

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting August 7, 2025 - 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, August 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Hayden Forster

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: Trent Catley

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (attended via Zoom, from 1:15 pm - 3:13 pm)

Absent:

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck

Resolution No.
2025-357

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

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.

Financial Reports

Resolution No.
2025-358

Financial Statement - June 30, 2025

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2025, be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2025-359

2024 Surplus Recommendation

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Director of Finance and allocate the 2024 surplus as follows:

\$111,200 to the Bridge Reserve

\$ 42,564 to subsidize the 2025 operating budget."

CARRIED

- Lumsden Sports Centre Reserve**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
- Resolution No.** 2025-360
 "That we authorize administration to eliminate the Lumsden Sports Centre Reserve, amending the Financial Reserve Policy accordingly; and
 That we allocate the balance of the Lumsden Sports Centre Reserve, in the amount of \$9,582 to the Bridge Reserve.
 Further, it should be noted that recreational expenditures can be funded from the Cash-in-Lieu Reserve."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** 2025-361
Financial Reserve Policy - Amendment
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
- "That we accept the Financial Reserve Policy, as amended, and attached as Schedule "A"."
CARRIED
- Accounts for Approval**
- Resolution No.** 2025-362
List of Accounts - August 7, 2025
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment."
CARRIED
- Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, arrived via Zoom, at 1:15 pm.**
- Conflict Declared**
- Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 7.2, an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 1:17 pm.*
- Resolution No.** 2025-363
Big Rock Trucking Ltd. - Invoice 1167
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
- "That invoice no. 1167 from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. in the amount of \$80,034.84 attached as Schedule "C" is approved for payment."
CARRIED
- Conflict - Returned to Chambers**
- At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 1:19 pm*
- Public Works Reports**
- Resolution No.** 2025-364
Public Works Report
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
- "That we approve the Public Works report, as presented."
CARRIED
- Resolution No.** 2025-365
Interest Expropriation - NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 1 and 2 - Deposit Plan
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
- "That, in accordance with Section 4 of *The Municipal Expropriation Act* and Bylaw 2025-11, Council authorizes the deposit of the plan, attached as Schedule "D", with the Chief Administrative Officer and proceed, under the provisions of *The Municipal Expropriation Act*, to acquire an interest on the lands described as:
 NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 2; Parcel Number 110664020; and
 NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 1; Parcel Number 110609816."
CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. **July 17, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting**
2025-366 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That the minutes of the July 17, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting be approved,
as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **July 17, 2025 - Public Hearing Bylaw No. 2025-09**
2025-367 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the minutes of the July 17, 2025 - Public Hearing Bylaw No. 2025-09 be
approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Resolution No. **Radar Speed Sign - Highway No. 20**
2025-368 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and
authorize administration to make application to SGI's Provincial Traffic Safety Fund
for the installation of a Radar Speed Sign within the Highway No. 20 Right-of-Way,
to assist with the slowing of traffic as they approach the Town of Lumsden while
travelling in a southerly direction." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Policy - Lumsden High School Scholarship**
2025-369 **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
adopt the Lumsden High School Scholarship Policy, attached as Schedule "E"."
CARRIED

New Business

Resolution No. **Tax Enforcement - Proceed to Acquire Titles**
2025-370 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That TAXervice be authorized under s22(1) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* to
commence proceedings on or after July 20, 2025 to request title with respect to
the following described lands:

Roll No.	Legal Land Description
531	BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 00RA27072 EXT 4
864	BLK/PAR 2-PLAN 98SE42697 EXT 0
1238	BLK/PAR B-PLAN 90R58965 EXT 1
1624	NW 12-20-22-2 EXT 1
1997	BLK/PAR B-PLAN 101405034 EXT 16
2109	BLK/PAR J-PLAN 101845931 EXT 0
4801	BLK/PAR E-PLAN 102363410 EXT 0."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **2025 Tax Abatement - NW-04-19-21-W2**
2025-371 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we approve a property tax adjustment from the owner of NW-04-19-21-W2,
with respect to an agricultural quonset on roll #475, where SAMA erred by
removing a partial agricultural exemption resulting in the owner being levied
\$1,176.80 too much." **CARRIED**



Reports of Administration

Resolution No. **Council Update**
2025-372 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

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

Communications

Resolution No. **Ministry of Highways - Comments Regarding Passing Lanes on Highway 6**
2025-373 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we respond to the Ministry of Highways invitation to comment on their 'passing lane positioning study on Highway 6', with the following comments:
1. We are pleased that steps are being taken to improve safety on Highway 6, as there is significant traffic on that roadway, and
2. We request that the Ministry of Highways consult with impacted landowners located on Highway 6, within the RM of Lumsden, to ensure they are treated fairly."
CARRIED

Resolution No. **Accept Communications**
2025-374 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded 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. Ministry of Highways - Endorsement Request for Passing Lanes on Highway 6
b. Water Security Agency - 2025-26 Channel Clearing & Drainage Project Maintenance Rebate Program
c. Minister of Agriculture - Designation of Prohibited, Noxious and Nuisance Weeds
d. Miscellaneous."
CARRIED

Resolution No. **Closed Session**
2025-375 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we move into Closed Session at 2:33 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

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to discussions pertaining to QBG 1157 of 2019. Councillor Schlosser has business dealings with the owner of the land referenced in the Court Order. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion on the matter and left the council chambers at 2:39 pm.

Conflict - Returned to Meeting

At the conclusion of discussion on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 2:51 pm

Rise from Closed Session

At 3:13 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:13 pm.

Resolution No. **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**
2025-376 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we move into Closed Session at 3:13 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 3:32 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No.
2025-377

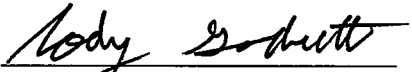
Adjournment

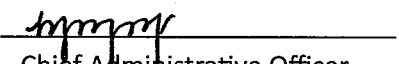
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we adjourn the meeting at 3:33 pm."

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer