

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Tanya Cloutier
Councillor Perry Bull
Councillor Linda Porter
Councillor Patti Budd
Councillor Randy Stairs
Councillor Chris Yerxa
Councillor Michael Furrow
Councillor Mark Grant

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Ross Stairs

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cloutier called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the March 13, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Grant.

Motion carried #26-2023

PRESENTATIONS:

Councillor Budd listed several concerns she had and asked what council could do, or what their position was, to influence government as a voice for our people. Some issues mentioned were material that was available in schools, Bill #11, covid 19 mandates, data sharing, etc. Councillor Bull felt that council needed to be careful when addressing such issues. Mayor Cloutier said it was not council's place to fight government. Councillor Stairs stated that we have the right to support our people based on the British Parliamentary Rules System.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Furrow to approve the minutes as distributed.

Motion carried: #27-2023

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) After hour clinic. Mayor Cloutier explained the Dr. O'Leary was not interested in a mobile clinic and wanted a permanent location. The Community Development Committee met with MLA Ames & Ron Furrow to determine if the Canterbury Community Centre would be the best location. MLA Ames was going to look into possible funding to cover renovation cost. Dr. O'Leary would like to start the Pilot Project by April 4th, 2023.
- b) River Valley Sun – Mayor Cloutier said that the Rec. Committees should not have to cover this expense and asked if council would consider paying the \$400 for the year.

MOTION: It was moved by councillor Bull and seconded by councillor Grant to pay \$400 to the River Valley Sun for advertising and coverage in their paper.

Motion carried #28-2023

- c) Special Garbage pick up dates for LSD of North Lake & Parish of Canterbury. Councillor Bull said the Bellis agreed to bring large bins down on three different dates. Councillor Bull is trying to make arrangements to have one of those pick-up dates be offered at the Skiff Lake site.
- d) Meductic Community Centre Leak – Councillor Grant and Councillor Stairs met with Ron Furrow at the MCC. The leak has stopped. The ceiling is well ventilated but they felt the lack of insulation is an issue. An ice jam caused the leak. Ice guard should be laid down. Councillor Stairs asked Lana for a copy of the quotes so council could see what was suppose to be included.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Lana provided a summarized Treasurer's Report. She explained that she is still working on setting up Sage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) North Lake Recreation Council Grant funds

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to forward \$10,324.50 to North Lake Council now and \$10,324.20 in the Fall.

Motion carried: #29-2023

- b) NB Police Association – Council all agreed that they were not interested in supporting

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) NBAFC conference – Canterbury Fire Chief Furrow will attend. This was already in the budget.

- b) FCM membership renewal – Councillor Stairs suggested to hold off until next meeting.
- c) Municipal Office – combining both offices to one location

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Bull and seconded by Councillor Budd to have both offices operate out of the same location. Six “yay” votes. Councillor Stairs voted “nay”.

Motion carried: #30-2023

- d) Municipal Office/Council Chambers Location – A Committee visited both buildings and recommended that due to the current issues with the Meductic Community Centre that the former Village Hall in Canterbury should be used for now. The committee will review the situation in October before making a decision on a permanent location.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Grant to use the former Village Hall in Canterbury as the temporary location for both offices as well as council chambers until further notice.

Motion carried: #31-2023

- e) Municipal Office Hours – It was suggested that the office be open from 8am until 4:30pm and closed for 30mins for lunch.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bull to set the office hours as 8:00am until 4:30pm and closed from 11:30am until noon for lunch. There was much discussion as to what time slot should be used as the 30-minute lunch. Councillor Stairs amended the original motion on the floor, seconded by Councillor Yerxa, for office hours 8am until 4:30pm and close between noon and 12:30pm for lunch as a trial that could be reviewed in a few months.

Motion carried: #32-2023

- f) RDC funding for EMO support. Susie read an email from Claude Chouinard which stated there is possible funding available through RDC to help with cost for EMO related items. Councillor Stairs said that he was already aware of this funding and was going to discuss options with his committee.
- g) Newsletter for Lakeland Ridges. It was discussed that a newsletter should be mailed out quarterly to all residents of Lakeland Ridges to make sure everyone is informed of all issues within our entity. Councillor Stairs thought that office staff was already too busy and should not be responsible to producing it. Councillor Yerxa agreed. Mayor Cloutier stated that she felt it was very important for our community and said that she would take on this task if staff could not.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Bull and seconded by Councillor Stairs to distribute a newsletter quarterly to the entire entity.

Motion carried: #33-2023

h) Remuneration pay – Council was asked to let Lana know if they preferred EFT or cheque

CAO REPORT:

none

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Randy: Protective Services

-committee meeting scheduled for March 15. Will discuss a policy for the Fire Department. Need to find out how the current Fire Chiefs were put in place and for how long those appointments were set for. Councillor also explain that he, Susie and Lana had discussed the importance of setting up a Purchase Order System for all four departments. He asked for councils support to move forward with that.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Porter to have administration set up a Purchase Ordering System for all four Fire Departments.

Motion carried: #34-2023

Mike/Tanya: Recreation

The Meductic Recreation Council would like a decision on the use of the Community Centre.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to allow the Meductic Recreation Council to use the “old kitchen” at the Meductic Community Centre for their purposes.

Motion carried: #35-2023

MAYORS REPORT:

-Mayor Cloutier stated that moving forward the council meetings were going to have a two-hour time limit which will be strictly enforced. The agenda is distributed in advance and she asked that councillors come prepared to make decision on agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk