

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9th, 2024

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Leonard Foster
Deputy Mayor Ross Stairs
Councillor Perry Bull
Councillor Linda Porter
Councillor Patti Budd
Councillor Randy Stairs
Councillor Chris Yerxa
Councillor Dusty Buckingham

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Patterson – CAO/Clerk
Lana Sharpe - Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Foster called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Budd and seconded by Councillor Stairs to approve the December 9, 2024 regular meeting agenda with three additions. The three additions were: Dr. Office, subunits and Mayor Fosters meeting on Dec. 17th.

All in favor.

Motion carried #90-2024

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Mayor Foster stated he was aware the equipment request that came in from DFD was sent in by his son but he didn't think it would be a conflict.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Bull to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried #92-2024

It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2024 as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried #93-2024

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRES/PRESENTATIONS:

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Elections NB update – Susie gave brief explanation

b) Application review for committee –

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Buckingham to appoint Larry Corscadden to the Environmental & Solid Waste Committee.

All in favor.

Motion carried #94-2024

c) Contract Extensions for Garbage pickup – The Environmental & Solid Waste Committee made a recommendation to council to allow contract extensions until April 30, 2025. This would allow the committee more time to work on the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to offer the three contractor's the CPI rate of 2.2% increase to extend the contracts until April 30, 2025

All in favor.

Motion carried #95-2024

d) Schedule session with Andy Baird – Council recommended January 18, 2025.

e) Schedule meeting with MLA Richard Ames – Council recommended the community of the whole meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025.

f) Schedule meeting with web developer – after a discussion it was decided that the whole council did not want or need to be involved. Susie will request a meeting for January 2025. Councillor Porter and Councillor Budd will attend the meeting.

g) Senior's Project – the senior's club have been approved for a grant for renovations but do not have the money to pay for the cost up front. They have requested that council pay for the invoice and will repay the funds once the grant money comes in.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to pay the invoice for the renovations until the grant money comes in.

All in favor.

Motion carried #96-2024

h) Animal Control Contract 2025 – Council felt it was best to go with one provider for the entire municipality.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Porter to award the contract to the SPCA in the amount of \$9,233.00 for 2025 with a 2% annual renewal increase.

All in favor.

Motion carried #97-2024

i) Street light policy – The policy was review, changes were suggested. Susie will make the suggested changes and prepare for a second review.

j) Strategic Plan Proposal – Reviewed a quote from Champoux Inc for Phase 1 of the plan. Council would like a quote for Phase 2 before they make their final decision. It was agreed to ask ELG for approval of the proposal (Phase 1) from Champoux Inc. Councillor Stairs suggested asking AJ Durling for a quote as well.

k) DTI Land use Request & Fee – The application is ready to send into DTI requesting a Land Use Agreement for the Meductic park area. There is a \$100 fee to apply.

**edit during the January 13 meeting when approving these minutes to include: council also requested that staff look into a Land Use Agreement at the Ducks Unlimited location in Benton.*

l) Broken lock in Meductic (Lana's office) – Susie explained the cost for a lock smith to remove the broken key. Councillor Stairs suggested having someone take the door casing off.

m) Review quote from Larsen's – Councillor Stairs asked if we could get a price for a third door in Meductic.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Bull to accept the quotes from Larsen's security for both the Meductic and Canterbury Community Centres.

All in favor.

Motion carried #98-2024

n) Flowers from Meductic Fire Dept. – Chief Sharpe had requested flowers be sent to a funeral for a local resident from the MFD. Council agreed.

Added agenda items:

Mayor's meeting with ELG – Mayor Foster told council that he and Deputy Mayor Stairs would be attending a meeting in Fredericton with Minister Aaron Kennedy to discuss the supervision bill. Councillor Bull felt that Councillor Porter should also attend as she was the person who sent all the emails, etc. to ELG while council was suspended. Mayor Foster said he would contact Minister Kennedy's office with the request to include Councillor Porter.

Subunits – Councillor Budd would like to see fewer subunits and questioned who we need to contact to work on this. Mayor Foster said he would bring it up, along with fiscal reform, at his meeting with Minister Kennedy on December 17th.

Dr's Office/After hour clinic – Council had a lengthy discussion and would like to see the after-hour clinic reopened. It was suggested to try and set up meetings with the Minister of Health, our MLA, etc. Councillor Stairs suggested that council may want to consider putting some money into the budget as well. Council also felt that a meeting with Dr. O'Leary, to get her input, would be important. Susie will work on getting those meetings set up.

*****Topic discussed that was not on the agenda*****

Councillor Yerxa and Councillor Stairs explained that they both received a call from CFD Chief Furrow shortly after 4am the night of the first snow storm in December. Chief Furrow said the trucks had responded to a call and could not get back into the driveway at the station due to the amount of snow. The terms of the snow contracts were discussed. The contractor will need to be contacted so this does not happen again.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor's report was provided. No questions from council.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

10. CAO'S REPORT:

No report this month as all items were covered within the agenda.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report provided

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Equipment purchase request from DFD – Debec Fire requested approval to purchase a Jaws of Life & Spreader. The tool is lighter which is better for off road rescue.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Stairs to approve the purchase of the Jaws of Life/Spreader from Safety Source in the amount of \$26,322.35

All in favor.

Motion carried #99-2024

b) Budget – Council had a brief discussion about the budget. Councillor Stairs felt it was important to look at all the fire budgets and the need to make a few adjustments.

13. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

14. CLOSED SESSION:

15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

A budget meeting will need to be scheduled before Christmas.

16. ADJOURNMENT after 9:02pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk