

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Special Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2025

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

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: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to approve the April 7th, 2025 special meeting agenda.

All in favor.

Motion carried #33-2025

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

none

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the minutes of the March 24th, 2025 regular meeting.

Question: Councillor Porter wanted more information regarding the application for the Meductic Park land. She would like the date the request was submitted, if and when follow up emails were sent, etc. She also asked if we had received an answer from the Lenehan McCain on completing our 2024 audit. Mayor Foster stated that those questions should be answered later in the meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #34-2025

5. **PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRIES/PRESENTATIONS:**

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Set date for Strategic Plan session – Council preferred not to meet on any Saturday's and asked if an evening session could be scheduled.

b) Second and Third Reading of Code of Conduct by-law – Read by Mayor Foster.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Stairs to adopt and enact by-law #2.2 Code of Conduct as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried #35-2025

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Email from MLA Richard Ames – Mayor Foster read the email that was addressed to council. Council would like a response sent in return. Mayor Foster said he had a draft started and would add councils' comments as well.

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

No report provided

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No reports provided.

Councillor Porter did submit a request for 3 – 15-foot floats for Meductic. Council agreed they should be ordered.

Councillor Yerxa stated that a study should be done on the Fire Departments before decisions are made on building or expanding. Need to look at call volume and needs over wants.

Decision regarding Meductic Septic, upgrades to Meductic and Canterbury parks, building a washroom in Canterbury Park, size of lots in Canterbury, picnic shelters in parks and in Debec, etc.

Mayor Foster asked that we get a price for pea gravel, wood chips and mulched tires for the parks. Also asked for information on the regulations for community parks.

Councillor Yerxa said the grill in Meductic needs repair. He has information and will forward to the office.

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT

No report.

11. QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT

No report available

12. NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution for Capital Borrowing Board – to request authorization to borrow.

After a long discussion regarding trucks, tenders, NFPA standards the following motion was made.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Councillor that the Local Government of Lakeland Ridges submit to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board and application for authorization to borrow for a capital expense for the following term and amount:

Protective Services – Fire Truck

Amount - \$850,000

Term – 10 years

All in favor.

Motion carried #36-2025

13. CLOSED SESSION

Section 68 (1) (j)

Council moved into closed session to discuss employment issues.

Council moved out of closed session and passed the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Stairs to hire E6 International, with up to a \$9,000 budget, to conduct a Discovery Plan focusing on finance and administration for the municipality.

All in favor.

Motion carried #37-2025

14. ADJOURNMENT at 8:25pm.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk