

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 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: To approve the July 8, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa.

All in favor.

Motion carried #11-2024

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stairs stated he could have a possible conflict with one of agenda items but would decide that once we got to that item.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Bull to approve the minutes of the June 10th meeting with one correction. Under New Business 12 a) the motion to appoint Conor Tripp as Planning Director and Development Officer for the Municipality of Lakeland Ridges should have stated that it was for a 24-month period.

All in favor.

Motion carried #12-2024

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRES/PRESENTATIONS:

a) Julia Grant addressed council regarding the motion that was passed in June that would require all rentals involving alcohol to get a “Special Occasion Liquor License” AND “Third Party Liability Insurance” at the renter’s own expense on top of the rental fee. She provided council with a package to review, gave a presentation and asked if council would reconsider their motion. Mayor Foster thanked Julia for her presentation and said that council would discuss the matter after they had a chance to review all the documents and let her know their decision.

b) Christina Grant addressed council to express her concerns regarding the increase to FunPark fees and asked why? Mayor Foster thanked her for her presentation and told her that FunPark was an item coming up on the agenda for council to discuss and that she would probably get the answers to her questions then.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Canterbury Seniors Country Club – request for application support through RDC.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Porter to apply for a Grant through RDC on behalf of the Canterbury Seniors Country Club, with no financial obligation on the municipality.

All in favor.

Motion carried #13-2024

b) Request for no-wake buoys in Meductic.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to purchase two no-wake buoy’s, chains and anchors for the mouth of Eel River in Meductic, using Meductic’s Capital Reserve with a cap limit of \$2,000.

All in favor.

Motion carried #14-2024

c) Request from NB Invasive Species council – use of docks in Meductic.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Porter to allow the NBISC to hang a device from the docks in Meductic to collect reach data over the summer months.

All in favor.

Motion carried #15-2024

d) Request from Meductic Rec Council for electrical outlets/lights for the building in the park.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Buckingham to accept the quote from Curtis Cummings in the amount of \$722.27 for upgrading the electrical for the building in the Meductic park.

All in favor.

Motion carried #16-2024

e) Request from resident for Port-A-Potty in the Canterbury Park area.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bull to approve renting a Port-A-Potty for the park in Canterbury for July-September of 2024 and for mid May – September in 2025.

All in favor.

Motion carried #17-2024

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Foster report will be posted on the website

8. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

None

9. CAO'S REPORT:

Susie's report will be posted on the website.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lana's copies of her report to council and answered a few questions. Council wondered if getting rid of sub-units and using wards instead would be easier.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Digital Speed Signs – council was not ready to make a decision and thought it may be a good idea to set up a meeting with the RCMP first.

b) Escribe & ipads or laptops for council – council was not ready to make a decision and would like to discuss it further at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

c) Summer Student hours and FunPark

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Buckingham to offer FunPark for free two days per week and the other three days for helping Seniors & maintenance

split between Canterbury & Meductic.

Question to the motion: Councillor Yerxa asked if we lost government funding for the fourth student? Susie explained we could have hired a replacement but the student who was offered the job turned it down.

Question to the motion: Councillor Budd asked if two days was enough for FunPark? Council Stairs said he felt it was fair since the three remaining students had to work together and this would allow them time to help seniors and also do maintenance in the two areas.

All in favor.

Motion carried #18-2024

Short Break from 8:34pm to 8:37pm.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Repeal by-law No. 1 – A procedural by-law for the council of the municipality of Lakeland Ridges.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Bull to repeal by-law No. 1 – A procedural by-law for the council of the municipality of Lakeland Ridges.

All in favor.

Motion carried #19-2024

- b) Motion to seek legal advice regarding by-law No. 8

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bull to seek legal advice from our lawyer on retainer, Cox and Palmer, regarding removing the following item from by-law No. 8: “meetings of council, or Committee of the Whole, where municipal matters are discussed, even if no decisions are made, must be open to the public and the clerk must be present”.

All in favor.

Motion carried #20-2024

- c) First and Second reading of By-Law No. 8

Read the first time in it's entirety by Mayor Leonard Foster.

Read a second time by title and subtitles by Mayor Leonard Foster.

- d) Boat wash station in Meductic – council would like to get at least one more quote before making a decision. They would also like to have more information on the use of

hot water and if it is a better choice. It was agreed to have a special meeting via zoom once more information is available.

13. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Susie stated that Linda provided an update list for July & August.

14. CLOSED SESSION:

none

15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was set for Monday, July 22nd at 7pm in council chambers.

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:06pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk