



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Public Works Committee Meeting April 3, 2024 - 9:00 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 Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Cody Jordison

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillor: Steve Eckel

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (via Zoom , Attended from 9:00 am until 10:35 am)

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts

Non-Committee Member:

Councillor: Glenda Schlosser

Absent:

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda under New Business:

- Clay Quotes
- 4th Grader
- Shop Location."

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Adoption of Minutes

January 25, 2024 - Public Works Committee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That the minutes of the January 25, 2024, Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

New Business

Dust Control

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we recommend Council rescind resolution #2018-155 and replace it with the following:
That we agree to offer the following dust control program to our ratepayers:

- Ratepayer must make an application to the municipal office and pay all costs associated with the application in advance;
- The municipality will provide blading preparation of the site, as resources permit;

- Ratepayers are required to sign a waiver indicating that the RM will not accept responsibility for dust control costs reimbursement or cost for application, if the applied dust control is accidentally bladed over during routine maintenance or is required to be bladed over if the road's condition warrants it;
- No dust control products be applied until the required application/waiver form is signed by the ratepayer; and
- The Public Works Manager is authorized to review and approve applications by ratepayers."

CARRIED

Traffic Counters

Reeve Farago asked that the committee discuss purchasing and installing permanent traffic counters near Minerva Ridge to assess the increase in traffic expected with the development of The Country subdivision. Administration will investigate options.

Flags for Marking Roads

Reeve Farago requested that administration bring back quotes for orange spring-loaded flags that could be used to mark low level crossings, culverts and other areas where water may be over the road surface. Leighton will investigate options.

2024 Equipment Purchase Plan

Moved by: Councillor Eckel

"That we recommend Council approve the 2024 Equipment Purchase Plan, to purchase a grader mounted sod mulcher in 2024, as attached as Schedule "A"."

CARRIED

2024 Road Maintenance Plan

There was not enough time to discuss the items below, they will be added to the next Public Works agenda.

Council asked that the PW Committee discuss the following:

1. Hiring contractors to pull shoulders
2. Gravel and crowns required on Pense Grid and Trestle Bridge Road
3. Defining the ditches on Valley Side Road to stop water causing damage to the top of the road
4. Swale on 734 north/south near Van Everdink property

Closed Session

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we move into Closed Session at 11:15 am 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 11:17 am, the Committee left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Road Closures

There was not enough time to discuss this matter at this meeting, it be on the next Public Works agenda.

Councillor Jordison requested that the committee discuss a bylaw or policy for closing roads/low level crossings.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee decided that their next meeting would be held on April 15, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Adjournment

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we adjourn the meeting at 11:59 am."

CARRIED



 Chairperson



 Chief Administrative Officer