Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting August 20, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting at the Lumsden Municipal Office and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Present:
Reeve: Cody Garbutt
Councillors:
Division 1: Curtis Skolney
Division 2: Glenda Schlosser
Division 4: Vacant
Division 5: Trent Catley
Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky
Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom from 7:00 - 7:06 pm)
Senior Planner: Saedi Soubolsky (attended via Zoom from 8:04 - 9:01 pm)

Absent:
Councillors: Division 3: Hayden Forster
Division 6: Cody Jordison
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong

Resolution No. 2026-354

Approval of Agenda
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we approve the agenda as presented." **CARRIED**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with item 7.1 on today's agenda, being an invoice from TREK Engineering for a portion of the contract to produce a court-ordered reclamation plan in relation 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 Council Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd., may have with Skynorth Sand & Gravel.

Councillor Glenda Schlosser also declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 16.1 which includes a discussion regarding a quantity variance claimed by Neetah Construction (WIRI) related to a bridge replacement project in which Councillor Schlosser's company Big Rock Trucking Ltd. is supplying aggregate as a subcontractor.

Financial Reports

Resolution No. 2026-355

Bank Reconciliation - July 31, 2026
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending July 31, 2026, be accepted as presented."
CARRIED

Accounts for Approval

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with regard to an invoice payable to TREK Engineering Inc. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 7:03 pm.

Resolution No. 2026-356

List of Accounts
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "A" 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 7:06 pm.

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Resolution No. 2026-357

Public Works Reports
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

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

Delegations

Resolution No. 2026-358

Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we move into Closed Session at 7:15 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 excluded from the session." **CARRIED**

The Chief Administrative Officer temporarily left the meeting from 7:15 - 8:04 pm.

7:15 - 8:04 pm - Knibbs HR Consulting

At Council's request, Dawn Hillrud of Knibbs HR Consulting appeared via Zoom to present the Organizational Review and Recommendations Report for the Town and RM's Joint Administration structure.

Rise from Closed Session

At 8:04 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Senior Planner, Saedi Soubolsky arrived at 8:04 pm

Resolution No. 2026-359

Council Update - Planning and Development - August 20, 2026
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the Planning and Development Report be accepted as presented by Senior Planner, Saedi Soubolsky." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-360

Development Application 2025-049 - Residential Subdivision - SE 6-21-21-W2M (Revised Plan)
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That Council recommend approval of the proposed subdivision of land legally described as Parcel D, Plan 102393974 Ext 0 and a portion of SE 6-21-21-W2M subject to the following:

1. That the proposed subdivision be accommodated under section 3.3.3(8)(c)(ii) of the OCP to allow a residential parcel larger than the maximum site area of 4.0 hectares, as it is an existing yard site.

2. Notifying the relevant Urban Municipalities within the Rural-Urban Fringe Area of the revised plan of proposed subdivision.
3. Prior to the construction of any new buildings or structures on the parcels, a Development Permit and Building Permit shall be submitted to and approved by the RM of Lumsden No. 189.
4. The ongoing adequacy and performance of both the private water supply and sewage disposal systems remain the responsibility of the property owner.
5. Prior to the construction of any new approaches to access the parcels, a *Property Access Approach Application* shall be submitted to and approved by the RM of Lumsden No. 189."

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-361

Closed Session
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we move into Closed Session at 8:20 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 9:01 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Senior Planner, Saedi Soubolsky left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-362

August 6, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the minutes of the August 6, 2026 - Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-363

August 10, 2026 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the minutes of the August 10, 2026 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Resolution No. 2026-364

Deer Valley Organized Hamlet - Meeting Report
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board meeting report be accepted as presented verbally by Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-365

Deer Valley Maintenance Contract
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we accept the recommendation of the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board and enter into agreement with Curtis Ltd. to provide road maintenance, etc. for a two-year term commencing October 16, 2026with an option to extend the agreement for an additional one-year term." **CARRIED**

New Business

Resolution No. 2026-366

Resignation - District Emergency Coordinator
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Nancy Cherney, District Emergency Measures Organization Coordinator, effective end of day August 31, 2026." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-367

Resignation - Councillor Marlise Nordstrom
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Marlise Nordstrom, Division No. 4 Councillor, effective August 13, 2026." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-368

By-Election - Division 4
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That, as per section 15(b) of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* we choose to not conduct a by-election to fill a vacancy in Division 4 as the seat is up for general election in November 2026." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-369

Committee Appointments
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That, following the resignation of Division 4 Councillor Marlise Nordstrom, we address the resulting committee vacancies as follows:

- Finance Committee *
- Planning and Economic Development Committee *
- RCMP Consultative Group *
- Lumsden & District Recreation Board *
- Annexation Committee - appointment Division 1 Councillor Curtis Skolney

* Leave vacant until after this fall's general election." **CARRIED**

Reports of Administration

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with regard to a discussion regarding a quantity variance claimed by Neetah Construction (WIRI) related to a bridge replacement project. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 9:29 pm.

Resolution No. 2026-370

Neetah - Grid 734 Bridge to Culvert Project - Quantity Variance
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we accept MPE's recommendation to make payment to Neetah (WIRI) in the amount of $33,926.91 to address additional granular material required in conjunction with the bridge-to-culvert project on Grid 734." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Meeting

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 9:36 pm.

Resolution No. 2026-371

Council Update
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

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

Resolution No. 2026-372

Communications
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
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. SARM - Running for Council in your community
b. SARM - Preparing to serve on Council for your community." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-373

Closed Session
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:57 pm for the purpose of discussing strategic planning as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act*, with the Chief Administrative Officer included in the session." **CARRIED**

Rise from Closed Session

At 10:00 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. 2026-374

Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we move into Closed Session at 10:00 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**

Rise from Closed Session

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

Resolution No. 2026-375

Permanent, Full-Time - Office Services Clerk - Communications
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we acknowledge the Chief Administrative Officer's hiring of Morgan Darbellay, to fill a vacancy, as a permanent, full-time Office Services Clerk - Communications, effective August 16, 2026, with a probationary period of 13 weeks; and
That we approve a wage at Step 8 of the 2026 Joint Administration Wage Grid, being $29.37." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-376

Permanent, Full-Time - Office Services Clerk - Reception
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we acknowledge the Chief Administrative Officer's hiring of Marlise Nordstrom, to fill a vacancy, as a permanent, full-time Office Services Clerk - Reception, effective August 16, 2026, with a probationary period of 13 weeks; and
That we approve a wage at Step 7 of the 2026 Joint Administration Wage Grid, being $27.48 and moving to Step 8, being $27.89, upon successful completion of the probationary period." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-377

Adjournment
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm." **CARRIED**

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer