

Council Meeting Summary – January 14, 2026

District of Lakeland No. 521

Time: 8:56 a.m. – 4:36 p.m..

The District of Lakeland No. 521 Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Municipal Office in Christopher Lake. The meeting included a public hearing, updates from Public Works, Development, and Administration, several bylaw readings, committee appointments, and operational decisions.

Reports & Delegations

- **Delegation:** Tyler Kondra (WSP) attended as a 10:30 a.m. delegation.
- **Development – Kerry Potter:** Council received the Building/Development Report.
- **Public Works – Jessica Georget:** Council approved the hiring of a temporary Maintenance Level 3 and received the Public Works Report.

Public Hearing

Council held a public hearing regarding a proposed bylaw to close and transfer a municipal walkway immediately north of 611 Marine Drive (Emma Lake) and to relocate the walkway immediately south of the property. No written or verbal submissions were received.

Administration & Operations

- Council made a resolution that effective December 24, 2026, the municipal office will be closed on Christmas Eve.
- Council received the Administration Report.

Bylaws

Council gave three readings and adopted:

- **Bylaw 1-2026 – Special Levy Bylaw (Fire Protection)**
- **Bylaw 2-2026 – Special Levy Bylaw (Street Lighting)**

Council gave first reading to:

- **Bylaw 3-2026 – Road Closure Bylaw (Walkway north of 611 Marine Drive)**
- **Bylaw 4-2026 – Fireworks Bylaw** (to regulate fireworks and establish a permit system)

Administrative & Financial Decisions

- Approved the December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.
- Received the Action/Motion Item Status Report.
- Approved payments totaling \$444,391.98 (including payroll of \$41,504.08).

- Received financial statements and bank reconciliation as of December 31, 2025.

Council Division Reports

Reeve and Councillors provided updates on municipal projects and community meetings, including recreation committee discussions, interviews for the Municipal Enforcement Officer position, snow removal inquiries, and local infrastructure updates (including work along Highway #953 and Anglin-related updates).

New Business

Council approved or confirmed:

- Updated SARM Benefits employer premium contributions based on hours worked.
- Appointment of BuildTECH inspectors for 2026 under the Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act.
- Appointment of Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage Board of Revision and Development Appeals processes (including secretaries).
- Attendance and voting delegates for the 2026 SARM Annual Convention (March 10–12, Regina).
- Hiring of an Administrative Assistant, effective January 12, 2026.
- A \$2,000 donation toward the Christopher Lake Public School playground project.

Committees & Meetings

- Appointed Councillor Cheryl MacMillan to NCLPDC for 2026.
- Authorized signing of the 2026 Fire Service Agreement. **Please note that the municipality has received notification that the fire levy will increase from \$100 to \$150 in 2026.**
- Approved attendance at the NCTPC Workshop (Feb 19, 2026) and the Saskatchewan Lake Stewardship Summit (Feb 11, 2026).
- **Moved the February Council Meeting to Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

In-Camera Session

Council met in-camera at 3:44 p.m. under LAFOIP Section 16(1)(e) to discuss proposed plans of the municipality, reconvening at 4:35 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at **4:36 p.m.**