

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9th, 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 6:59 pm

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Grant to approve the June 9th, 2025 regular meeting agenda with two additions. Those additions were a discussion on an Engineer and Committee Chairs.

All in favor.

Motion carried #62-2025

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

none

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Yerxa and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2025 special meeting with two additions. Councillor Porter wanted it noted that council wanted Clean, Drain, Dry signs ordered, especially for Meductic and also wanted the summer student position reposted.

All in favor.

Motion carried #63-2025

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRIES/PRESENTATIONS:

a) Chief Foster made a recommendation to council to appoint Dustin Sproul the new Deputy Fire Chief for the Debec Fire Department.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stairs and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to appoint Dustin Sproul DFD's Deputy Chief.

All in favor.

Motion carried #64-2025

DFD Chief Williams was also on hand for the official presentation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Amendments to Procedural By-Law – First reading, by title only.

b) Septic Meductic – Councillor Stairs says that he has been told that DTI is still working on the file. Someone will be contacting the municipal office for more information.

Mayor Foster asked Susie to contact Brad Keilty to explain the situation.

Councillor Porter stated that she wants more information. She wants a timeline of all emails, calls, etc.

c) Strategic Plan – discussed the draft summary. Felt the plan could be more condensed. Will need to set up another meeting with consultant.

d) Capital Borrowing Board – next steps are to secure short-term financing and prepare the tender. Councillor Stairs' public safety committee and Chief Foster will be setting up a Truck Committee to assist with getting the specs for the truck together.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Budd to move forward with securing short-term financing.

All in favor.

Motion carried #65-2025

e) Subunits – Susie explained the process for applying to combine subunits. The following subunits combinations:

Canterbury & Meductic
LSD's of Canterbury, Benton & Lower Woodstock

Debec Inside & Debec Outside
leave the LSD of North Lake

Council questioned if we could back out should they decide not to move forward.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Canterbury Ladies Auxiliary** – The Ladies Auxiliary requested the use of office space at the Canterbury Committee Centre. The group stated that should the municipality be able to find a doctor to open a clinic that they would vacate the space without dispute. Council agreed to allow the Ladies Auxiliary to use one of the offices in the meantime.

b) **Canterbury Ladies Auxiliary** – The Ladies Auxiliary requested funding to purchase a commercial dishwasher for the Canterbury Community Centre. Susie suggested that we apply for funding through the Community Investment Fund. Councillor Stairs requested that we also try to secure funding for a second dishwasher for the Meductic Community Centre.

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

WVRSC are looking at developing a \$40,000 Scholarship program for Medical Students. Lakeland Ridges cost would be \$3,000.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Glanville and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stairs to financially support the WVRSC Medical Student Scholarship program at a cost of approximately \$3,000 for the next four years.

All in favor.

Motion carried #66-2025

First Eel River Lake Cottage Owners requested a meeting to discuss curbside garbage collection, boat wash station, emergency response equipment. The Environment and Solid Waste Management Committee will review the request.

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No reports provided.

Councillor Yerxa stated that he spoke with Wolf and was told the office renovations should be completed in a week or so.

Councillor Porter informed council that the new website has launched. More work still needs done. She stated that she sent a list of changes to the developer. She thanked her committee members, (Patti, Perry, Julia & Linda B) for all their help.

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT

11. QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT

Susie provided council with financial analysis reports for Jan thru May.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a) **E6 presentation** – Ross Lindsay explained the scope of work he was hired to do on behalf of council. Due to the sensitive information within the report, council moved into closed session.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

14. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session began at 8:18pm

14. ADJOURNMENT at 10:28pm.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk