

Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting August 21, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting at the Lumsden Municipal Office and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney (via Zoom)

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom

Division 5: Trent Catley

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 9:50 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:25 pm)

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (attended via phone from 7:00 pm - 7:55 pm and from 9:06 pm - 9:35 pm)

Absent:

Division 3 Councillor: Hayden Forster

Director of Planning and Development: Aimee Bryck

Resolution No. Additions to Agenda

2025-378

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we agree to add the following items to the agenda under Adoption of Minutes:

- 9.3 August 19, 2025 - Joint Administration Committee Meeting

and the following items under Committee Reports:

- 10.1 Joint Administration Committee Meeting Report - August 19, 2025

- 10.2 Modified Municipal Hours

- 10.3 Temperature Control - Municipal Office Lower Level

- 10.4 Part Time Office Services Clerk

and the following item under Closed Session:

- 20.2 Lumsden Municipal Office."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Approval of Agenda

2025-379

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 7.2, pertaining to an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd., a company that Councillor Schlosser owns.

Public Works Reports

Resolution No. Tandem Truck Replacement

2025-380

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we agree to reject all bids for a 'new or lightly used tandem dump truck' and purchase a 505 HP 2025 Freightliner 114SD "plus" from Commercial Truck Equipment Co., at a pre-tax cost of \$254,500."

DEFEATED

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Resolution No. Public Works Report
2025-381
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

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

CARRIED

Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, left the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Financial Reports

Resolution No. Bank Reconciliation - July 31, 2025
2025-382
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending July 31, 2025, be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Financial Statement - July 31, 2025
2025-383
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we accept the Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2025, as presented."

CARRIED

Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. List of Accounts Payable - August 21, 2025
2025-384
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

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

CARRIED

Conflict Declared - Councillor Schlosser

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 7.2, being an invoice from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 8:05 pm.

Resolution No. Big Rock Trucking Ltd. - Invoice 1195
2025-385
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That invoice no. 1195 from Big Rock Trucking Ltd. in the amount of \$182,122.16 attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Meeting

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 8:10 pm

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. August 7, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
2025-386
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the minutes of the August 7, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Resolution No. August 7, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting
2025-387
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the minutes of the August 7, 2025 - Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Resolution No. August 19, 2025 - Joint Administration Committee Meeting
2025-388
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the August 19, 2025, Joint Administration Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated."

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Resolution No. Joint Administration Committee Report - August 19, 2025

2025-389 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the Joint Administration Committee Report be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Schlosser."
CARRIED

Resolution No. Modified Municipal Office Hours

2025-390 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That further to the Joint Administration Committee's November 6, 2024 recommendation to its respective Councils, to permit, on a trial basis, the modification of the municipal office hours by closing to the public each day from 8:00 am - 9:00 am, to provide staff with uninterrupted time to commit to projects that require a quiet environment, we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee to make these hours permanent, as per administration's request."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Temperature Control - Municipal Office Lower Level

2025-391 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee and amend our 2025 budget to include an office heating/cooling upgrade, to provide temperature control on the west side of the Municipal Office, for an approximate cost of \$5,850 to be shared equally with the Town of Lumsden."

CARRIED

Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, left for the remainder of the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Resolution No. Part-Time Office Services Clerk

2025-392 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee and seek a Part-time Office Services Clerk to work approximately 546 hours per year to provide administrative support, primarily during employee absences."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Resolution No. Council Update

2025-393 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

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

CARRIED

Resolution No. Communications

2025-394 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the following communication and report has been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:

a. South Shore First Responders Board Meeting Minutes - July 30, 2025."

CARRIED

Public Works Continued

Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, rejoined the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Resolution No. Reconsider Defeated Motion

2025-395 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

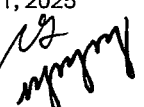
"That we agree to reconsider defeated motion number 2025-380, which was defeated earlier in this meeting."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Tandem Truck Replacement

2025-396 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we agree to reject all bids for a 'new or lightly used tandem dump truck' and purchase a 505 HP 2025 Freightliner 114SD "plus" from Commercial Truck Equipment Co., at a pre-tax cost of \$254,500."



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

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2025-397 **Closed Session**

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:35 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 Foreman, Scott Haynes, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:37 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 9:47 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. 2025-398 **Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters**

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we move into Closed Session at 9:47 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 and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer included in the session."

CARRIED

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, left for the remainder of the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky, was excused from the meeting temporarily from 9:50 pm - 10:05 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 10:05 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. 2025-399 **Closed Session**

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we move back into Closed Session at 10:06 pm for the purpose of discussing strategic planning as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act*, with the Chief Administrative Officer to be included in the session."

CARRIED

Rise from Closed Session

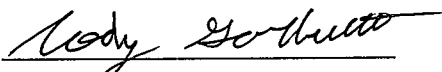
At 10:13 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

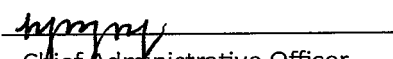
Resolution No. 2025-400 **Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm."

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer