

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
June 18th, 2024

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

ABSENT: Councillor Chris Yerxa

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Foster called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the June 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole agenda. Moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Porter.

All in favor.

Motion carried #09-2024

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

none

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

none

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Electronic Speed Sign – council directed that Susie gather more information and get a couple of quotes to review at the July 8th meeting. It was also suggested to check with the RCMP to see if they had a sign that could be used for a few weeks.

b) Hours of Operation at the North Lake Garbage site – council would like more information before they are able to make a decision.

c) Electronic Meetings – Councillor Stairs said that Meductic had a projector screen that we could bring in and try using that first.

d) Website Updating – Susie let council know that the graphic designer from Outreach Productions would like to set up a meeting to do a review and redesign of the website. Council was asked to think about what they would like to see and who would like to be involved.

e) Security & Alarm System – Susie informed council that one of the projects that was in the works with the former supervisor was to upgrade the alarms and security at our municipal buildings. Wilson's security did a site inspection and provided a quote. Council would like to get a couple more quotes before making a decision.

f) Municipal Signage – Susie asked council to let her know the type of signage they would like so she has a better idea of what to get quotes on. They also need to decide how many signs should be ordered and where they will be installed.

g) By-Law Enforcement Officer – Mayor Foster said that the RSC could be looking at hiring and adding that is a service that municipalities cost share. He also said that a couple of municipalities up river use a lawyer to perform duties as required so it is possible that we look at doing the same. It would be pay per use. Susie said that she spoke with Allan Walker, the CAO in Woodstock, about the possibility of using their By-law officer on an as required basis. Allan said he was open to discussing it further.

h) UMN conference – council decided against attending this year.

i) Outreach Workers Funding Request – Mayor Foster said he forwarded an email from Woodstock Mayor Trina Jones regarding a pilot project. She was asking for the municipality to give \$3500 towards the cost. Mayor Foster said if council had questions to forward them to him by Friday and he would try to get answers at Friday's meeting.

j) Quarry vote – Councillor Budd felt it was important for council to host a meeting so the public could ask questions and voice their concerns. She offered to arrange.

k) Information on sale of Fire Service – Councillor Bull said he contacted Elizabeth Hallet and asked question regarding the agreements. Liz gave him her boss's contact. After speaking with him, Perry was told that there are errors in the system. Perry suggested a committee work on collecting the proper information. Fire boundaries are a concern. Randy said we may have to get Fire Underwriter's involved.

l) Skiff Lake Fencing – need to find out who the land owner is. Consider fencing the area. Patti suggested moving it to a different location.

m) Formation of Committees – Susie pointed out that the Pivot Report addressed committees as an issue. It was advised by Greg Lutes that council use the Committee of the Whole format. Council prefers to move back forming committees and appointing committee chairs.

n) Summer Students – Mayor Foster informed council that interviews were done by himself, Councillor Porter and Susie. Four students were offered positions. The cost was increased based on the way that Councillor Porter said other committees she's been part of used. Councillor Yerxa questioned why there is no FunPark in Meductic.

o) By-Law No. 6 (CAO by-law) – Deputy Mayor Stairs said that if ELG said they would cover the cost to have one written that we should take advantage of that. Council agreed.

p) By-Law No. 8 (Procedural) – Council reviewed and agreed to a few minor changes. Susie will update, resend for review and have it prepared for the first and second reading at the July 8 meeting.

6. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A Budget review was set for set for Monday, June 24 at 7pm in council chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 9:01pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk