

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 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 7:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the September 9, 2024 regular meeting agenda with the addition of Political Parties. Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs.

All in favor.

Motion carried #41-2024

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stairs signed a Conflict-of-Interest form for snow plowing and septic system.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Bull to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #42-2024

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) McInnes & Cooper and Tim Culbert invoices.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Stairs to pay the outstanding bills for the lawyers hired while staff was out in June of 2023.

Two nay votes were Councillor Buckingham and Deputy Mayor Stairs.
Six yay votes.

Motion carried #43-2024

b) Quarry rezoning request.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to deny the rezoning request for a proposed Quarry on the Dugan Road based on the following reasons. The new owner of the neighbouring property was never told about the rezoning request when he purchased the property with the intention of building his forever home. An Environmental Impact Assessment was never conducted and council feels it is important after being told that the White Lady Slipper flower, an Endangered Species, is known to grow along Lily Brook.

All in favor.

Motion carried #44-2024

c) Street lights – Councillor Stairs would like council to consider installing a surveillance camera on one or two of the street poles as a trail run.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Buckingham and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to have NB Power install street lights at the intersections of Benton Rd/165, Rte 122/540 and Green Mountain/Rte 122.

All in favor.

Motion carried #45-2024

d) Meductic septic – still waiting for the report and draft plans from the Engineer.

e) Committees – the motion to approve the mandate of committees was postponed as not all councillors were prepared.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Stairs to appoint Councillor's Yerxa and Budd as co-chairs of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Assets Committee.

All in favor.

Motion carried #46-2024

f) Canada Community Building Fund – approval of the consolidated 5yr plan for Canterbury and Meductic 2019-2023 plans.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the consolidated 2019-2023 five-year Capital Investment Plan for Canterbury and Meductic.

All in favor.

Motion carried #47-2024

g) Schedule Training Dates for Andrew Baird & Andre Daigle for sometime in October.

h) Website – Council would like clarification of the work that was completed from the original quote. Would like to know why the website does not pop up with google search.

i) Municipal Office/Buildings – After a long discussion it was agreed that the Transportation, Infrastructure and Assets Committee conduct a study and bring a recommendation to council as to where the municipal offices and council chambers should be located.

j) Culvert on White Birch Lane – The homeowner requested that council reconsider replacing or repairing the culvert that runs under his driveway because he believes the problem was created due to the improper drainage. Councillor Yerxa said he would go and have a look and report back to council.

6. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRES/PRESENTATIONS:

a) Roger Lauzier – Roger expressed his concerns with his neighbour that he believes to be dangerous and unsightly. One of the concerns being the burning of garbage which causes smoke to affect Roger's breathing. Mayor Foster said that council would discuss the issue and get back to him. The mayor also stated that there may not be anything that council could do as it seems to be more of an environmental issue.

b) Debec Fire Chief Greg Williams - Chief Williams questioned who is responsible for the appointment of officers within Fire Departments. Councillor Stairs, Chair for the Public Safety committee, said that council would try not to interfere with department politics and it would be up to the Chief to suggest who would be appointed to positions after getting a nod from council. Chief Williams also asked about replacing his outdated Fire Truck. This is something that the Public Safety Committee will be working on.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Sponsorship request from Jacob Pickel – A professional Powerlifter heading to Nationals this month.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Buckingham to sponsor Jacob Pickel in the amount of \$400.

All in favor.

Motion carried #48-2024

b) Resignation letter from Debec Deputy Fire Chief Chris Foster - Deputy Chief Foster will be resigning effective December 31, 2024.

c) Complaint regarding Hill Street in Canterbury – Councillor Buckingham explained that the whole street needs to be ditched on both sides. The water is currently running down the street and causing washouts. One of the culverts is also plugged and needs cleaned out. Council suggested having a local contractor inspect the job and give us a proposal on the scope of work required. The job would then need to go up for tender.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Report was provided to cancel. Mayor Foster added an update from the RSC meeting. He informed council that the Tourism Director is out until sometime in October. He also encouraged council fill out the Housing Survey that is available on the WVRSC's website.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

None

10. CAO'S REPORT:

Report was provided to council.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed the bill from Cox & Palmer

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request for funding from North Lake Recreation Council – It was discussed that council needs to review the amount of support for all recreation councils moving forward.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to give the North Lake Recreation Council \$11,182.00 for the second half of requested 2024 Grant.

All in favor.

Motion carried #49-2024

b) Old Mowing Equipment (Meductic & Canterbury) – the sale of surplus equipment was referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure and Assets Committee to prepare a recommendation to council.

c) Enact 5 policies – Council decided to postpone enacting the “Electronic Mail Use Policy”, “Social Media Policy”, “Elected Officials & Administration Information Policy” and the “Logo & Branding Policy” until a CAO by-law is in place. Council did agree to enact the “Computer Policy” so they could be issued their laptops.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to enact the “Computer Policy” as written and effective September 9th, 2024.

All in favor.

Motion carried #50-2024

d) Snow Removal contracts/tenders – it was referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure and Assets Committee to review and prepare recommendations to council.

e) Cleaning Contracts – it was agreed to prepare a posting to put out to the public.

f) North Lake FD bunker gear – request for five complete sets of bunker gear.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor Stairs to purchase five new complete sets of bunker gear for the North Lake Fire Department.

All in favor.

Motion carried #51-2024

13. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

14. CLOSED SESSION:

15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was set for Monday, September 23rd at 7pm in council chambers.

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:09pm

Mayor

CAO/Clerk