



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting February 5, 2026 - 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, February 5, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney

Division 2: Glenda Schlosser

Division 3: Hayden Forster

Division 4: Marlise Nordstrom (attended from 1:00 to 3:11 pm)

Division 6: Cody Jordison

Chief Administrative Officer: Monica M. Merkosky

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 1:00 to 3:40 pm)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 1:00 to 3:40 pm)

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes (attended from 1:00 to 3:40 pm)

Planner: Denise Donahue (attended from 1:00 to 3:18 pm)

Youth Member: Corbin Jenkins (attended from 1:00 to 3:40 pm)

Absent:

Councillor: Division 5: Trent Catley

Director of Planning and Development: *Position Vacant*

Resolution No.
2026-055

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we add the following items to the agenda:

10.1.1 - Fire Hall Expansion

21.2 - Director of Planning and Development"

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-056

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"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 number 5.2 on today's agenda. Item 5.2 pertains to a Gravel Tender for Divisions 2, 3 and 6. Councillor Schlosser's company, Big Rock Trucking Ltd., may submit a bid on this tender.

Councillors Hayden Forster and Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda items 14.3 and 14.4 being a Notice of Intent to the RM of Lumsden No. 189 regarding seismic operations within the municipality and a letter from a landowner with concerns regarding the seismic operations. Councillors Forster and Jordison own land within the proposed seismic operations area.

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Public Works Reports

Resolution No. **Public Works Foreman's Report**
2026-057 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

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

Conflict Declared

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Gravel Tender for Divisions 2, 3 and 6. Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 1:03 pm.

Resolution No. **Divisions 2, 3 and 6 Tender - Gravel Load, Haul and Spread**
2026-058 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we authorize the preparation of a tender to load, haul and spread gravel, to be hauled from our lease in the community pasture, and applied in Divisions 2, 3 and 6 in 2026." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 1:10 pm.

Financial Reports

Resolution No. **MobilGrain - Crossing Rehabilitation**
2026-059 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we agree to reimburse MobilGrain for 50% of the cost to maintain Crossing Mile Point MP 12.24 (near Exit B in the NW 11-19-21 W2) with the RM's share being \$4,413.08." **CARRIED**

Accounts for Approval

Resolution No. **List of Accounts**
2026-060 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

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

Delegations

1:30 - 2:04 pm - Arm River Colony Drainage Project

Julie MacKenzie, Agrologist for the Arm River Colony, as well as Laura Uhrin and Karlee Bender with Water Security Agency, appeared before Council to discuss the drainage project proposal from the Arm River Colony.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. **January 22, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting**
2026-061 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That the minutes of the January 22, 2026, Regular Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**

Resolution No. **February 2, 2026 - Joint Administration Committee Meeting**
2026-062 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That the minutes of the February 2, 2026, Joint Administration Committee Meeting be approved, as circulated." **CARRIED**



Committee Reports

- Resolution No.** **Joint Administration Committee Report - February 2, 2026**
2026-063 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That the Joint Administration Committee Report be accepted as presented verbally by Councillor Schlosser." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** **Fire Hall Expansion**
2026-064 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee to contract Associated Environmental to provide initial concept design and code analysis for a 50' x 60' stand alone building to be used for storage of fire fighting equipment." **CARRIED**
- New Business**
- Resolution No.** **TAXervice - Engagement Letter**
2026-065 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "WHEREAS *The Tax Enforcement Act* requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;
AND WHEREAS council for the municipality deems it to be in the municipality's best interest to hire TAXervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 hire TAXervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality's behalf for a term of 3 (three) years from January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the TAXervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** **Signing Authorities**
2026-066 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
- "That any two of the following are authorized to act as signing authorities for the RM of Lumsden No. 189: Reeve, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance." **CARRIED**
- Conflict Declared**
- Councillors Hayden Forster and Cody Jordison declared a conflict of interest with respect to the RPS Energy Canada Ltd. Notice of Seismic Operations as well as correspondence from landowners concerned with the seismic project. Councillors Forster and Jordison abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and moved to the gallery at 2:18 pm.*
- Resolution No.** **RPS Energy Canada Ltd. - Notice of Seismic Operations**
2026-067 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
- "That the RM of Lumsden No. 189 sign the 'Notice of Intent for Seismic Operations' regarding RPS Energy Canada Ltd. Exploration Licence No. 2024 LS001, knowing that the signature only indicates receipt of the Notice of Intent and nothing more." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** **Nicholson - Concerns Regarding Seismic Operations**
2026-068 **Moved by:** Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
 Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That we acknowledge correspondence from Gerry Kerr and David Nicholson expressing concern regarding geophysical testing proposed for their land in relation to the RPS Energy Canada Ltd. Notice of Seismic Operations." **CARRIED**



Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matters, Councillors Hayden Forster and Cody Jordison returned to the council table at 2:21 pm.

- Resolution No.** 2026-069 **Saskatchewan Municipal Hail - Annual Meeting March 10, 2026**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
- "That we authorize Councillor Trent Catley to attend the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance (SMHI) Annual General Meeting as our voting delegate, on March 10, 2026, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Annual Convention." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** 2026-070 **Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency - Annual Meeting April 22, 2026 - Saskatoon**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That we authorize Councillor Glenda Schlosser to attend the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency's (SAMA) Annual Meeting on April 22, 2026, in Saskatoon, with expenses to be reimbursed by the municipality." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** 2026-071 **RM of Dufferin No. 190 - SARM Resolution Support and Request**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That we support a resolution submitted by the RM of Dufferin No. 190 to the 2026 SARM Annual Convention requesting that SARM lobby the Provincial Government to amend *The Building Code Regulations* that requires an adequate supply of water, with sufficient volume and pressure for fire-fighting, for rural commercial buildings, recognizing the limited availability of rural water supplies and the absence of fire departments in many rural municipalities." **CARRIED**
- Resolution No.** 2026-072 **Sign Installation Request**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
- "That we approve a request from the owners of Parcel G, Plan DY3604 to install 'Children at Play' signs near their property on Russell Hill Road, as per the Sign Installation Policy." **CARRIED**
- Delegation**
- 2:30 - 2:50 pm - Boutros Skaf, Grand Valley Acres**
- Boutros Skaf, developer of Grand Valley Acres, appeared before Council to discuss his developments on the south side of Highway No. 11 (S 31-19-21-W2).
- New Business Continued**
- Resolution No.** 2026-073 **Crosby Hanna - Professional Planning Advisory Services Agreement**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom
- "That we enter into an agreement with Crosby Hanna & Associates, for professional planning services on an as-needed basis, as per Schedule "B"." **CARRIED**
- Councillor Marlise Nordstrom left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:11 pm.**
- Planning and Development Applications and Reports**
- Resolution No.** 2026-074 **Development Application 2025-041 - Residential Subdivision - NE & SE 31-19-21 W2**
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
- "That we recommend approval of the proposed subdivision of land legally described as the NE & SE 31-19-21 W2 subject to the following:
1. Rezoning the proposed parcel to the CR2 - Medium Density Country Residential Zoning District.

2. Entering into a Servicing Agreement with the RM including the payment of off-site development fees.
3. Providing cash-in-lieu of Municipal Reserve Land.
4. Prior to the development of any new buildings or structures on the parcel, a Development Permit and Building Permit shall be applied for and approved by the RM."

CARRIED

Planner, Denise Donahue, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Reports of Administration

Resolution No.
2026-075

Council Update

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

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

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-076

Communications

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

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

- a. Ministry of Highways - Project Information Sheet
- b. Canadian Pacific Kansas City - Specialist Hazmat Regulatory Reporting
- c. Miscellaneous."

CARRIED

Bylaws

Resolution No.
2026-077

Bylaw No. 2026-01 - Code of Conduct and Ethics for Council - Second Reading

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That Bylaw No. 2026-01, being a bylaw to provide for the code of conduct and ethics for members of council, be read a second time."

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-078

Bylaw No. 2026-01 - Code of Conduct and Ethics for Council - Third Reading

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

"That Bylaw No. 2026-01, being a bylaw to provide for the code of conduct and ethics for members of council, be read a third time, adopted, signed, and sealed."

CARRIED

Resolution No.
2026-079

Bylaw No. 2026-03 - Road Lease - First Reading

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison
Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That Bylaw No. 2026-03, being a bylaw to provide for the leasing of municipal road, be read a first time."

CARRIED

Reeve and Councillor Forum

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Krystal Strong, Director of Finance, Ryan Haresign, Public Works Foreman, Scott Haynes and Youth Member, Corbin Jenkins, left for the remainder of the meeting at 3:38 pm.

Resolution No.
2026-080

Closed Session - LAFOIP S. 16(1)(b) Employee-Related Matters

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

"That we move into Closed Session at 3:40 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

Rise from Closed Session

At 4:20 pm, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Resolution No. Termination - Heavy Equipment Operator, C. Klempler

2026-081

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we acknowledge the decision of the Chief Administrative Officer to terminate the employment of Full Time, Heavy Equipment Operator, Curtis Klempler, effective January 27, 2026."

CARRIED

Resolution No. Director of Planning and Development - Temporary Planner

2026-082

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 3 Forster

"That we agree with the recommendation of the Joint Administration Committee that, while we seek to attract a Director of Planning and Development, we also advertise for a Planner to be hired for a one-year term, with the possibility of the employment period being extended."

CARRIED

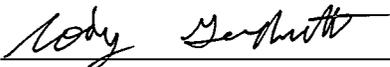
Resolution No. Adjournment

2026-083

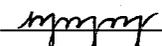
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm."

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer