Municipality of Lakeland Ridges
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Mayor Gregory Grant Deputy Mayor Stephen Manuel Councillor Hans Stevens Councillor Lisa Antworth Councillor Judy Cole Councillor Rhonda Alward Councillor Barb Glanville
ABSENT:	Councillor Tanya Cloutier
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	Susan Patterson – CAO/Clerk

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

A resignation letter was read from Ward 1 Councillor Elizabeth Luimes.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Glanville and seconded by Councillor Cole to approve the July 13th, 2026 agenda.

Councillor Alward requested two items be added to the agenda as items 2 a and 2 b.
seconded by Councillor Stevens.

There was confusion as to what the motion on the floor was.

Mayor Grant asked again for approval of the agenda. Without approval he adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Debate resumed on what motion was on the floor and whether the meeting should continue.

Mayor Grant opened the meeting back up at 7:17pm.

The original motion was amended as follows.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Glanville and seconded by Councillor Cole to approve the agenda with two additions, moving office/council from Meductic to Canterbury and having the CFO attend all meetings.

5 yays
1 nay (Mayor Grant)
1 abstain (Deputy Mayor Manuel), which is recorded as a nay as per the procedural by-law

Motion carried #67-2026

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
none

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
Mayor Grant asked for approval of the June 29th meetings.

Mayor Grant asked a second time for approval of the minutes. Councillor Stevens stood up and gave a Point of Information. ***A copy of his statement is available upon request in the Clerk's office.***

Mayor Grant again called for a motion to adopt the June 29th minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Manuel and seconded by Councillor Glanville to approve the June 29th, 2026, special meeting minutes.

Councillor Stevens and Councillor Alward asked for several amendments.

Mayor Grant asked for approval of the minutes with the amendments.

All in favor.

Motion carried #068-2026

5. PUBLIC INPUT/INQUIRIES/PRESENTATIONS:
a) Meductic Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Brent Sharpe addressed council on behalf of the MFD regarding the safety of the Meductic Building. ***A copy of Chief Sharpe's presentation is available from the Clerk's office.***

b) Meductic Recreation Committee – Michelle Horsman addressed council with concerns as a resident of the community and as a member of the Meductic Recreation Committee which use the facility for functions.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Laptops – Laptops are in. They will be set up as soon as possible.

b) Meductic holding tank RFQ – Mayor Grant read the recommendation from legal counsel on how to proceed. (This document is available upon request). Short version – because a new permit is required and the scope of work has changed, it does require issuing a new RFQ.

c) Feasibility Study –RFQ has not gone out yet but will send it to all of council to have a look at before it gets posted.

d) Asset Management Plan – The RFQ has not gone out yet. However, one quote was received from the consultant who was assigned to us to do out Climate Change Plan. The RFQ still needs to be posted as per our procurement policy.

7. CORRESPNDENCE:

None

8. QUESTIONS REGARDING MAYOR'S REPORT

none

9. QUESTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

a) Councillor Stevens – gave a summary of the July 7th meeting with the North Lake Recreation committee meeting. He, along with councillor Luimes and CFO Sharpe attended on behalf of council. He made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Alward to move $26,800 from some where in the CCBF 5-year plan to the North Lake Pickleball project.

A debate began with several councillors asking questions about the plan and the projects within the plan.

Amendment to the motion: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Alward to move $26,800 from the Skiff Lake Waste Disposal Site project to the North Lake Pickleball/Tennis court project.

4 yays (Councillor Alward, Councillor Stevens, Deputy Mayor Manuel & Mayor Grant)
2 nays (Councillors Cole & Glanville)
1 abstain (Councillor Antworth), which is recorded as a nay as per the procedural by-law.

Motion carried #069-2026

Point of Order made by Councillor Cole who asked for it to be put on the record that there are other wards who have gotten almost nothing and they need things a lot more.

10. <u>QUESTIONS REGARDING CAO'S REPORT</u>
None

11. <u>QUESTIONS TO THE TREASURERS REPORT</u>
none

12. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
Before proceeding, Mayor Grant asked for a motion to acknowledge and accept Councillor Luimes' resignation.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Cole to accept Councillor Luimes' resignation.

All in favor.

Motion carried #70-2026

Mayor Grant asked for a motion to declare a vacancy in Ward 1.

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manuel to declare a vacancy in Ward 1.

All in favor.

Motion carried #71-2026

a) CAO/Clerk's job description – Mayor Grant explained that this was the job description that the CAO/Clerk was given when hired by the province (by transition facilitator).

MOTION: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Manuel and seconded by Councillor Glanville to accept the original job description.

After a long debate, Mayor Grant asked for a vote.

5 yay votes
2 nay votes (Councillor Alward and Councillor Stevens)

Motion carried #70-2026

b) CAO By-Law – Mayor Grant did the first and second reading of the CAO By-Law by title and subtitle. The by-law will be posted on the Municipal website and available in the office for public review.

Extending meeting time:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Alward and seconded by Councillor Stevens to extend the meeting in order to deal with the two additions to the agenda.

Amendment to the motion: It was moved by Councillor Alward and seconded by Councillor Stevens to extend the meeting, up to 30 minutes, in order to deal with the two additions to the agenda.

All in favor.

Motion carried #71-2026

c) Moving of municipal offices –

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Alward and seconded by Councillor Stevens that council immediately put in place a pause on the move of the staff and council to Canterbury until such time as the Municipality of Lakeland Ridges provide to council, within two weeks from this date, all documentation, test results, reports, recommendations, emails, documentation of all phone conversations related to asbestos and air quality, mitigation actions recommended and undertaken regarding the Meductic Community Centre during the past two years, and that this information be reviewed and reported at a public meeting prior to further discussions by council and any decisions being taken.

Questions: Councillor Alward then read a prepared document outlining several questions and concerns. A copy of the document was given to the clerk, after it was read. ***A copy of the document is available upon request in the Clerk's office.***

A long debate took place with many issues surrounding the Meductic building discussed.

Councillor Cole asked for it to be on the record that she is a cancer survivor and this is a serious, serious issue.

Amendment to the motion: It was moved by Councillor Alward and seconded by Councillor Stevens that council immediately put in place a pause on the move of the staff and council to Canterbury until such time as the Municipality of Lakeland Ridges provide to council, within two weeks from this date, *that can be extendable*, all documentation, test results, reports, recommendations, emails, documentation of all phone conversations related to asbestos and air quality, mitigation actions recommended and undertaken regarding the Meductic Community Centre during the past two years, and that this information be reviewed and reported at a public meeting prior to further discussions by council and any decisions being taken.

4 yay votes
3 nay votes (Councillors Antworth, Cole and Glanville)

Motion carried #72-2026

d) CFO attend all meetings - there was a debate on whether or not this is or should be part of the procedural by-law. It was decided to postpone this item until the next meeting so more information could be provided.

Due to the late hour the following motion was made:

MOTION: It was moved by Councillor Glanville and seconded by Councillor Stevens to table items from 12. d) down until the next regular meeting.

All in favor.

Motion carried #73-2026

13. UPCOMING EVENTS
An updated list has been posted on our website social media page

14. CLOSED SESSION
Section 68 (1)(d)
Section 68 (1)(h)
Section 68 (1)(j)

All items will be addressed at the next meeting.

15. Date & Time of next meeting:
A date and time for a meeting to review budget, by-laws and committees, could not be set before the next regular meeting due to councillor's vacations, unavailability, etc.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10th, 2026

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:47pm.

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Mayor	CAO/Clerk