

**Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Council Meeting September 19, 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, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Present:**

Reeve: Kent Farago

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

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 7:00 pm to 9:09 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom, attended from 7:14 pm to 7:23 pm)

Planner: Denise Donahue (attended from 7:00 pm to 7:20 pm)

**Absent:**

Public Works Manager: (vacant)

Youth Member: (vacant)

**Resolution No.**  
2024-428

**Additions to Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda under Committee Reports and Closed Session:

- Committee Reports 10.2.1 - Contract Work - Exit B

- Closed Session 20.1 - Gravel Pit Decommissioning Plan RFP."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-429

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item number 20.1 on today's agenda. Item 20.1 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.

**Resolution No.**  
2024-430

**Public Works Reports**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the Public Works report, as presented."

**CARRIED**

**Planning and Development Applications and Reports**

**Resolution No.**      **Closed Session**  
2024-431      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we move into Closed Session at 7:07 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**

**Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, arrived via Zoom at 7:14 pm.**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

*Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with regards to Subdivision Application 2024-026. Councillor Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd. may have potential business dealings with the applicants, who own Skynorth Sand & Gravel. Councillor Schlosser abstained from voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:17 pm.*

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 7:17 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**      **Subdivision Application 2024-026 - Proposed Commercial Subdivision - Parcel C, Plan 101443823**  
2024-432      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we agree to table Subdivision Application No. 2024-026, a proposed commercial subdivision on Parcel C, Plan 101443823." **CARRIED**

**Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 7:20 pm.*

**Planner, Denise Donahue, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:20 pm.**

**Accounts for Approval**

**Resolution No.**      **September 19, 2024 - List of Accounts**  
2024-433      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

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

**Financial Reports**

**Resolution No.**      **Bank Reconciliation**  
2024-434      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending August 31, 2024, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

**Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:23 pm.**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No.**      **September 5, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting**  
2024-435      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That the minutes of the September 5, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**      **September 9, 2024 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Minutes**  
2024-436      **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the September 9, 2024 - Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Committee Reports**

- Resolution No. 2024-437**     **Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Committee Report**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt  
"That the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting Report be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Schlosser." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No. 2024-438**     **Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board - Election and Manner of Voting Policy**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we adopt the '*Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Election and Manner of Voting Policy*', as per Schedule "B"." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No. 2024-439**     **Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board - Vacancies and Disqualification Policy**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we adopt the '*Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Vacancies and Disqualifications Policy*', as per Schedule "C"." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No. 2024-440**     **Contract Work (Motion from the September 18th PW Committee Mtg)**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we expand on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and post a tender for shoulder-pulling to be completed this fall on the first three miles of Exit B, west of Highway No. 11, (Township Road 192), and that the project is to be completed to the gravel-ready stage."

A Recorded Vote was requested.

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

**CARRIED**

- Resolution No. 2024-441**     **Public Works Committee Report**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom  
"That the Public Works Committee Report be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Jordison." **CARRIED**

**Unfinished Business**

- Resolution No. 2024-442**     **Rink Reserve**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom  
"That we acknowledge the approval of the Town of Lumsden and eliminate the annual \$1,000 transfer to the Lumsden Sports Association (LSA) Reserve, (originally agreed to in 2015 via the Joint Administration Committee) as the RM of Lumsden can access funds for LSA capital projects from its Cash-in-Lieu account." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No. 2024-443**     **Anderson - Speed Limit Request**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser  
"That we have reviewed the request of Mr. Anderson to lower the speed limit on the road entering/exiting Flowing Springs Golf Greens, legally described as St/L 1, Plan 88R43134 Ext. 0, and agree to lower the speed limit to 40 km/hr for the entirety of the road which is less than 1/2 of one mile." **CARRIED**



**New Business**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-444

**List of Lands in Arrears**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we accept the list of lands in arrears as per Schedule "D" and exclude from the list of lands, properties upon which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy.

AND that TAXervice be authorized to handle the tax enforcement proceedings respecting these rolls on behalf of the municipality."

A Recorded Vote was requested.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-445

**Royal Canadian Legion - Poppy Campaign 2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Eckel

"That we authorize the purchase of a wreath from the Royal Canadian Legion - Lumsden Branch, for display at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony, at a cost of \$55.00; and, that we authorize Councillor Nordstrom to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-446

**Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Membership Feedback**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we have completed the Lumsden & District Heritage Home's New Member Feedback Form and authorize Administration to email our response, as requested."

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Administration**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-447

**Council Update**

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

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

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-448

**Organized Hamlets - First Meeting, Budget Submission and Joint Meetings Policy**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we adopt the 'Organized Hamlets - First Meeting, Budget Submission and Joint Meetings Policy', as per Schedule "E"."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-449

**Communications**

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

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

a. SARM - Midterm Convention Agenda - November 20 & 21, 2024

b. Lumsden Fire Department - Fundraiser, November 16, 2024

c. Miscellaneous."

**CARRIED**

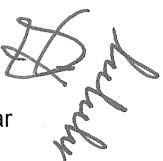
**Resolution No.**  
2024-450

**Closed Session**

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

"That we move into Closed Session at 8:52 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 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 Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 8:52 pm.*

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 9:00 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**  
2024-451

**Gravel Pit Decommissioning Plan RFP**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we award the Gravel Pit Decommissioning Plan tender to MBC Engineering Group Inc. in the amount of \$30,265 plus applicable taxes; said Plan is in reference of QBG 1157 of 2019 specific to Parcel C, Plan 101443823, Extension 127 in the NE 32-19-21 W2; it is further noted that, as per the March 14, 2024 Court Order, costs incurred by the municipality to perform the acts required in the December 5, 2013 Zoning Compliance Order, the December 17, 2019 Court Order and the September 17, 2020 Contempt Order shall be considered expenses incurred by the municipality in remedying a contravention of a bylaw or enactment and may be added to the tax roll of the aforementioned parcel."

**CARRIED**

**Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 9:01 pm.

**Resolution No.**  
2024-452

**Closed Session**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:03 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 9:09 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:09 pm.**

**Resolution No.**  
2024-453

**Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**

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

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:09 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 temporarily left the meeting from 9:45 pm - 10:11 pm.**

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 10:11 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**  
2024-454

**Full-Time, Permanent, Heavy Equipment Operator**

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

"That, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, we post to hire a Full-Time, Permanent, Heavy Equipment Operator, to begin as soon as possible."

**CARRIED**



**Resolution No.**     **Public Works Foreman S. Haynes - Compensation**  
2024-455     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison


"That further to Resolution 2024-399, Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, be compensated for assuming additional duties and responsibilities, due to the vacancy of the Public Works Manager position, with a lump sum payment of \$2,500 on October 18, 2024."


**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**     **Adjournment**  
2024-456     **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm."

**CARRIED**

  
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