

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting July 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting in the Lumsden Municipal Office and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Hayden Forster

Division 5: Trent Catley

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended via Zoom)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 9:06 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (attended via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 9:53 pm)

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (attended via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 7:35 pm)

Absent:

Division 4 Councillor: Marlise Nordstrom

Resolution No.

2025-324

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we add the following item to the agenda under the Closed Session:
Item 20.1 Bylaw 2025-04."

CARRIED

Resolution No.

2025-325

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 7.2, pertaining to an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. a company which Councillor Schlosser owns.

Councillor Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 14.1, being the annual staff appreciation and Service Awards Luncheon. Councillor Jordison's spouse, Krystal Strong, is an employee of the municipality.

Public Works Reports

- Resolution No.** **Public Works Report**
2025-326 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 "That we approve the Public Works report, as presented."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Interest Expropriation - NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 1 and 2**
2025-327 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 "That the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189, being unable to acquire an interest in the land by agreement with the landowner, who is Richard Neil McEwen, proceed under the provisions of *The Municipal Expropriation Act* to acquire an interest in the land, to the properties described as:
 NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 2; Parcel Number 110664020; and
 NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 1; Parcel Number 110609816."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Tender - Tandem Truck**
2025-328 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 "That we agree to post a tender for the purchase of a new tandem truck, with specifications to be determined by the Public Works Foreman."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Plow Package**
2025-329 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 "That we agree to purchase a Medium Duty Snow Plow, with specifications to be determined by the Public Works Foreman."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Sand Spreader**
2025-330 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 "That we agree to purchase a Salt/Sand Spreader, with specifications to be determined by the Public Works Foreman."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Motor Grader - Tender Award**
2025-331 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 "That we purchase and trade the following from/to Finning Canada (Caterpillar Regina), noting that taxes and fees are excluded:
 2026 Caterpillar 150 AWD-15A Motor Grader including 60 months/8500 hr extended warranty in the amount of \$552,538.15
 and
 Trade 2021 150 AWD-10 Caterpillar Motor Grader in the amount of \$250,000.00."
 CARRIED

Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Financial Reports

- Resolution No.** **Bank Reconciliation**
2025-332 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 "That the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending June 30, 2025, be accepted as presented."
 CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Financial Statement**
2025-333 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 "That the Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2025, be accepted as presented."
 CARRIED



Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. **List of Accounts - July 17, 2025**
2025-334 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

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

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:50 pm.

Resolution No. **Big Rock Trucking Ltd. - Invoice 1150**
2025-335 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That invoice no. 1150 from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. in the amount of \$294,515.83 attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment."**CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 7:55 pm

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. **July 3, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
2025-336 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the minutes of the July 3, 2025 - Committee of the Whole meeting be approved, as circulated."**CARRIED**

Resolution No. **July 3, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting**
2025-337 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the July 3, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated."**CARRIED**

Resolution No. **July 14, 2025 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet**
2025-338 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the minutes of the July 14, 2025, Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated."**CARRIED**

Public Hearings

Resolution No. **8:00 pm - Public Hearing - Bylaw No. 2025-09 - Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment -**
2025-339 **Add Public Utility to A - Agriculture District**
 Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we recess the meeting at 8:00 pm for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 2025-09 - Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment."**CARRIED**

Reconvene Meeting

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 pm.

Committee Reports - Committee of the Whole

Resolution No. **Road Development Policy**
2025-340 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and adopt the amended Road Development Policy, attached to these minutes as Schedule 'C'."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Pest Control Officer Services**
2025-341 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to discontinue contracting Pest Control Officer services; however, we will continue to supply ratepayers with pest control products at no cost."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Snow Plow Club Payments**
2025-342 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and pay authorized Snow Plow Clubs the annual retainer ("grant"), as per the 2024-2025 Snow Plow Club Agreements, and that these retainer payments be retroactive to October 2024."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Deer Valley Water & Sewer Board - Asset Acquisition**
2025-343 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we approve a request from the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board to permit the Deer Valley Water & Sewer Board to hold assets in their name; for example, the Water Treatment Plant."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting Report**
2025-344 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting report be accepted as presented by Councillor Schlosser."

CARRIED

New Business

Conflict Declared

Councillor Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Employee Service Awards and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Councillor Jordison abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 8:22 pm.

Resolution No. **Employee Service Awards and Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
2025-345 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon for presentation of the 2025 employee service awards with the date and location to be determined by Administration."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Cody Jordison returned to the council chambers at 8:24 pm.

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. **Council Update**
2025-346 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

- Resolution No.** **Communications**
2025-347 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
- "That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:
a. G. Russell - LDHH 2nd Quarter Report 2025
b. Lumsden RCMP - May 2025 Community Policing Report
c. Water Security Agency - Changes to The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations."
CARRIED
- Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:06 pm.**
- Bylaws**
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-09 - Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment - Add Public Utility to A -**
2025-348 **Agriculture District - 2nd Reading**
 Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-09, being a bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw be read a second time."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-09 - Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment - Add Public Works to A -**
2025-349 **Agriculture District - 3rd Reading**
 Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-09, being a bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-11 - Interest Expropriation - 1st Reading**
2025-350 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-11, being a bylaw for Interest Expropriation be read a first time."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-11 - Interest Expropriation - 2nd Reading**
2025-351 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-11, being a bylaw for Interest Expropriation be read a second time."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-11 - Interest Expropriation - Give 3 Readings**
2025-352 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-11, being a bylaw for Interest Expropriation, be given 3 readings at this meeting."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Resolution No.** **Bylaw No. 2025-11 - Interest Expropriation - 3rd Reading**
2025-353 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
- "That Bylaw No. 2025-11, being a bylaw for Interest Expropriation be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** **Closed Session**
2025-354 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
- "That we move into Closed Session at 9:31 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
- Rise from Closed Session**
- At 9:53 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Director of Planning and Development, Aimee Bryck, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Resolution No. Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters

2025-355 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:53 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 staff to be included in the session."

CARRIED

Rise from Closed Session

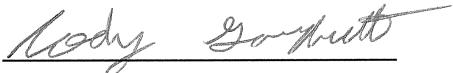
At 10:00 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

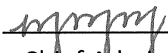
Resolution No. Adjournment

2025-356 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm."

CARRIED


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Chief Administrative Officer