



Rural Municipality of Lumsden No.189
Meeting Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting March 5, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Call To Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Rural Municipality of Lumsden No. 189 convened their Meeting in the Dew Drop Inn (in Lumsden), and via electronic means (Zoom), on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:04 am.

Present:

Reeve: Cody Garbutt

Councillors:

Division 1: Curtis Skolney (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 (attended from 9:04 - 11:41 am and 11:56 - 11:57 am)

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Krystal Strong (attended from 9:04 - 11:41 am)

Director of Finance: Ryan Haresign (attended from 9:04 - 11:41 am)

Absent:

Public Works Foreman: Scott Haynes

Director of Planning and Development: *Position Vacant*

Youth Member: Corbin Jenkins

Additions to Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we add the following items to the agenda:

5.5 - Grid 734 Bridge Replacement - Contractor Invoice

8.1 - Emmanuel Heritage Cemetery"

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 1 Skolney

"That we adopt the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Glenda Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to item number 5.5 on today's agenda. Item 5.5 pertains to an invoice from Neetah Construction (WIRI) related to a bridge replacement project for which Big Rock Trucking is supplying the aggregate as a subcontractor on this project. Councillor Schlosser is an owner of Big Rock Trucking.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Glenda Schlosser".

Public Works

Custom Dust Control

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we recommend designation of Fort Distributors Ltd. as the custom applicator of dust control product on municipal roads for 2026; it is understood that landowners requesting this service will be required to make payment in advance to the municipality." **CARRIED**

Conflict Declared

Councillor Schlosser declared a conflict of interest with respect to the invoice from Neetah Construction (WIRI). Councillor Schlosser abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left the council chambers at 9:50 am.

Grid 734 Bridge Replacement - Contractor Invoice

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we recommend Council authorize MPE to respond to the contractor for the Grid 734 Bridge Replacement Project, authorizing an expenditure of \$8,640 plus tax resulting from additional granular materials." **CARRIED**

Conflict - Returned to Chambers

At the conclusion of discussion and voting on the matter, Councillor Glenda Schlosser returned to the council chambers at 10:04 am.

Finance

Internet Subsidy - Policy Review

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we recommend Council rescind the Enhanced Internet Subsidy for Elected Officials Policy." **CARRIED**

Investment Policy

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we recommend Council adopt the Financial Investment Policy, as amended." **CARRIED**

Investment Strategy

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 4 Nordstrom

"That we accept the Director of Finance's Investment Strategy Report." **CARRIED**

Committee Members' Forum

SEEDS for Elected Officials

Council completed Module 4 of Seeds for Elected Officials.

Closed Session - Employee-Related Matters

Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 6 Jordison

Seconded by: Councillor, Division No. 2 Schlosser

"That we move into Closed Session at 11:41 am for the purpose of discussing employee-related matters as allowed pursuant to Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* (LAFOIP S. 6(1)(b)), with all staff excluded from the session." **CARRIED**

All three staff members left the meeting at 11:41 am.

Rise from Closed Session

At 11:56 am, Council left the Closed Session and returned to the open meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer, Monica Merkosky, returned to the meeting at 11:56 am.

Adjournment

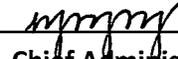
Moved by: Councillor, Division No. 5 Catley

"That we adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am."

CARRIED



Chairperson



Chief Administrative Officer