

February 2024 Council Meeting Update

The February 14th, 2024, meeting agenda and supporting documents are posted under the [Council \(Meeting Agendas\) tab](#). Council member contact information can be found under [Council Members](#).

Delegations:

-Tyler Kondra from WSP attended Council Meeting to discuss the Okema Trail and Neis Dr realignments

Okema Trail update - It was noted that the greatest concern was ensuring that drainage is appropriate for the area. The water would be captured and then ran through the municipal accesses to the lake. Discussion surrounding egress with an assumption that Kenderdine Campus would allow access through their property. Will investigate egress developed through Okema Cottage Owners Assoc. property. There were 4 options presented, one with a concrete or asphalt swale along the developed properties, 3 with culverts installed under the road and a ditch along the undeveloped property side. Road water would be channeled to the lake in swales through the existing municipal accesses.

Neis Dr update - tender has been sent to Public Works Manager Ernest Locke to review prior to tendering. Discussion centered on 2:1 slope versus 3:1 slope at the hill. Question was raised regarding the potential of doing a 2:1 slope with a retaining wall on the hill, or a 2:1 slope with a culvert installed under the ditch. Projected completion date of October 31, 2024. Need to ensure that the finished project blends with the existing natural state of the area.

-Chelsea Neuberger, a Plant Health Technical Advisor, from SARM attended the meeting to discuss SARM programs available to municipalities. It's been a number of years since Chelsea has visited. SARM is aware that Lakeland consists of a resort style municipality versus an agricultural one. Lakeland utilizes the Rat Eradication Program by purchasing bait for rat control. There is a gopher control program that Lakeland could partake in if required. Invasive weeds - Lakeland could appoint someone as a weed inspector, ie Ernest. The inspector would review concerned weeds with ratepayers. Does not cover aquatic weeds because that is an environmental issue not an agricultural one. The reimbursement is for herbicides. SARM will cover the monitoring costs as long as the information is recorded in iMaps invasives database. If the weed inspector takes any training those costs can be recovered. The licencing training for application is not covered. SARM Beaver control - Lakeland just uses the beaver control, not the beaver control devices to date. Lakeland could invoice for the material to use to deter beavers while installing beaver control devices.

Bylaws:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings were given to Bylaw No. 1-2024, a bylaw to authorize a special tax for fire protection services.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings were given to Bylaw No. 2-2024, a bylaw to authorize a special tax for street lighting services.

Reports, Discussion, and Actions:

- Building/Development monthly permit report was received. A proposal to re-align the boundary between Lot 15, Block 1, and Lot 16, Block 2, Plan No. 75PA05865 was approved.
- Public Works provided an update on Trees, Beaches, Roads, Equipment, Transfer Station, Lagoons, and drainage. Authorization was given to purchase an AT450 Bobcat Articulating

Tractor and accessories, 20 totes of calcium chloride flakes from Go Pack; and bear proof garbage bins from Fer-Marc Equipment

- Protective Services provided their monthly report with provincial and inter-agency updates.
- Administration provided an update.
- Council appointed Grant Thornton LLP for the 2023 Audit operations, accepted Chris McShannock as the Fire Chief for the Lakeland & District Cooperative Volunteer Fire Department for Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024, and appointed 102121429 Saskatchewan Ltd (BuildTECH Consulting and Inspections Inc., and Construction Code Authority) as the building inspectors.
- A gift of recognition was approved for \$100 for Citizen of the year, Moe Dogniez.

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