

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting September 21, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting at the Dew Drop In (in Lumsden) as well as via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors:

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison (Left at 9:40 pm)

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong (Left at 9:28 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (Zoom, Left at 7:17 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (Zoom, Left at 8:08 pm)

Absent:

Councillor: Division 1: (Vacant)

Resolution No.
2023-423

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

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

- RM of Edenwold No. 158 - SARM Resolution re: Coyote Reduction Program
- RM of Edenwold No. 158 - SARM Resolution re: Amendments to The Local Government Election Act
- SARM Resolution - ICIP Funding for Fire Halls
- Appoint Youth Member of Council - Jocelyn Young."

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2023-424

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest (after the fact) with respect to voting she was present for at the September 7, 2023, meeting. Councillor Schlosser had declared a conflict of interest on September 7 and left for the related discussion that occurred during a Closed Session. Council Schlosser inadvertently did not leave the meeting again during the vote on Resolution 2023-420.

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 20 on today's agenda, being discussion in Closed Session related 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 Councillor Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd., may have with Skynorth Sand & Gravel.

Councillor John Langford declared a conflict of interest (after the fact) with respect to discussion and voting he was present for at the September 7, 2023, meeting. Councillor Langford had declared a conflict of interest on September 7 and left for the related delegation presentation. Councillor Langford inadvertently did not leave the meeting again during the discussion and vote on Resolution 2023-418.

Resolution No. **Public Works Reports**
2023-425 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
"That we approve the Public Works report, as presented." **CARRIED**

Financial Reports

Resolution No. **Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement - August 31, 2023**
2023-426 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That the Bank Reconciliation or Financial Statement for the period ending August 31, 2023, be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. **September 21, 2023 - List of Accounts**
2023-427 **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 7:17 pm.

Planning and Development Applications and Reports

Resolution No. **2023 Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) Summit**
2023-428 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we agree to cost share, with the Town of Lumsden, a virtual registration for the October 11-12, 2023 Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) Summit, at a total cost of \$260." **CARRIED**

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. **July 10, 2023 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting**
2023-429 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **September 7, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting**
2023-430 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That the minutes of the September 7, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Resolution No. **Deer Valley Maintenance Service Agreement**
2023-431 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That we accept the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board's recommendation to enter into a Maintenance Service Agreement with Curtis Construction Ltd. for the period October 17, 2023 to October 17, 2025." **CARRIED**



Resolution No. **SGI Traffic Safety Grant**
2023-432 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we accept the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board's recommendation that the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 apply for four (4) post-mounted, stationary, radar speed signs under the SGI Traffic Safety Grant on the Organized Hamlet's behalf."

CARRIED

Council took a brief recess from 7:26 pm to 7:29 pm.

Unfinished Business

Resolution No. **Wascana Creek Rechannel**
2023-433 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we table the Wascana Creek Rechannel discussion until the Closed Session."

CARRIED

Delegations

7:29 pm - 7:51 pm - Linely Schaefer - Happy Hollow

Linely Schaefer, owner of Happy Hollow Corn Maze, appeared before Council to discuss complaints brought forward by a September 7, 2023 delegation. Mr. Schaefer reported that 90% of traffic utilizes Exit C, leaving only 10% utilizing Grid 734. The RM of Lumsden will have their Bylaw Enforcement Officer attend Happy Hollow during September 30 and October 1, 2023 to observe traffic patterns as well as measuring noise levels.

New Business

Resolution No. **Regular Council Meeting Dates - 2024**
2023-434 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we approve 2024 Council Meeting dates as per Schedule "B"."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Peterson - Notice of Appeal**
2023-435 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we deny the appeal of a Notice of Violation issued to Todd and Lisa Peterson regarding their dog at large, as date-stamped photographic evidence was provided prior to issuance of the Notice of Violation."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Closed Session**
2023-436 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we move into Closed Session at 8:03 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 8:08 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Director of Planning & Development, Aimee Bryck left for the remainder of the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Resolution No. **2023 SARM Midterm Convention (Regina)**
2023-437 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we the authorize Council members and staff selected by the CAO to attend the SARM Midterm Convention on November 8-9, 2023, in Regina, with expenses to be reimbursed by the Municipality, and that we appoint Reeve Farago and Councillor Nordstrom as our voting delegates."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Ludwig - Beaver Bounty Hunter Application**
2023-438 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we designate Alden Ludwig as a bounty hunter for the purpose of the Beaver Control Program, for beavers caught within the municipality, for the 2023-24 program."

CARRIED



Resolution No. **RM of Edenwold No. 158 - SARM Resolution re: Coyote Reduction Program**
2023-439 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we support a SARM Resolution proposed by the RM of Edenwold No. 158 requesting additional insurance coverage for damages caused to farm equipment by wildlife." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **RM of Edenwold No. 158 - SARM Resolution re: Amendments to The Local Government Elections Act**
2023-440 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That we support a SARM Resolution proposed by the RM of Edenwold No. 158 requesting amendments to The Local Government Election Act, 2015, concerning nominations for Reeve in a By-Election." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **SARM Resolution - ICIP Funding For Fire Halls**
2023-441 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
"That we submit a resolution to SARM for the Midterm Convention, encouraging SARM to lobby the Federal Government to add 'fire halls' to the list of approved structures under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)." **CARRIED**

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. **Council Update**
2023-442 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

Appointments

Resolution No. **Youth Member - Jocelyn Young**
2023-443 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That, in consultation with the Lumsden High School, we appoint Jocelyn Young as the 'Youth Member' of the Council of the RM of Lumsden No. 189, pursuant to Section 82(1) of The Municipalities Act, for a one-year term." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Communications**
2023-444 **Moved 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. APAS - September Update
b. Ministry of Environment - Depredation Tag Response
c. Lumsden & District Heritage Home - September Newsletter
d. SAMA - 2023 Certificate of Confirmation
e. SEPA - 2023 Conference
f. SAMA - 2023 Primary Audit Report
g. Miscellaneous." **CARRIED**

Bylaws

Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2023-11 Council Procedures Bylaw - 2nd Reading**
2023-445 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That Bylaw No. 2023-11, being a bylaw to establish council procedures be read a second time." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2023-11 - Council Procedures Bylaw - 3rd Reading**
2023-446 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That Bylaw No. 2023-11, being a bylaw to establish council procedures be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2023-14 Establish District Emergency Management Organization - 2nd Reading**
2023-447 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That Bylaw No. 2023-14, being a bylaw to establish a District Emergency Management Organization be read a second time." **CARRIED**



Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2023-14 Establish District Emergency Management Organization - 3rd**
2023-448 **Reading**
Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom
"That Bylaw No. 2023-14, being a bylaw to establish a District Emergency Management Organization be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."
CARRIED

Resolution No. **Bylaw No. 2023-15 Deer Valley Golf Cart Bylaw - 1st Reading**
2023-449 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser
"That Bylaw No. 2023-15, being a bylaw to regulate the operation of golf carts in the Organized Hamlet of Deer Valley, be read a first time."
CARRIED

Resolution No. **Closed Session**
2023-450 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
"That we move into Closed Session at 8:52 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

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item #20 on the agenda, being discussion in Closed Session related 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 Councillor Schlosser's company, Last Mountain Concrete Products Ltd., may have with Skynorth Sand & Gravel. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion on the matter and left the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council meeting at 8:59 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 9:27 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. **Development Application No. 2013-018 - Parcel B, Plan 86R18570**
2023-451 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison
"That we table the Over The Hill Orchard Development Application No. 2013-018, until the next meeting when we will receive a full report."
CARRIED

Resolution No. **Wascana Creek at Seven Bridges Road - Armouring**
2023-452 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt
"That we agree to contract MPE Engineering Ltd. to complete the preliminary and detailed design work necessary to apply to regulatory bodies to realign Wascana Creek and construct erosion control in the NW & NE 7-19-21 W2M with the engineering expected to be \$75,200."
CARRIED

Assistant Administrator, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:28 pm..

Resolution No. **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**
2023-453 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford
"That we move into Closed Session at 9:28 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

Councillor Jordison left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 10:06 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.



Resolution No.
2023-454

Employee Dismissal - Atkins

Seconded by: Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we support the Chief Administrative Officer's dismissal of Assistant Administrator, Katherine Atkins, effective September 14, 2023."

CARRIED

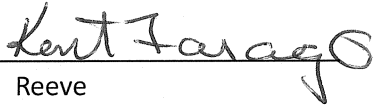
Resolution No.
2023-455

Adjournment


Moved by: Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:06 pm."

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer