

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 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
Councillor Barb Glanville

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Patterson – CAO/Clerk

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 Yerxa and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to approve the May 12th, 2025 regular meeting agenda with two additions. Councillor Budd added a response to the petition and Councillor Porter added summer students.

All in favor.

Motion carried #52-2025

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

Mayor Foster stated that he may have a conflict during the closed session.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to approve the minutes of the April 29th, 2025 special meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #53-2025

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

a) **Dusty Buckingham** – Mr. Buckingham had a few follow-up questions to his last presentation and inquired about the petition. Mayor Foster assured Mr. Buckingham that council would review the petition before the offices are moved but that council decided to go ahead and complete the renovations regardless. In response to the petition, Councillor Budd went over the committee's previous evaluation to support the recommendation that they gave council.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) CAO by-law – Date was set for Tuesday, June 10 at 6pm for an in-person meeting.

b) Leadership Group donation/Spring Cleanup – Deputy Mayor Stairs said his committee recommended that due to the large footprint, councillors from each ward could identify an area in their ward, put them in a draw and select one.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to make a donation of \$1000 to the CHS Leadership Group for travel expenses in lieu of performing a spring cleanup.

Question to motion: Councillor Stairs reminded council that they must set a precedence and asked for confirmation that \$1000 was given in 2023. He also reminded council that requests from other local students who attend WHS will need to be supported as well.

Amendment to the motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Yerxa to make a donation in the same amount that was given in 2023, to the CHS Leadership Group for travel expenses in lieu of performing a spring cleanup.

All in favor.

Motion carried #54-2025

c) Briefing from E6 – Deputy Mayor Stair informed council that E6 has been making progress and are aiming to have a recommendation ready to present to council at the June 9th meeting. Lenehan McCain have informed us that they are not able to continue to work with us. Contact has been made with Matthew Derrah and he may possibly be able to take us on.

Councillor Porter asked to put a motion on the floor to contact Matthew Derrah and appoint him as auditor as long as he was in our price range. Council had a discussion and agreed to wait until the report is completed by E6 so they have a better idea of cost.

d) Septic Meductic/award tender – Councillor Glanville witnessed the tender opening. One tender was received from Keilty's Contracting in the amount of \$14,900.00. All requirements of the tender were met. Susie asked for a motion to accept and award the tender.

Questions: Councillor Yerxa and Councillor Stairs stated they weren't aware the tender was posted. Susie explained that a motion was made at the April 14 meeting to move forward with a holding tank. All the information regarding the tender was email to council on April 17. The tender was posted on the website and facebook for 3 weeks.

Councillor Stairs asked council to put awarding the tender on pause for two weeks while David Alward worked on getting a variance that would allow us to put a full septic system on DTI land.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Stairs to put awarding the tender off for two weeks to give David Alward time to try to get a variance that would allow a full septic system be installed on DTI land.

All in favor.

Motion carried #55-2025

e) Second & Third reading of By-law #7 Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures – Mayor Foster did the second and third reading, by title only.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Grant to adopt By-Law #7 as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried #56-2025

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

No report provided. Mayor Foster stated he and Councillor Porter attended the UMN meeting in Nackawic and asked Councillor Porter to give a report. Councillor Porter handed out a summary of the meeting and read over the document.

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No reports provided.

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT

The report was provided in advance to council. No questions were asked.

11. QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT

No report available. Mayor Foster stated that he drafted a letter and sent it to Lana last week asking for an update regarding her return to work.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a) Updates required to the Procedural By-Law – To address abstaining from the vote, public presentations, time for meeting packages to go out.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Glanville to update the Procedural By-Law so “abstaining” from a vote will be recorded as a “nay”.

All in favor.

Motion carried #57-2025

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Stairs to add that members of the public must submit their presentation in advance for council review and to also change the timeframe on when the requests can be added to the agenda. Council packages will be moved from Friday at noon to Thursday at noon.

All in favor.

Motion carried #58-2025

Susie will draft the changes for 1st reading to amend at the June 9th meeting.

b) Summer Students – Councillor Porter asked where the job was posted and when and asked why it wasn't shared on NBCC. It was shared on the Job Bank, Website & Facebook.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Councillor Porter is working on an updated list for June & July.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Section 68 (1) (j)

Council moved into closed session to discuss the Over All Fire Chief Position at 8:48pm. Mayor Foster declared a Conflict of Interest, signed the form, and left the building. Deputy Mayor Stairs took the chair.

Council moved out of closed session at 9:50pm.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Glanville to accept the recommendation, without consensus, from the Interview Committee to appointed Michael Furrow as the Overall Fire Chief.

2 Yea (Councillor Glanville & Councillor Grant)

5 Nay

Motion failed.

Council moved into closed session at 9:52pm.

Council moved to open session at 9:58pm

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Budd to accept the other recommendation, without consensus, from the Interview Committee to appointed Chris Foster as the Overall Fire Chief.

6 Yea

1 Nay (Councillor Glanville)

Motion approved #59-2025

Council moved into closed session at 10:00pm.

Council moved into open session at 10:15pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT at 10:15pm.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk