



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting January 7, 2026 - 1:00 PM

Call to Order

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Regular Meeting in Council Chambers (in Lumsden) and via electronic means (Zoom), on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney (attended via Zoom)

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

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 1:00 to 2:37 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 1:00 to 2:37 pm)

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (attended via Zoom from 1:00 to 2:37 pm)

Absent:

Director of Planning and Development: *position vacant*

Youth Member: Corbin Jenkins

Resolution No. Additions to Agenda

2026-001 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we add the following items to the agenda:

5.2 - Interest Expropriation - NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 2

10.2 - Mass Communication - Voyent Alert!

10.3 - Regina Beach Lagoon Haul Road - Re-Tender Project." CARRIED

Resolution No. Approval of Agenda

2026-002 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we approve the agenda as amended." CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to items numbered 7.2 and 20.1 on today's agenda. Item 7.2 pertains to an invoice from Western Infrastructure Renewal Inc. related to a bridge replacement project for which Big Rock Trucking is supplying the aggregate as a subcontractor on this project. Item 20.1 is a 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.

Resolution No.	<u>Public Works Reports</u>
2026-003	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
	"That we approve the Public Works Report, as presented." CARRIED
Resolution No.	<u>Interest Expropriation - NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 2</u>
2026-004	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
	"That the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189, being unable to acquire an interest in the land by agreement with the landowner, who is Richard Neil McEwen, proceed under the provisions of <i>The Municipal Expropriation Act</i> to acquire an interest in the land, to the property described as: NW 07 19 21 W2 Ext 2; Parcel Number 110664020." CARRIED
	<u>Financial Reports</u>
Resolution No.	<u>Financial Statement - November, 2025</u>
2026-005	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
	"That the Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2025, be accepted as presented." CARRIED
Resolution No.	<u>SARM - 2026 Fidelity Bond</u>
2026-006	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
	"That, as per Section 113 of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> , we agree to pay the annual renewal fee of \$325 + PST to SARM for the 2026 Fidelity Bond, which provides the following coverage in the event of financial losses due to dishonest or fraudulent acts by employees: Fidelity Bond Insurance: \$200,000 coverage Money & Securities: \$2,500 coverage included." CARRIED
Resolution No.	<u>SARM - 2026 Excess Liability Renewal</u>
2026-007	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
	"That we renew our SARM Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of \$4M for the year 2026, due to the municipality's significant population level as well as the volume of train traffic in our jurisdiction." CARRIED
	<u>Accounts for Approval</u>
Resolution No.	<u>List of Accounts Payable</u>
2026-008	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
	<u>Conflict Declared</u>
	<i>Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to a payment to Western Infrastructure Renewal Inc. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 1:22 pm.</i>
Resolution No.	<u>Conflict of Interest - List of Accounts Payable</u>
2026-009	Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
	"That the following invoice attached as Schedule "B" is approved for payment: Western Infrastructure Renewal Inc. - Invoice #674 \$136,663.46." CARRIED
	<u>Conflict - Returned to Chambers</u>
	<i>At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 1:23 pm.</i>

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-010 **December 8, 2025 - Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-011 **December 11, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-012 **December 11, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That the minutes of the December 11, 2025 - Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Deer Valley Organized Hamlet - Meeting Report

Resolution No. 2026-013 **Deer Valley Organized Hamlet - 2026 Remuneration**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That, as recommended by the Deer Valley Organized Hamlet Board, we approve that board remuneration rates for the 2026 calendar year be adjusted as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026 (includes +2.700%)</u>
Meetings	\$152	\$156
Hourly	\$ 37	\$ 38

Mileage will be reimbursed at the rate established for members of the RM of Lumsden Council for the year 2026 and paid upon submission of an expense claim form." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-014 **Mass Communication - Voyent Alert!**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That, we agree with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole from the December 11, 2025, Meeting, and enter into a 1-year agreement with Voyent Alert! to provide an additional tool for communication with our ratepayers." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2026-015 **Regina Beach Lagoon Haul Road - Re-Tender Project**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That, as recommended by the Regina Beach / RM 189 Relations Committee, at their January 6, 2026, Meeting, we re-tender the Regina Beach Lagoon Haul Road Clay Cap Project in January, 2026." **CARRIED**

New Business

Resolution No.
2026-016

Sask Lotteries - Community Grant Program 2027

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

"That in consideration of the anticipated requests by adjacent communities and organizations for a share of our municipal population (1,968) for funding under the Community Grant Program, we agree to allocate our population as follows for the year 2027:

• Lumsden	1,527
• Regina Beach	165
• Lumsden Beach	10
• Valley View Community Club	266."

CARRIED

Reports of Administration

Resolution No.
2026-017

Council Update

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

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

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-018

Communications

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

"That the following communications and reports have been reviewed and the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to file the same accordingly:

- a. SARM Resolution Response 5-25M - Regional Solid Waste Facilities
- b. Jenny Kwan, MP Vancouver-East - Bill C-233, No More Loopholes Act
- c. Inside Outside Studios Inc - 2025 iHunter Map Sales Report
- d. Municipal Hail Insurance - 2025 Report
- e. Battlefords Healthcare Foundation - Financial Support Request
- f. City of Regina - Happy Holidays
- g. PBI - Happy Holidays
- h. RM of Edenwold No. 158 - New Regional Rideshare License, Lyft
- i. Miscellaneous."

CARRIED

Bylaws

Resolution No.
2026-019

Bylaw No. 2025-14 Interest Expropriation - 2nd Reading

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That Bylaw No. 2025-14, being a bylaw to authorize the expropriation of an interest, be read a second time."

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-020

Bylaw No. 2025-14 Interest Expropriation - 3rd Reading

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

"That Bylaw No. 2025-14, being a bylaw to authorize the expropriation of an interest, be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed."

CARRIED

Reeve and Councillor Forum

Resolution No.
2026-021

Closed Session

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

"That we move into Closed Session at 2:28 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 discussions regarding QBG 1157 of 2019. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 2:29 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 2:33 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. QBG 1157 of 2019 - Re-post Gravel Pit Reclamation Plan Tender

2026-022

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That, having received no submissions in response to a Request For Quotation (RFQ) posted from October 22 - November 17, 2025 for the preparation of a Gravel Pit Decommissioning Plan, we re-post the RFQ again as soon as possible. It is noted that, as per the March 14, 2024 Court Order, costs incurred by the municipality to perform the act required in the December 5, 2013 Zoning Compliance Order, the December 17, 2019 Court Order and the September 17, 2020 Contempt Order shall be considered expenses incurred by the municipality in remedying a contravention of a bylaw or enactment and may be added to the tax roll in reference of QBG 1157 of 2019 specific to Parcel C, Plan 101443823, Extension 127 in the NE 32-19-21 W2."

CARRIED

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 2:34 pm.

Resolution No. Closed Session

2026-023

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That we move into Closed Session at 2:35 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

Rise from Closed Session

At 2:37 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign and Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes, left for the remainder of the meeting at 2:37 pm.

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

2026-024

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we move into Closed Session at 2:37 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 included in the session."

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky left the meeting from 2:48 pm - 2:56 pm.

Rise from Closed Session

At 2:57 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. Resignation - Director of Planning and Development

2026-025

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Aimee Bryck, Director of Planning and Development, effective end of day January 2, 2026."

CARRIED

Resolution No. **Adjournment**

2026-026

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we adjourn the meeting at 2:58 pm."

CARRIED

Lody Gerhart

Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer