

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole April 3, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their meeting in the Council Chambers of the Lumsden Municipal Office on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:02 am.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Hayden Forster

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: Trent Catley

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (via Zoom)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 9:02 am to 10:50 am)

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck (attended via Zoom at 9:02 am and in person @ 10:50 am)

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong

Absent:

Public Works Manager: (vacant)

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we approve the agenda as presented."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Public Works – Unfinished Business

Bulk Fuel Purchasing

The Director of Finance provided a verbal report regarding bulk fuel tanks. The RM's current tanks are approximately 7 years old, and the lifespan is at least 20 years. The Committee discussed tabling this discussion until such time as the Public Works Shop is relocated or the tanks are closer to expiry. They agreed to discuss making a larger contribution to the Shop Relocation Reserve, for the purpose of funding new fuel tanks at the time of relocation.

Snow Removal Policy - New

The Committee suggested amendments and requested that the Snow Removal Policy be brought back to the next meeting accompanied by a route map.

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Temporary Road Closure Policy - Procedures Amendment

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we recommend Council adopt the amended Temporary Road Closures Policy." **CARRIED**

SGI Claim - Unit #123

The Director of Finance provided a verbal update on the insurance claim. The Committee discussed purchasing a used tandem truck and buying a blade and drop-in sander separately. The Public Works Foreman will research replacement possibilities and present at the next May 1, 2025, Committee Meeting.

SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund - Request Letter of Support from Dept. of Highways

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we recommend Council ask the Department of Highways for a Letter of Support for a SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grant application, to install a radar speed sign on Highway No. 20, near Lumsden." **CARRIED**

2025 Road Plan

The Committee reviewed the list of roads scheduled to have shoulders pulled internally this spring. The Public Works Foreman will provide a list of planned summer projects at the May 1, 2025, Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed that each Councillor will create a list of roads that are in need of maintenance in their Division. The Public Works Foreman will determine the priority order.

Mulching Program

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That, as a result of excessive operating cost and lack of staffing, we recommend Council discontinue the mulching program and investigate options for the disposal of the associated assets."

A recorded vote was requested.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Trent Catley	✓			
Hayden Forster	✓			
Cody Garbutt	✓			
Cody Jordison		✓		
Marlise Nordstrom	✓			
Glenda Schlosser	✓			
Curtis Skolney		✓		

CARRIED

Recycled Asphalt Shingles

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we recommend Council pursue a trial use of recycled asphalt shingles for road maintenance purposes." **CARRIED**

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 10:50 am.

Director of Planning and Development, Aimee Bryck, joined the meeting in Chambers at 10:50 am.

Planning and Development

Renewable Energy

Councillor Nordstrom requested this item for discussion. The Director of Planning and Development provided information from the OCP and Zoning Bylaw clarifying that approvals for renewable energy infrastructure are a Discretionary Use and require a decommissioning plan. The Committee

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discussed the concerns of other RM's where concrete has been left underground after decommissioning wind turbines.

West Service Road Development

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we table the West Service Road Development in order for Administration to obtain updates from stakeholders."

CARRIED

Development Levy Bylaw Review

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we recommend Council have MPE Engineering review and suggest amendments to the Development Levy Bylaw."

CARRIED

Division Boundary Policy Review

The Committee reviewed the Division Boundary Review Policy and determined there is no action required at this time.

SARM Resolution

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we recommend Council consider submitting a SARM Resolution regarding division boundary realignments, specifically that realignments should not trigger bi-elections for Divisional Councillor positions."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

March 6, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Minutes

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the minutes of the March 6, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Committee Members' Forum

Road Maintenance Agreement - Village of Disley

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we recommend Council consider entering into a Road Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Disley, for annual maintenance (grading) of their municipal roads."

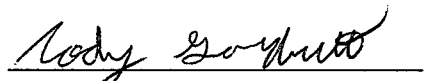
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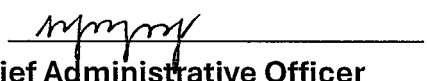
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer