

Council Meeting Summary – May 6, 2026

District of Lakeland No. 521

Time: 8:59 a.m. – 4:25 p.m.

The District of Lakeland No. 521 Council held its regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, at the Municipal Office in Christopher Lake. The meeting included operational tenders, bylaw approvals, staffing updates, tax discussions, and regular financial and committee reports.

Reports & Operations

- **Public Works – Jessica Georget:**
 - Awarded the dustproofing tender to Green Earth Road Spraying in the amount of \$102,260 plus taxes.
 - Awarded the gravel tender to Wilkinsons for gravel supply, delivery, and spreading on approximately 15 km of municipal roads.
 - Public Works Report received.
- **Development:**
 - Council received the Building/Development Report.
- **Municipal Enforcement:**
 - Mark Irwin was hired as the municipality's new Municipal Enforcement Officer, effective May 19, 2026.

Administration & Operations

- Adopted the updated Hours of Work Policy & Procedure.
- Approved the Ambrose Lane Sign Corridor Diversity and Allocation Policy.
- Administration Report received.

Bylaws

Council gave second and third readings and adopted:

- **Bylaw 7-2026 – Trailer Licencing Fee Bylaw**
- **Bylaw 10-2026 – Tax Exemption Bylaw**

Council gave first reading to:

- **Bylaw 9-2026 – Zoning Bylaw**

A public hearing regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments will be held on **June 10, 2026**.

Administrative & Financial Decisions

- Approved the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes.
- Received the Action/Motion Item Status Report.
- Approved payments totaling \$278,208.60, including payroll of \$42,149.19.
- Received financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2026.

Council Division Reports

Reeve and Councillors reported on recent activities including Municipal Enforcement Officer interviews, HR meetings, recreation planning, environmental initiatives, and regional meetings involving aquatic invasive species, recreation development, and community engagement.

Council also approved proceeding with the **Ambrose Hub & Trail Development Proposal** through Crosby Hanna to develop trail maps and recreation hub planning.

New Business

Council discussed:

- Governance Essentials education opportunities for the municipal sector
- Support request from the Lakeland Early Learning Cooperative
- Mill rate and tax tool options for 2026 taxation

Council approved:

- A 2026 Uniform Mill Rate of 1.82 mills
- Existing base tax structure to remain in place
- Attendance at the SARM Division 5 Meeting in Langham on June 16, 2026

Correspondence & Committees

Council received correspondence from SRSD 119, SARM, STARS, PARCS, and local stakeholders.

Committee updates were provided from CPL Recreation, Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), NCLPDC, SAW, Lakeland & District Fire Department, and Lakeland Recreation Board.

In-Camera Session

Council met in-camera at 3:46 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, including a CAO contract discussion, and reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.