

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 23rd, 2023

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cloutier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Cloutier asked for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to approve the agenda as distributed.

Question to the motion: Councillor Stairs questioned why we were discussing the Dr. Office reno's before the three-month trial was up. Mayor Cloutier explained that it was more so to discuss a contract before agreeing to start reno's.

Councillor Stairs "Nay"

Motion carried #61-2023

PRESENTATIONS:

none

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Cloutier asked for if there were any errors or omissions.

Councillor Porter would like to have the following omissions added to the minutes:

-under Declarations of Conflict of Interest, it should be noted that it was questioned whether a councillor was in a conflict when it comes to discussing the Fire Chiefs position. A discussion was had regarding the wages for Deputy Fire Chief. In regards to the Fire Chief Position, it was also discussed that those who were enrolled in any courses required to qualify for the position would also be considered.

-under Business arising from the Minutes – item F – it should be noted that ward 2 councillors were not happy with how the mailout situation was handled and that councillor Porter requested she be copied in on a compliant email that Councillor Stairs asked to have sent.

-should be noted the Councillor Stairs left the room when a side conversation was had regarding the sidewalk project in the former Village of Canterbury.

-a Tourism Committee update was handed out by Councillor Porter

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Budd and seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the minutes with all the changes that Linda requested above.

Deputy Mayor Stairs: “Nay” because the stipends were tied to the Fire Chiefs not to the Deputy Chiefs.

Motion carried #62-2023

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) **Summer Students** – 6 positions were available. 2 SEED and 4 CSJ’s. Weston Dickinson & Savanna Walker (CSJ’s) & Lily Douthwright (SEED) are returning students. Meaghan Schriver was hired for 12 weeks under the SEED program. Kayser McLaughlin and Amelia Bell through CSJ’s.
There was a lengthy discussion about how and why students were hired. Council also had several questions regarding FunPark as well as where maintenance would be done within Lakeland Ridges.

Added item to the agenda while discussing above topic. Permanent location of Municipal Offices.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Bull and seconded by Councillor Stairs that the office committee make a recommendation by the July meeting which office should become the permanent office so that we can be moved into it by October first.

Motion carried #63-2023

- b) **Logo update** –two logo options will be emailed to council. Tag line on the logo can be changed once council decides on what they would like to use.
- c) **Roof/nails in Meductic** – Mayor Cloutier spoke with Ron Furrow and he agreed to have his crew clean up the nails. As for the roof leak, Ron stated that he did exactly what he was asked as per the quote.

- d) **Dr. Office reno's/contract** – There was a lengthy discussion about what we should have included in the contract. It was agreed that Dr. O'Leary should attend a council meeting to answer questions.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Councillor Bull had a few questions about expenses under Administration and Solid Waste.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Graduation prizes: 7 students from CHS. Will have to contact WHS for a list.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Grant to give \$50 to each grad within Lakeland Ridges.

Motion carried #65-2023

- b) Culvert on Rte 165: A letter was forwarded from MLA Ames' office from the Abundant Life Christian Centre requesting the culvert at the end of their driveway be repaired. It was agreed that this is not the Municipalities responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Float in Meductic: Need 13.5 meters of float with ends capped. Lana stated that in 2021 it cost \$915 delivered. Councillor Stairs asked Lana to confirm if the money is in Meductic's budget. She will confirm.
- b) Signages for businesses: Councillor Budd explained that a new business owner questioned her about highway signage that would direct motorists to his business. It was explained that Highway signage is controlled by DTI.

- c) Communication & assets management: list of assets owned by Lakeland Ridges.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Budd for staff to provide a list of assets for every ward, their value, location, etc. by the July 10th meeting.

Question to the motion: The timeline is too aggressive and should be extended.

Amendment to the motion: To have the list available for the August 14th meeting.

Motion carried #64-2023

CAO REPORT:

- AMANB conference is June 6th to the 9th. Both staff registered to attend.
- Flowers for Canterbury and Meductic
- spoke on section 74 of the Act on recording minutes without note or comment.
- expressed to council that she felt disrespected

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- Councillor Bull went over possible changes to the recycling program with Phase 1 set to begin in November of 2023.

-cage tops off old bins are owned by the municipality. Should we sell as is or for scrap metal?

-Councillor Budd – outside tap in Benton. Local plumber will donate time to install. Also asked if there was money in the budget to build some raised beds. Deputy Mayor Stairs said that it would fall under the procurement policy and if was less than \$2500 that Susie would be able to approve it.

-Councillor Porter - Debec Rec Council's new building has a leaking roof and they would like to have repair cost put on the list of possible project using the \$64,000 from the Canada Investment Fund for the former LSD areas.

-Councillor Stairs said that Brunway has a bunch of reclaim that they are looking to get rid of at a good price. He will send the information to council.

-Councillor Yerxa said that Skills Timber Sports is holding an event on June 3 in Meductic. He said if anyone would like to help out at the Firemen's BBQ that it would be greatly appreciated.

-Councillor Porter gave Susie a full page list of items or suggestions for the website.

MAYORS REPORT:

-Provincial announcement that every Municipality will receive up to \$50,000 for rebranding. Includes signage, logo, website, etc. But the money has to be used specifically for those expenses only.

-spoke with Councillor Yerxa before the meeting and explained that she got a request from LaCoote Drive. It's on Crowne Land. The cottage owner's want to put a turnaround at the end of the road for emergency vehicles, plow trucks, etc. Tanya explained the Municipality was not responsible to help cover the cost. Provincial Government will help financially but they want a letter of support from the Municipality to allow the Skiff Lake Association to pay for and put in a culvert and turn spot. Councillor Stairs stated that it should be stated that the Municipality will in no way be financially responsible whatsoever. He said to make that very clear.

-Bill 45 was put out last week. Mayor Cloutier will forward it to councillors. She said UMNb is fighting the portion of the Bill that allows the Minister to have control over Municipal By-laws. She asked the council to have a look at it and let her know if they have any concerns they would like to address.

-Mayor Cloutier said that money was put in the budget for each Canterbury & Meductic for rec. She said it wasn't a Grant like the other ones are for committees, but she asked if council was ok with Lana issuing cheques to each of those committees for \$5,000 each. Council agreed that if it was in the budget than it was a yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:37pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk