



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF  
**L U M S D E N**  
NO. 189

## **Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Public Works Committee Meeting via Zoom August 30, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

#### **Call to Order**

The Public Works Committee of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their meeting in Council Chambers and via electronic means (Zoom) on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Present:**

Chairperson: Cody Jordison (via Zoom)

Councillor: Cody Garbutt (via Zoom)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky (in Chambers)

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts (via Zoom)

#### **Absent:**

Reeve: Kent Farago

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

**CARRIED**

#### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That the minutes of the May 25, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

**CARRIED**

#### **New Business**

##### **Piapot Grid - Mulching Project**

By the end of this week, 3 miles should be done. We can keep working on the project under freeze up. Progress was affected due to weather and staff shortages; however, mulching is a slow process generally speaking. The Public Works Manager is hoping to finish from Highway 6 to Ravenswood, if weather permits; this section has the heaviest traffic.

##### **Public Works Staffing**

The Committee discussed:

- recruitment of a Heavy Equipment Operator;
- investing in our 'junior' staff to develop Heavy Equipment Operators;
- the pros and cons of hiring another casual employee; and
- there are more Ukrainians arriving next month, possibly with the skills we require.

##### **School Bus Route**

The Committee discussed that school buses are using the dirt road at Exit B from Highway 11 to Tregarva despite that section of road is not on the School Division's Bus Route Map. It would require a full build out to make it proper for bus travel.

##### **Grading Seasonal Roads**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That we recommend to Council that Administration investigate the possibility of permitting ratepayers to perform maintenance on seasonal roads using their own equipment."

**CARRIED**

**Road Maintenance**

The Committee discussed the need for gravel roads to have a crown re-established as well as the shoulders pulled. Shoulders are pulled in the spring. The Public Works Manager agreed that there is work to do.

**Gravel Reclaimer**

The Groomer (gravel reclaimer) was used this spring on the east side of the RM. This fall we will use it again. It completes about 4 miles per hour.

**Mowing**

The first cut is a single pass. The second pass has not started because the grass is still growing. Both mowers are serviced and ready to go.

**Grader Replacement Schedule**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That we recommend to Council that, due to rising costs, we have a full-Council review of the grader replacement schedule at our September 15, 2022 meeting." **CARRIED**

**Road Project Schedule**

The Committee discussed potential projects with unknown costs including:

- 2 x low level crossings (potential RIRG funding);
- cement bridge on Grid 734 (potential RIRG funding);
- Little Church Bridge (cost share with RM of Longlaketon); and
- Lagoon Haul Road (cost share with Regina Beach and granting bodies).

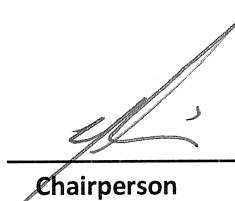
The Committee discussed limiting 2023 mulching program to finishing the Piapot Grid. Mulching would begin in summer so that focused road work could occur in spring.

**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m."

**CARRIED**




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Chairperson




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Chief Administrative Officer