



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

## Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

### Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting - via Zoom September 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM

#### Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:01 p.m.

#### **Present:**

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors:

Division 1: Jeremy Andrew

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Derek Neuls (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Administrator: Jacqueline Chouinard (Left at 9:22 p.m.)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (Left at 7:50 p.m.)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (Arrived at 9:22 and left at 10:18 p.m.)

Public Works Manager Leighton Watts (Left at 9:22 p.m.)

#### **Absent:**

None

**Resolution No.**  
2022-461

#### Additions to Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That we add the following item to the agenda:

Closed Session - Employee-Related Matters - Assistant Administrator."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-462

#### Approval of Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

**CARRIED**

#### Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to:

Committee Reports - Flexible Work Location Arrangement/Modified Work Hours.

Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to:

Financial Reports - Accounts Payable - Big Rock Trucking Ltd.

**Councillor Neuls arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-463

#### Public Works Reports

**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That we approve the Public Works Report, as presented."

**CARRIED**

#### Financial Reports

#### **Conflict Declared**

Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to Financial Reports - Accounts Payable - Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**Resolution No.**  
2022-464

**Conflict of Interest Accounts Payable**

**Moved by:** Councillor Andrew

"That Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Invoices 5685 and 5697, attached as Schedule "A" are approved for payment."

A recorded vote was requested.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Jeremy Andrew	✓			
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt	✓			
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford	✓			
Derek Neuls	✓			
Glenda Schlosser				✓

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conflict - Returned to Meeting**

At the conclusion on voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Resolution No.**  
2022-465

**List of Accounts - September 15, 2022**

**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-466

**Grader Replacement Schedule**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jordison

"That we refer the Grader Replacement Schedule to the Finance Committee." **CARRIED**

**Director of Finance Ryan Haresign left at 7:50 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-467

**August 30, 2022 - Public Works Committee Meeting**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That the minutes of the August 30, 2022 Public Works Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Due to their absence at the September 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the following Councillors made declarations of conflict of interest, prior to approving the September 1, 2022 minutes, as per S144.1 of *The Municipalities Act*:

Councillor Andrew declared a conflict of interest with respect to:  
Resolution #2022-438.

Councillor Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to:  
Resolutions #2022-445, #2022-450 and #2022-451.

**Resolution No.**  
2022-468

**September 1, 2022- Regular Council Meeting**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That the minutes of the September 1, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated."

A recorded vote was requested.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Jeremy Andrew	✓			
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt	✓			
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford	✓			
Derek Neuls	✓			
Glenda Schlosser	✓			

**CARRIED**



## Committee Reports

Resolution No.  
2022-469

### **Public Works Committee Meeting - August 30, 2022**

**Moved by:** Councillor Garbutt

"That we accept the Public Works Committee Report as presented by Councillor Jordison."  
**CARRIED**

Resolution No.  
2022-470

### **Grading Seasonal Roads**

**Moved by:** Councillor Andrew

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that Administration investigate the possibility of permitting ratepayers to perform maintenance on seasonal roads using their own equipment."  
**CARRIED**

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

Councillor Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to Committee Reports - Flexible Work Location Arrangement/Modified Work Hours. Councillor Jordison abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Resolution No.  
2022-471

### **Closed Session**

**Moved by:** Councillor Andrew

"That we move into Closed Session at 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee-related matters as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* (LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b)), with staff to be included in the session."  
**CARRIED**

### **Rise from Closed Session**

At 8:53 p.m., Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

### **Conflict - Returned to Meeting**

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councillor Jordison returned to the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

### **Reports of Administration**

Resolution No.  
2022-472

### **Meeting Room - SARM Midterm Convention**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jordison

"That we approve the cost of utilizing a hotel board room to meet with other specific rural municipalities while at the SARM Midterm Convention in November, 2022."  
**CARRIED**

Resolution No.  
2022-473

### **Council Update**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jordison

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

**CARRIED**

### **Appointments**

Resolution No.  
2022-474

### **PBI Building Officials Appointment - Nitz**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jordison

"That, in accordance with the service agreement with Professional Building Inspections, Inc., the RM of Lumsden No. 189 hereby resolves to confirm Certificate of Appointment for the following Licensed Building Official, resident of the Province of Saskatchewan: Josh Nitz."  
**CARRIED**

Resolution No.  
2022-475

### **Communications**

**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:  
a. Lumsden & District Heritage Home - September, 2022 Report  
b. Deer Valley Hamlet Board - Resignation  
c. South Shore First Responders - August 24, 2022 Minutes, 2022 Budget and Treasurer's Report  
d. SAMA - Certificate of Confirmation  
e. Rural Economic Development & Rural Broadband Strategy - Follow-up on Rural Townhall  
f. Honourable David Marit - Response regarding RM of Biggar's Request for Government Assistance Programs for Livestock and Forage Producers due to Adverse Weather

g. APAS Update  
h. Lumsden Medical First Responders - August, 2022 Report  
Miscellaneous."

**CARRIED**

**Bylaws**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-476

**Bylaw No. 2022-11 - Deer Valley Utility Bylaw - 2nd Reading**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Schlosser

"That Bylaw No. 2022-11, being a bylaw to establish a Public Utility Board, be read a second time."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-477

**Bylaw No. 2022-11 - Deer Valley Utility Bylaw - 3rd Reading**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That Bylaw No. 2022-11, being a bylaw to establish a Public Utility Board, be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed."

**CARRIED**

**Public Works Manager Leighton Watts and Assistant Administrator Jacqueline Chouinard left at 9:22 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.**

**Director of Planning and Development Aimee Bryck arrived at the meeting at 9:22 p.m.**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-478

**Closed Session**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jordison

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:22 p.m. 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 10:16 p.m., Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**  
2022-479

**Culvert Projects**

**Moved by:** Councillor Andrew

"That we inform 102024265 Saskatchewan Ltd. that we will pursue liquidated damages with respect to two culvert replacements, as per General Conditions subsection 6.13 of the contract, if work does not commence by September 19, 2022 and be completed by September 30, 2022."

A recorded vote was requested.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Jeremy Andrew	✓			
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt	✓			
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford	✓			
Derek Neuls	✓			
Glenda Schlosser	✓			

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Director of Planning and Development Aimee Bryck left at 10:18 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-480

**Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**

**Moved by:** Councillor Schlosser

"That we move into Closed Session at 10:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee-related matters as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* (LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b)), with staff to be included in a portion of the session."

**CARRIED**

**Chief Administrative Officer Monica Merkosky left the meeting from 10:20 p.m. to 10:41 p.m.**

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 10:41 p.m., Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No.**  
2022-481

**Assistant Administrator**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That we acknowledge the Chief Administrative Officer's hiring of Katherine Atkings as a permanent, full-time Assistant Administrator, effective October 3, 2022 with a probationary period of 13 weeks; and  
That we approve a salary at Step 8 of the 2022 Joint Administration Wage Grid, being \$60,567."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2022-482

**Adjournment**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Langford

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m."

**CARRIED**

  
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Chief Administrative Officer