Heritage Home - November 27, 2023 Minutes  
d. APAS - AGM Meeting Dec. 5 & 6, 2023, Resolutions  
e. RM of Longlaketon No. 219 - Appointment to Lumsden & Area Weed Management Area  
e. Miscellaneous."  
**CARRIED**

### Bylaws

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-01 - Municipal Wildlife Control**  
2024-019      **Moved by:** Councillor Eckel  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-01, being a bylaw to appoint a Municipal Wildlife Control Officer, be tabled until our next meeting so Administration may bring it back with the requested amendments."  
**CARRIED**

### Delegation

#### **3:00 pm - 3:09 pm - Forster, Road Maintenance Concerns**

Haden Forster appeared before Council to discuss his concerns with road maintenance in Divisions 3 and 6.

**Councillor Eckel left the meeting at 3:10 pm.**

### Bylaws Continue

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-02 - Zoning Bylaw Map Amendment - 1st Reading**  
2024-020      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-02, being a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw Map, be read a first time."  
**CARRIED**

**Councillor Eckel returned to meeting at 3:11 pm.**

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-03 - Tax Exemption Agreement - 1st Reading**  
2024-021      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-03, being an Economic Development Tax Exemption Agreement, be read a first time."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-03 - Tax Exemption Agreement - 2nd Reading**  
2024-022      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-03, being an Economic Development Tax Exemption Agreement, be read a second time."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **Bylaw No. 2024-03 - Tax Exemption Agreement - Given 3 Reading**  
2024-023      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-03, being an Economic Development Tax Exemption Agreement, be given 3 readings at this meeting."  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Resolution No.**     **Bylaw No. 2024-03 - Tax Exemption Agreement - 3rd Reading**  
2024-024     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That Bylaw No. 2024-03, being an Economic Development Tax Exemption Agreement, be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."     **CARRIED**

**Reeve and Councillors' Forum**

**Resolution No.**     **Public Works Committee Meeting**  
2024-025     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison  
"That the Public Works Committee meet on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:30 am, in the Municipal Office."     **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**     **Closed Session**  
2024-026     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford  
"That we move into Closed Session at 3:32 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 in closed session related to QBG 1157 of 2019; legal action against Norman Colhoun and Laura Colhoun, owners of Skynorth Sand & Gravel. The conflict 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 and left the council chambers at 3:33 pm.*

**Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 3:40 pm*

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 3:42 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

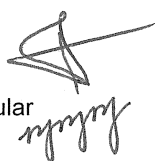
**Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong and Director of Planning and Development, Aimee Bryck, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:42 pm.**

**Resolution No.**     **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**  
2024-027     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt  
"That we move into Closed Session at 3:44 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**

**Rise from Closed Session**

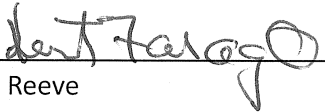
At 4:37 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**     **District Emergency Coordinator**  
2024-028     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we appoint Nancy Cherney as the District Emergency Coordinator of the Lumsden & District Emergency Management Organization (EMO) as per Bylaw 2023-14."     **CARRIED**



Resolution No. Adjournment  
2024-029 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom  
"That we adjourn the meeting at 4:38 pm."

CARRIED

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer