

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Public Works Committee February 14, 2023 - 8:30 AM

Call to Order

The Public Works Committee of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their meeting in the Council Chambers and via Zoom on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 8:32 am.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors: Cody Garbutt, Cody Jordison,

Non-Committee Members:

Division 2 Councillor Glenda Schlosser (via Zoom, left at 10:58 am)

Division 4 Councillor Marlise Nordstrom (8:40 am - 11:07 am)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts

Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (left Chambers at 9:55 am)

Appointment of a Chairperson

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we appoint Councillor Cody Garbutt as the Chairperson of the Public Works Committee until further notice."

CARRIED

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we add the following item to the agenda under Delegations:

9:00 am - W.F. Botkin."

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to the W.F. Botkin Delegation.

Adoption of Minutes

December 5, 2022 - Public Works Committee

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That the minutes of the December 5, 2022, Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

New Business

Minerva Ridge Road Complaints

The Committee discussed the current state of the Minerva Ridge Road and the complaints submitted by local residents.

Weather conditions and road maintenance history was reviewed:

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October 23, 2022: Excess moisture and warm weather conditions softened the road.
February 10, 2023: Road soft in middle, road thawing, smoothed with grader, moved chunks to the shoulder.
February 14, 2023: Road is in bad shape due to warm weather and moisture from melting snow, grader dispatched to smooth the surface.

Public Works Manager requested permission to purchase and spread gravel on the road. Graveling in winter is not a standard practice. Given the weather conditions and discussions with others in the industry, this appeared to be the best option.

Purchase of Gravel for Stockpile

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we recommend Council approve the purchase of 1,300 metric tons of gravel, at a cost of \$26.50/ton delivered to the Public Works Shop."

CARRIED

Delegation

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to the W.F. Botkin Delegation. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the Council Chambers at 8:55 am.

8:56 am - 9:34 am - W.F. Botkin

Bruce Botkin and Gary Ahlstrom from W. F. Botkin appeared before the Committee to discuss the haul route and development permit conditions for a proposed gravel pit located at NE 13-21-19-W2.

Haul Route for W.F. Botkin Gravel Pit - NE 13-21-19-W2

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we recommend to Council that the Development Agreement for Development Application 2022-007, specify that the shortest and northernmost route for hauling gravel be on Range Road 2191 (Ravenswood) and Township Road 212 as it relates to the development of a gravel pit located at NE 13-21-19-W2 and owned by W.F. Botkin as per the attached Schedule A."

CARRIED

Conflict - Return to Meeting

At the conclusion of voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the Council Chambers at 9:55 am.

Unfinished Business

Hiring Contractors During Exigent Circumstances

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we recommend Council approve a policy permitting Council Committees to make financial decisions, in the event of an exigent circumstance."

CARRIED

Councillor Glenda Schlosser left for the remainder of the meeting at 10:58 am.

Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we move into Closed Session at 10:58 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

Councillor Marlise Nordstrom left for the remainder of the meeting at 11:07 am.

Rise from Closed Session

At 11:11 am the Committee left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Legal Opinion - Gravel Tender

Moved by: Councillor Jordison

"That we recommend to Council that Administration seek a legal opinion regarding our active gravel tender."

CARRIED



Adjournment

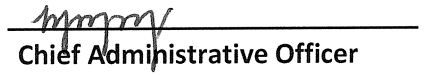
Moved by: Reeve Farago

"That we adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer