



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Public Works Committee January 25, 2024 - 9:30 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 9:33 am.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors: Cody Jordison, Steve Eckel

Non-Committee Members: Glenda Schlosser, Marlise Nordstrom, Cody Garbutt (attended from 9:37 am until 11:31 am)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong

Absent:

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

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

- Appoint a Committee Chairperson
- Grader Training, New Business
- Selling Packers, New Business
- Staffing, Closed Session."

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Appointment of a Chairperson

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we agree to appoint Cody Jordison as the Chairperson for the Public Works Committee until further notice."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Public Works Committee - September 22, 2023

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That the minutes of the September 22, 2023, Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Councillor Cody Garbutt arrived at 9:37 am.

New Business

ASL Road

The Committee discussed the sandy and washboard surface of the "ASL Road". Councillor Jordison will communicate with ASL, perhaps they will contribute rock and clay. If so, the road can be mulched in 2024.

Sale of Equipment Policy

The Committee discussed difficulty experienced in 2023 when selling equipment online. In the future, Administration will be given a price range and Administration will be authorized to proceed based on the price range. Administration will provide Council with commission rates and applicable sales taxes prior to Council determining the price range.

Mulching Program

The Committee discussed that large-scale projects and stabilization are not feasible for the RM due to large amount of staffing required. The RM will focus its mulching program on small-scale projects. Possible improvements to Seven Bridges Road include the application of heavier gravel, mulching and/or dust control. Administration will communicate with the RM of Pense regarding their dust control contractor.

Crack Seal Tender

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we communicate with the Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley to coordinate a possible joint Crack Sealing Tender."

CARRIED

Grader Training

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we recommend Council authorize the Public Works Foreman to pursue grader training opportunities for the appropriate Public Works staff members."

CARRIED

Sale of Self-propelled Packer

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we recommend Council authorize the sale of one self-propelled packer."

CARRIED

Pull-Type Packers

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we recommend Council retain ownership of two pull-type packers and no longer offer them for sale online or in a physical auction."

CARRIED

Closed Session - Employee-Related Matters

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we move into Closed Session at 10:41 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 CAO to be included in the session."

CARRIED

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 10:41 am.

The Committee took a brief recess from 10:41 am to 10:46 am.

Rise from Closed Session

At 11:31 am, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we adjourn the meeting at 11:31 am."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer