

Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gregory Grant
Deputy Mayor Stephen Manuel
Councillor Elizabeth Luimes
Councillor Hans Stevens
Councillor Lisa Antworth
Councillor Judy Cole
Councillor Rhonda Alward
Councillor Tanya Cloutier
Councillor Barb Glanville

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Patterson – CAO/Clerk

Mayor Grant began the meeting with a welcome and friendly opening statement to set the stage for the next four years.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Grant called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 pm .

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Manuel to approve the June 8th, 2026 regular meeting agenda with addition and one deletion. Councillor Alward asked to have the topic of Deputy Mayor added (under new business). Mayor Grant stated that the invoice under 6. D would not be addressed by council as it should and could be handled by the CAO.

All in favor.

Motion carried #0037-2026

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

none

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor Glanville to approve the April 13th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

All in favor.

Motion carried #038-2026

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Cloutier and seconded by Councillor Glanville to approve the May 27th, 2026, swearing in meeting minutes.

All in favor.

Motion carried #039-2026

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRIES/PRESENTATIONS:

a) Meductic Park Revitalization Committee – Mike MacIlroy addressed council on behalf of the committee requesting the assistance of the CAO in obtaining a WAWA permit and quotes for plan development. The group understand this is a multi year project. He stated they have a great group of volunteers who organized a spring cleanup and did repairs to some of the playground equipment.

Susie explained the process for applying for the WAWA permit and is working on getting the lease agreement in place with NB Power. Progress has been made on getting the land transferred into Lakeland Ridges name from DTI. The paperwork is with our lawyer.

b) JS Bellis – Derron Merryweather gave a presentation to council regarding the proposed changes to garbage collection in the former LSD areas.

MOTION: It was moved by councillor Stevens and seconded by councillor Cole to review the information provided and postpone making a decision until our next council meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #40-2026

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Skiff Lake Waste Disposal site update – Susie said she is still working with AV Nackawic on a lease agreement for the land. She did receive an email from AV stating that they are in agreement and not to hold off the project waiting for them because they are extremely busy and that it might be a while before they get to it. Susie recommended we follow the same practice that we have for all other projects and not invest tax payers' money on land that we do not own until we have a signed lease agreement in place. Council agreed. The project will move forward as soon as the agreement is signed.

b) NLFD expansion RFQ update – All quotes received came in over the budgeted amount with bids ranging between \$220,000 to \$389,000. Given the restrictions in place before an election, the former council could not award the RFQ. Mayor Grant asked how council would like to proceed. Council questioned why the bids came in so high? There was a brief discussion to explain the background with the project.

MOTION: It was moved by councillor Stevens and seconded by councillor Luimes to find out from the Fire Chief what the needs and wants are so it can be determined if the cost will be more than what is already allocated to support the project.

All in favor.

Motion carried #41-2026

c) CCBF projects (NL & Debec) – There was a discussion to explain the Canada Community Building Fund, money received, and a few projects in the works. An old motion (see below) from October 14, 2025 was read.

Deputy Mayor Stairs said there was \$75,000 budgeted for this project but it is not going to cost that much to complete. He said he was asked by the North Lake Recreation Council for additional funds to complete their pickle ball court project and suggested the remaining funds from this project be given to cover the cost to complete the court.

MOTION: *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stairs and seconded by Councillor Stairs to reallocate any CCBF money remaining from the Skiff Lake Waste Disposal Site to the North Lake Pickle Ball Court project.*

All in favor.

Motion carried #101-2025

Because the Skiff Lake Project is not complete, there is no way of knowing how much will be left over. After more discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: It was moved by councillor Cloutier and seconded by councillor Luimes to reallocate up to \$26,806.50 from the Skiff Lake Waste Disposal Site project to the North Lake Pickle Ball Court Project after the completion of the Skiff Lake project.

4 Yay votes (councillors Cloutier, Alward, Luimes & Stevens)

5 Nay votes (councillors Glanville, Antworth, Cole & Manuel with Mayor Grant breaking the tie)

Mayor Grant explained that the North Lake Recreation Council received a little over \$25,000 from the budget already this year. He asked that the original motion made in October of 2025 be rescinded because the amount that will be remaining after the Skiff Lake project is complete is unknown.

Council had another discussion. It was agreed they needed time to review the current CCBF 5-year plan projects before making any decisions on reallocating money. They will revisit the request for reallocating money for the pickle ball project as well as a request from Patti Budd to reallocate money from the WI Hall project to another Debec project, in the near future.

MOTION: It was moved by councillor Cole and seconded by councillor Glanville to rescind the original motion made on October 14, 2025 for reallocating funds to the North Lake Pickle Ball project at this time.

All in favor.

Motion carried #42-2026

d) Meductic Septic in the park – update: A stop work order that was put in place after a drain tile was broken during digging. Additional work had to be done to repair the drain tile and ground work was done to ensure proper drainage. The stop work order cannot be lifted until we have a significant rainfall to ensure the issue has been resolved.

e) Meductic Park Land Ownership – update: The file is currently with our lawyer who is working on the land titles and drafting of the new DEED. Once completed it needs to be reviewed by the office and DTI before everything is finalized.

f) North Lake Park – update: Mayor Grant briefed council on the meeting held with the Deputy Minister of Tourism on June 2. We are one of two parties interested in operating the beach. The other party has land rights and the province is obligated to give them notice. The agreement will be for the beach only this year with an opportunity to include the campground next year. Mayor Grant asked for council support to submit an Expression of Interest letter to the province to move forward with discussion of possibility operating the beach this summer. No final decision to operate would be made without council approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Cloutier and seconded by Councillor Stevens to sent an Expression of Interest letter for operating the North Lake beach to the Province.

All in favor.

Motion carried #43-2026

g) Wildland Gear – The office received notification that the gear was on backorder for another six to seven weeks. Two of the chiefs asked if the order could be cancelled so they could purchase the needed gear from another source who has it available now.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Cloutier and seconded by Councillor Glanville to cancel the order for wildland gear, only after consultation and agreement with all four fire chiefs.

All in favor.

Motion carried #44-2026

Due to the late hour, Mayor Grant asked for a motion to extend the time of the meeting to allow time to discuss the appointing of Deputy Mayor.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Luimes to extend the time of the meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #45-2026

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

N/A

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N/A

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT

Report was provided. No questions.

11. QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT

N/A

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Laptops
- b) Resignation Letter from Over All Fire Chief
- c) RPC test results
- d) Feasibility Study RFQ
- e) Asset Management Plan RFQ
- f) Amend Procedural By-Law - First & Second Reading
- g) First & Second Reading of CAO By-Law
- h) AED funding
- i) Insurance for Rentals

j) Deputy Mayor - Councillor Alward expressed the importance of selecting the Deputy Mayor at our first meeting of council in accordance to the Local Governance Act and to follow the process currently written in our procedural by-law.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Glanville to elect a deputy mayor by following the process in our procedural by-law.

All in favor.

Motion carried #46-2026

Mayor Grant asked if there were any nominations.
Councillor Stevens nominated Councillor Alward who respectfully declined.
Councillors Cloutier, Stevens, Glanville and Manuel all put their names forward.
Councillor Cloutier withdrew her name before the vote.

Mayor Grant called for a vote for each councillor individually with the following results:

Councillor Glanville – 1 vote
Councillor Stevens – 1 vote
Councillor Manuel – 6 votes

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Glanville and seconded by Councillor Cloutier to declare Councillor Manuel as Deputy Mayor for a four-year term.

All in favor.

Motion carried #47-2026

DEFER ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Cloutier and seconded by Councillor Stevens to defer all remaining agenda items until a special meeting on June 29th.

All in favor.

Motion carried #48-2026

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

An updated list has been posted on our website social media page

14. CLOSED SESSION

None

15. Date & Time of next meeting: June 29th, 2026

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:27pm.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk