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Over the past weeks, there have been several events occurring in the Rural Municipality of Lakeshore that have significantly impacted the Municipality. Due to employee resignations, the current Council has hired a well-respected firm made up of past chief administrative officers with the expertise to help Council manage the Municipality.

Providing administrative support are key priorities that Council has set for the external expertise that we have engaged. Due to the lack of staff, the Ochre River office is open but with reduced hours, and the satellite office in Rorketon is temporarily closed.

Council is aware of concerns from residents, and we share those concerns because currently, we have questions we don't have answers to. Our priorities are to ensure that critical tasks, for example, meeting statutory requirements, bringing financial records up to date, and payroll for staff, are being done so the Municipality continues to operate. We intend to start staff recruitment as soon as possible.

We also need to allow those we've hired to investigate further to find answers for us. This, unfortunately, will take some time. Once Council has those answers, it is our commitment to share the information with residents.

As a Council, we recognize and appreciate our resident's interest and involvement in their Municipality. We want to assure our citizens that we strive to return to a more acceptable level of service.

We ask for your patience as we work through all the tasks we have before us.

Council of the R.M. of Lakeshore