

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Leonard Foster
Deputy Mayor Ross Stairs
Councillor Linda Porter
Councillor Randy Stairs
Councillor Chris Yerxa
Councillor Gary Grant

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Patterson – CAO/Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Patti Budd

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the April 14th, 2025 special meeting agenda.

All in favor.

Motion carried #38-2025

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Stairs stated that he could have a possible conflict with the Meductic Septic but no official declaration was made.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Stairs to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2025 regular meeting with two additions. Councillor Stairs would like to speak about an issue with Fire Calls in the Debec area and concerns with road access around lakes.

Question: Councillor Porter wanted it noted that she had requested more information regarding the application for the Meductic Park land. She asked the date the request was submitted, if and when follow up emails were sent, etc. and still hasn't received it. (information will be gathered and put onto a timeline as soon as staff has time). Councillor Porter also asked if we had received an answer from the Lenahan McCain on completing our 2024 audit. Mayor Foster said the firm hired to do the Discovery Plan for finance and administration should help with getting the books ready for the auditor.

All in favor.

Motion carried #39-2025

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRIES/PRESENTATIONS:

Barb Glanville – Voyent Alert – Barb stated that she was a strong advocate for this type of alert system. Good Value. Everyone Benefits. Willing to volunteer with getting the system set up. Formally requested that council consider purchasing.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) **Set date for Strategic Plan session** – Date set for Thursday, May 1 at 6pm (in person)

b) **Suggested Dates for CAO By-law with Andre Daigle** – Council suggested an evening the last week of April.

c) **By-Law Dangerous and Unsightly Premises** – First Reading by subtitle was completed.

d) **Decision on Meductic Park Septic** – The request for a Land Use Agreement was denied by DTI. The original engineered plans included a second option to install a holding tank. Council had a lengthy discussion about the situation.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Stairs to rescind the original motion to install an onsite system treatment system due to not getting approval of a land use agreement with DTI.

Question: Councillor Yerxa questioned why no one in Fredericton would stand up to the old agreement. Families in Meductic are not being treated fairly and this is wasting tax dollars. He requested council go higher up for answers.

*Council requested a meeting be set up with the Minister of Local Government and DTI to discuss this situation.

1 Nay vote – Councillor Porter

5 Yay votes – Councillor Yerxa changed his nay vote when quorum was questioned.

Motion carried #40-2025

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to install a holding tank based on the engineer plan.

1 Nay vote – Councillor Porter

5 Yay votes

Motion carried #41-2025

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Stairs to move forward with the old quote, in the amount of \$2645, from Trevor Welch to survey the four PID's along the Meductic water front.

All in favor.

Motion carried #42-2025

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Email from MLA Richard Ames** – Mayor Foster read the email update regarding the Meductic Park. Mayor Foster also read a letter of response on behalf of council. Council requested all correspondence between MLA Ames and Council be posted on our website.

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

No report provided

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No reports provided. The following discussion were held:

Councillor Grant informed council that he was able to locate the well cap at the park. The old septic system has been removed. Council had a lengthy discussion on moving forward with constructing a public washroom and warming shelter.

Councillor Porter informed council that she called NBCC to get information on students who may be looking for practicum placement. She will forward this information to the office.

Councillor Porter suggested that council work on getting a medical clinic set up in our area. Councillor Stairs agreed and said he has a lead on a doctor who may be interested. He also suggested speaking with Dr. O'Leary to see if she was interested and if so, what her needs would be. He also suggested that council consider offering support by putting money towards the cost to hire administration staff for the clinic.

Councillor Stairs spoke about the recent fire on Owl's Nest Lane at Skiff Lake. He said the road is narrow with only one way in/out. He suggested the council look into options to address this problem. Mayor Foster said he would bring it up to the RSC.

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT

11. QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT

No report available

12. NEW BUSINESS

a) Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contracts – Council awarded two of the contracts but required more information before deciding on the third contract #003. Deputy Mayor Stairs will meet with the committee and then make recommendation to council at the next meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Stairs to accepted the bid from Dow's Garbage Disposal in the amount of \$24,000 (plus tax) for tender #001.
All in favor.

Motion carried #43-2025

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to accepted the bid from E.M.C Trucking in the amount of \$15,600 (plus tax) for tender #002.

All in favor.

Motion carried #44-2025

b) Review 5-year CCBF plan – council agreed with the proposed projects for the plan. Susie will prepare the final copy for council approval at the next meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Section 68 (1) (j)

14. ADJOURNMENT at 9:38pm.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk