



**Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting November 2, 2023 - 1:00 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) and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

**Present:**

Reeve: Kent Farago

Councillors:

Division 1: Steve Eckel

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Cody Garbutt

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: John Langford

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Administrator: Krystal Strong (departed at 4:41 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (departed at 2:17 pm)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (departed at 4:16 pm)

Public Works Manager: Leighton Watts (departed at 2:58 pm)

**Absent:**

Youth Member: Jocelyn Young

**Invited Guest:**

Barton Soroka, Gerrand Rath Johnson (via Zoom) 3:00 pm - 3:34 pm

**Resolution No.**  
2023-502

**Declaration of Election Results**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we acknowledge receipt of the Declaration of Election Results of the 2023 municipal by-election for Division 1, as provided by Returning Officer, Monica Merkosky."

**CARRIED**

**Oath of Elected Official**

Elected Official read aloud their Oath of Office.

Division No. 1: Steve Eckel

**Resolution No.**  
2023-503

**Additions to Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we add the following item to the agenda under New Business:

- Lumsden Municipal Office Staffing Proposal."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.**  
2023-504

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 22 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 Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest, after the fact, with respect to resolution #2023-496 in the October 19, 2023, minutes, a meeting in which Councillor Jordison was not in attendance. The resolution was specific to Christmas gifts for Joint Administration Staff; Councillor Jordison's spouse, Krystal Strong, is a member of the staff.

Councillor Cody Jordison also declared a conflict of interest with respect to an item added to New Business on today's agenda; specifically, 'Lumsden Municipal Office Staffing Proposal'. Councillor Jordison's spouse, Krystal Strong, is a member of the staff.

**Resolution No. Public Works Reports**

2023-505 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

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

**CARRIED**

**Financial Reports**

**Resolution No. Little Church Bridge**

2023-506 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 5 Langford

"That we participate with the RM of Longlaketon, to install a 60' x 16' Oil Field Bridge, on the existing abutments where 'Little Church Bridge' is situated, with our maximum commitment being \$125,000 including PST (the total cost is estimated to be \$248,252)."

A recorded vote was requested.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. Accounts for Approval**

2023-507 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

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

**CARRIED**

**Planning and Development Applications and Reports**

**Resolution No. Development Application No. 2023-031 - Proposed Residential Subdivision - NE-35-19-22-W2M**

2023-508 **Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we recommend approval of the proposed subdivision of land legally described as NE 35-19-22- W2M Ext 0 subject to the following:

1. That the proposed subdivision be accommodated under section 3.3.3(8)(c)(ii) of the OCP to allow the land, which is larger than what is outlined in the Zoning Bylaw to accommodate the existing developed farmyard site.
2. Prior to the construction of any new buildings or structures on the parcels, a Development Permit and Building Permit shall be submitted to and approved by the RM of Lumsden No. 189.
3. Prior to the construction of any new approaches to access the parcels, a

Property Access Approach Application shall be submitted to and approved by the RM of Lumsden No. 189." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-509** **Final RM189 West Sector Plan - Proposed for 1st Reading**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we adopt the 'West Service Road' report as prepared by Director of Planning and Development Aimee Bryck." **CARRIED**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Conflict Declared - Councillor Jordison**

*Councillor Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to resolution #2023-496, being monetary Christmas gifts given to Joint Administration Staff. Councillor Jordison's spouse, Krystal Strong, is a Joint Administration staff member.*

**Councillor Garbutt left the meeting at 1:56 pm.**

**Resolution No. 2023-510** **October 19, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the October 19, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Councillor Garbutt returned to the meeting at 1:57 pm.**

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 2023-511** **Certified Trapper Request - Lauten**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we deny the request of Graham Lauten to be designated as a bounty hunter, due to the policy requirement dictating that designated bounty hunters must reside within the RM of Lumsden No.189." **CARRIED**

**Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 2:17 pm.**

**Resolution No. 2023-512** **Snow Plow Club Agreements**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we table the five snow plow club agreements, to our next meeting to provide time for Division Councillors to verify each snow plow clubs' equipment." **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-513** **Tax Enforcement - Proceed to Acquire Titles**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That TAXervice, on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189, be authorized to proceed under the *Tax Enforcement Act* to acquire title for the following described lands:

Tax Roll No.	Legal Land Description	Title No.
241	Parcel BB, Plan 89R04994, Ext 1	140251081
480	NE 05-19-21-W2, Ext 45	145256553
982	SW 05-20-19-W2, Ext 0	135077339
1108	Parcel A, Plan 66R17134, Ext 0	134172244."

A recorded vote was requested.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Steve Eckel	✓			
Kent Farago	✓			
Cody Garbutt	✓			
Cody Jordison	✓			
John Langford	✓			



Marlise Nordstrom ✓  
Glenda Schlosser ✓

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conflict Declared - Councillor Jordison**

*Councillor Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to Lumsden Municipal Office - Staffing Proposal. Councillor Jordison's spouse, Krystal Strong, is a member of the staff. Councillor Jordison abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 2:18 pm.*

**Resolution No. 2023-514 Lumsden Municipal Office - Staffing Proposal**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we agree with the Joint Administration Committee's recommendation and approve of a joint administration staff restructuring that will create an Office Services Clerk - Accounts Receivable position and eliminate an Assistant Administrator Level I position."

**CARRIED**

**Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of voting on the matter, Councillor Cody Jordison returned to the council chambers at 2:23 pm*

**Reports of Administration**

**Resolution No. 2023-515 Council Update**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

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

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Steve Eckel left the meeting at 2:51 pm.**

**Resolution No. 2023-516 Communications**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That the following communication has been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:  
a. Mobilizing Municipalities - Earth Day. "

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Steve Eckel returned to the meeting at 2:52 pm.**

**Bylaws**

**Resolution No. 2023-517 Bylaw No. 2023-16 -Official Community Plan Amendment - Adoption of RM189 West Sector Plan - 1st Reading**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 6 Jordison

"That Bylaw No. 2023-16, being the Official Community Plan Amendment for the RM189 West plan, be read a first time."

A recorded vote was requested.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. Closed Session**

2023-518

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we move into Closed Session at 2:58 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**

**Public Works Manager, Leighton Watts, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:01 pm.**

**Conflict Declared - Councillor Schlosser**

*Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 22 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 Schlosser left the meeting at 2:58 pm.*

**Conflict - Returned to Chambers**

*At the conclusion of discussion on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 3:39 pm*

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 3:55 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Reeve and Councillors' Forum**

**Director of Planning and Development Aimee Bryck left for the remainder of the meeting at 4:16 pm.**

**Resolution No. Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**

2023-519

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we move into Closed Session at 4:41 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 staff to be included in the session."

**CARRIED**

**Assistant Administrator Krystal Strong left for the remainder of the meeting at 4:41 pm.**

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 5:00 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

**Resolution No. Extension of Time**

2023-520

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That, in accordance with Section 30 of the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 01-2016, we agree to extend the council meeting beyond the commencement of the fifth (5th) hour."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**

2023-521

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 3 Garbutt

"That we move into Closed Session at 5:01 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 staff to be excluded in the session."

**CARRIED**



Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky left the meeting from 5:01 - 5:22 pm.

**Rise from Closed Session**

At 5:22 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

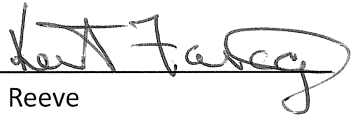
**Resolution No.**  
2023-522


**Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Councillor Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm."

**CARRIED**

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer