

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting September 5, 2024 - 1:00 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, September 5, 2024 at 1:04 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors:

Division 1: Steve Eckel (attended from 1:04 pm - 2:00 pm)

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom (left the meeting from 2:56 pm - 4:06 pm)

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 1:04 pm to 5:16 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 1:04 pm to 1:43 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (via Zoom, attended from 1:04 pm to 5:16 pm)

Absent:

Public Works Manager: (vacant)

Youth Member: (vacant)

Conflict Declared - Councillor Schlosser

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. proposed to be added to the agenda. Councillor Schlosser is an owner of Big Rock Trucking Ltd. and abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 1:04 pm.

Resolution No. Additions to Agenda

2024-401

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

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

- Accounts for Approval: Big Rock Trucking Ltd.

- New Business: Tax Enforcement - Proceed to Acquire Titles."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 1:05 pm.

Resolution No. Approval of Agenda

2024-402

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to items 2 and 7, being an invoice to the municipality from Big Rock Trucking Ltd.. Councillor Schlosser is an owner of Big Rock Trucking Ltd.

Councillor Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 10.1.1, being a Modified Work Hours Policy applicable to Joint Administration staff. His spouse, Krystal Strong, is a Joint Administration staff member.

Resolution No. Public Works Report

2024-403 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the Public Works report, as prepared by Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes." **CARRIED**

Financial Reports

Resolution No. Financial Statement - July 2024

2024-404 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That the Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2024, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. Accounts for Approval

2024-405 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

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

Conflict Declared - Councillor Schlosser

Councillor 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 1:21 pm.

Resolution No. List of Accounts - Big Rock Trucking Ltd.

2024-406 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That invoice #6265 from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Meeting

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 1:40 pm.

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Resolution No. Chobanik Request for Letter of Credit Reduction

2024-407 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we agree to reduce the Letter of Credit for Development Application No. 2021-002 (Chobanik) by 50% from \$115,500 to \$57,750." **CARRIED**

Councillor Steve Eckel left for the remainder of the meeting at 2:00 pm

Resolution No. Municipal Reserve Policy - Wagner Appraisal

2024-408 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we agree to table the Wagner Municipal Reserve Appraisal." **CARRIED**

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. August 15, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting

2024-409 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the August 15, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**



Resolution No. **August 21, 2024 - Joint Administration Committee Meeting**
2024-410 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That the minutes of the August 21, 2024 - Joint Administration Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **August 22, 2024 - Public Works Committee Meeting**
2024-411 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the minutes of the August 22, 2024 - Public Works Committee Meeting be approved, as amended." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Conflict Declared

Councillor Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 10.1.1, being a Modified Work Hours Policy. Councillor Jordison abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 2:07 pm.

Resolution No. **Joint Administration Committee Report - August 21, 2024**
2024-412 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the Joint Administration Committee Report be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Schlosser." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Modified Work Hours Policy**
2024-413 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee and adopt the 'Modified Work Hours Policy' (on a one-year trial basis) specific to Joint Administration employees as per Schedule "C"." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Cody Jordison returned to the council chambers at 2:16 pm.

Resolution No. **Public Works Committee Report - August 22, 2024**
2024-414 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That the Public Works Committee Report be accepted as presented by Councillor Jordison." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Contracted Work for 2025**
2024-415 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we agree to table the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to hire a contractor to pull the shoulders on 3 miles of road known as Exit B West (TWP RD 192), the heavy haul route." **CARRIED**

Councillor Marlise Nordstrom temporarily left the meeting at 2:56 pm.

Council took a brief recess from 2:56 pm - 2:59 pm.

Delegations

2:59 pm - 3:05 pm - Barry Clemens, Speeding on Seven Bridges Road

Barry Clemens appeared before Council to discuss the neighborhood's concern with speeding on Seven Bridges Road. The neighborhood had requested a speed reduction to 40 kms/hr for a specific area. He also requested that the "Equipment Crossing" signs that were knocked down be replaced. Mr. Clemens is afraid it will take a death on the road before the speed is reduced further.

New Business Continued

Resolution No. **Speeding on Seven Bridges Road**
2024-416 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we agree with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and authorize administration to send a request to the Lumsden RCMP to enforce the 60 km/hr speed limit on Seven Bridges Road, as the neighborhood has raised



safety concerns with ongoing speeding and dangerous driving; further, we will place a radar speed sign on this roadway to gather data as well as re-erecting 'equipment crossing' signage."

CARRIED

New Business

Resolution No. 2024-417 Ludwig - Beaver Control Program Bounty Hunter
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we designate Alden Ludwig as a bounty hunter for the purpose of the Beaver Control Program, for beavers caught within the municipality, for the 2024-25 program."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-418 Borgmann - Speed Limit Request
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we refer the request of Roy Borgmann to reduce the speed limit on Township Road 194 to the Public Works Committee in order to review additional information."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-419 Anderson - Speed Limit Request
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we table the request of Bryce Anderson requesting a speed limit reduction on a portion of Range Road 2205 and request that the applicant provide a detailed map for clarification."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-420 Arm River Colony - Hwy 11 Intersecting RGE 2230 Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we agree to provide a letter of support to Arm River Colony for their endeavour to enhance safety measures on Highway No. 11 at the intersection of Arm River Road (Range Road 2230)."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-421 Tax Enforcement - Proceed to Acquire Titles
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That TAXervice, on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189, be authorized to proceed under the *Tax Enforcement Act* to acquire title for the following described land:

Legal Land Description	Title Number
SE 35-19-19-2 Ext 0	111880560
LSD 12-10-19-21-2 Ext 157	104784318
SE 08-20-22-2 Ext 0	137217157
NW 03-21-22-2 Ext 0	146020441
Lot 3, Block A, Plan 88R37148 Ext 0	107371616
Block 1, Plan 91R43022 Ext 0	111500761
Block 2, Plan 91R43022 Ext 0	111500783."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. 2024-422 Gravel Purchase
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we authorize administration to prepare and post an advertisement that the RM of Lumsden No. 189 is seeking land on which to explore for gravel."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-423 Council Update
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

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

CARRIED

Councillor Nordstrom returned to the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Resolution No. Communications

2024-424 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:

a. Municipal Hail Insurance - Scholarships."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Closed Session

2024-425 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we move into Closed Session at 4:20 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 5:15 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 5:16 pm.

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

2024-426 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we move into Closed Session at 5:16 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 included in the session."

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky, left the meeting from 5:52 pm - 5:57 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

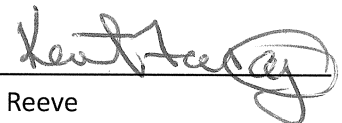
At 5:57 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. Adjournment

2024-427 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm."

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer