

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 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

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the October 15, 2024 regular meeting agenda with the agreement to reverse the order of items 5&6. Moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Buckingham.

All in favor.

Motion carried #56-2024

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stairs Conflict-of-Interest for snow plowing.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #57-2024

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Meductic Septic- Council discussed the two options suggested by the engineer. Option A was a holding tank in the current location. Option B was an on-site septic treatment system that would need to be installed on DTI owned property.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Porter to go with option B and install an on-site septic treatment system as long as we are able to get the land usage approval from DTI.

Yay - six votes.

Nay – Councillor Buckingham

Abstained from vote due to conflict of interest – Councillor Stairs

Motion carried #58-2024

b) Hill Street Repair – requires ditching and possible culvert replacement or repair. Based on the procurement policy the job could be awarded to vendor of choice. Council felt it would be best to get a few more quotes and suggested putting out an RFQ.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Buckingham and seconded by Councillor Porter to put out a “Request for Quotation” for ditching and culvert work on Hill Street in Canterbury.

All in favor.

Motion carried #59-2024

c) Bill for supervision – requires a motion

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Budd and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to postpone paying the invoice until after the election and until someone from ELG comes and speaks with council regarding said bill.

All in favor.

Motion carried #60-2024

d) Derek McNiece – rediscuss paying outstanding bill.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Bull to rescind a previous decision to not pay the invoice from Derek McNiece that was incurred by the North Lake Fire Department and to pay the \$867.87 out of the NLFD budget.

All in favor.

Motion carried #61-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Bull that due to the conduct of the vendor that he be put on a “not preferred list” and source out another vendor for future use.

All in favor.

Motion carried #62-2024

e) Municipal Office/Buildings – after a long discussion council agreed the committee would need to do a deeper evaluation and bring it back to the committee of the whole meeting on October 28th for further discussion.

f) Committees – approve the mandates as submitted by committee chairs and appoint members to each committee. No mandate has been provided by the Protective Services Committee yet but Councillor Stairs, committee chair, said he is willing to accept the three people who put their names forward as members.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Budd to approve the mandate for the Transportation, Infrastructure and Assets Committee and to accept the appointment of Chris Farrell, Norm Andrews and Councillor Buckingham as members.

All in favor.

Motion carried #63-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Budd to approve the mandate for the Tourism and Recreation Committee and to accept the appointment of Linda Boone, Julia Grant and Councillor Yerxa as members.

All in favor.

Motion carried #64-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Bull and seconded by Councillor Stairs to approve the mandate for the Finance Oversight Committee and to accept the appointment of Duane MacMillian, Theresa Glanville and Councillor Budd as members.

All in favor.

Motion carried #65-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the mandate for the Environment and Solid Waste Committee and to accept the appointment of Barb Glanville and Greg Foster as members.

All in favor.

Motion carried #66-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Foster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to approve the mandate for the HR Committee, with the addition of including the councillors, and to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor Stairs and Councillor Porter as members.

All in favor.

Motion carried #67-2024

g) Website – Susie explained that not everything in the original quote may have been completed but that the developer did what was approved by the supervisor, Greg Lutes, and that the hours were not only used but exceeded.

6. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRES/PRESENTATIONS:

a) Barb Glanville – Presentation on the importance of protecting our lakes. She requested that more signage be posted between the river in Meductic, which is a major contributor to the problem, and along route 122 heading towards the lakes. Barb also recommended that another boat wash station be set up in Canterbury.

b) Susan Olmstead – Susan was not present but another member of the seniors club was in attendance and said that they have resolved the issue and no longer needed to address council.

c) Phillip Grant – Phillip brought his concerns regarding unsightly premises back before council for a second time. He asked if council had made any progress with the by-law since his last presentation? Mayor Foster explained that council was working to get a by-law enacted but that there were other steps that have to be put into place first.

d) Debec Deputy Fire Chief Chris Foster – Chris explained the large-scale exercise that is being conducted on November 9 at Sabian. All four Lakeland Ridges Fire Departments, Irving Oil, EMO and other near by Fire Departments will be participating. It was suggested that council be involved. Chris also suggested that council and staff consider taking the ICS 100 course and asked Susie to forward the link to all. There is a Table Top meeting scheduled for next Tuesday in Meductic to discuss the event.

e) Greg Grant – Greg addressed council with concerns regarding the closure of the current office building and moving everything into the Meductic Community Centre. He asked if there was a study done, if the public was questioned or notified and who was the driving force behind the move? After a bit of back-and-forth conversation, Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Grant for his presentation and said that council would be discussing the issue further as it is an item already listed on the agenda.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Report was read during the meeting.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Councillor Budd said that she shocked the well in Benton and noticed that the pump had low pressure and asked if it could be looked at. She also suggested that we pull the pump in Meductic for the winter. Councillor Yerxa said they looked at the equipment in Meductic and it wasn't worth much, if anything.

10. CAO'S REPORT:

Report was read during the meeting. Councillor Stairs asked to make a motion regarding an item within the report.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Stairs to have NB Power install a surveillance camera on one of the light poles near the intersection by the school in Canterbury for a trial period.

All in favor.

Motion carried #68-2024

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report available.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Amend Appendix A of the Procedural By-law

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Foster and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to reverse the order of items 5 & 6 on Appendix A of the Procedural By-law.

All in favor.

Motion carried #69-2024

13. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Dates and times for all the local community events were shared.

14. CLOSED SESSION:

Council reviewed and discussed snow removal tender applications during closed session and moved back into public session to award the tenders.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Buckingham and seconded by Councillor Bull to accept Lee Dow's tender as quoted for snow plowing Nov. 1/24 to April 30/25 for the former Village of Canterbury areas.

All in favor.

Motion carried #70-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Bull and seconded by Councillor Stairs to accept Lee Dow's tender as quoted for snow plowing Nov. 1/24 to April 30/25 at the Skiff Lake Dry Hydrant on Rte 122 and Garbage/Recycle area on LaCoote Drive.

All in favor.

Motion carried #71-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bull to accept Lee Dow's tender as quoted for snow plowing Nov. 1/24 to April 30/25 for the Dry Hydrant at 2nd Eel River Lake.

All in favor.

Motion carried #72-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Budd and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to accept Michael Hemphill's tender as quoted for snow plowing Nov. 1/24 to April 30/25 for the Dry Hydrant area and Fire Hall in Debec.

All in favor.

Motion carried #73-2024

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Bull to accept LH Gould Ltd's tender as quoted for snow plowing Nov. 1/24 to April 30/25 for the Dry Hydrant, Garbage Site and Fire Hall in North Lake.

All in favor.

Motion carried #74-2024

15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was set for Monday, October 28th at 7pm in council chambers.

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:12pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk