

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting July 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting in Council Chambers as well as via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago (via Zoom)

Councillors:

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison (via Zoom)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong (via Zoom, Left at 9:15 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (via Zoom, Left at 7:20 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (via Zoom, Left at 7:45 pm)

Absent:

Councillor: Division 1: (Vacant)

Resolution No. Additions to Agenda

2023-324

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

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

- Lumsden & District Heritage Home, "Looking Forward Project" Update
- Bank Reconciliation & Financial Statement - June 2023."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Addition to Agenda

2023-325

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we agree to add the following item to the agenda under Financial Reports:
- 2024 Budget Shortfall Concerns."

DEFEATED

Resolution No. Approval of Agenda

2023-326

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Resolution No. Public Works Reports

2023-327

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the Public Works report, as written."

CARRIED

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Financial Reports

Resolution No. **Rescind Resolution #2023-179**
2023-328 **Moved by:** Reeve Farago

"That we rescind Councillor Andrews Resolution 2023-179 and review 2023 budget deficit in order to make a resolution to increase taxes from 2.5 to 4.96% to address the 2023 operating shortfall within the current year. Make one-time allocations from 2022 surplus to Grader reserve, road emergency reserve and fire reserve. As Reeve I make this motion to rescind as I feel it is negligent governance by moving forward a budget deficit into 2024 which will require one or a combination of the following, a large combined 2023 2024 tax increase of 7% or higher; create forced austerity affecting staff, projects and our ability to service ratepayers; or increased borrowing which would increase tax payers dollars towards interest to service the debt. Furthermore after experiencing a year of record inflation, I feel it is financially irresponsible to not address our base cost increases."

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt		✓		
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford		✓		
Marlise Nordstrom		✓		
Glenda Schlosser		✓		

DEFEATED

Resolution No. **Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement**
2023-329 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2023, be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. **July 20, 2023 - List of Accounts**
2023-330 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That the list of accounts attached as Schedule "A" is approved for payment."

CARRIED

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Resolution No. **Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 07-2005 - Parcel G, Plan 102370575 Memo**
2023-331 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we table the nuisance abatement matter regarding Parcel G, Plan 102370575, until the next meeting."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. **July 6, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting**
2023-332 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the minutes of the July 6, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

Resolution No. **Enbridge - Emergency Response Exercise - Road Closure Request**
2023-333 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we approve Enbridge to set up traffic control to permit one way traffic on Range Road 2225 for their Emergency Equipment Deployment Exercise on the Qu'Appelle River on September 20, 2023."

CARRIED

Director of Planning & Development, Aimee Bryck left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:45 pm.

New Business

Resolution No. Amend Council Procedure Bylaw - Conflict of Interest
2023-334 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we task Administration to prepare an amendment to the Council Procedures Bylaw to provide a mechanism where meeting minutes will include notes to record comments made by Council members discussing potential conflicts of interest."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. Council Update
2023-335 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

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

CARRIED

Appointments

Resolution No. Employee Committee Appointment
2023-336 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we appoint Councillor Marlise Nordstrom to the Employee/Negotiation Committee."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Finance Committee Appointment
2023-337 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we appoint Councillor Marlise Nordstrom to the Finance Committee."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Communications
2023-338 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:
a. ATAP - Infrastructure Management - June Update
b. G. Russell - Lumsden and District Heritage Home - Quarterly Report April 1 to June 30, 2023
c. Deer Valley Regular Board Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2023
d. Miscellaneous."

CARRIED

Bylaws

Resolution No. Bylaw No. 2023-10 - To Regulate Speed of Vehicles - 2nd Reading
2023-339 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That Bylaw No. 2023-10 being a bylaw to regulate the speed of vehicles, be read a second time."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Bylaw No. 2023-10 - To Regulate Speed of Vehicles - 3rd Reading
2023-340 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That Bylaw No. 2023-10, being a bylaw to regulate the speed of vehicles, be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Closed Session
2023-341 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we move into Closed Session at 8:43 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 9:12 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.



Assistant Administrator, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Resolution No. Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters
2023-342 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt


"That we move into Closed Session at 9:12 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 to be included in the session." **CARRIED**

Rise from Closed Session

At 9:15 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. Adjournment
2023-343 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm." **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer