

**LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
P. O. Box 148, Port Loring, Ontario P0H 1Y0**

Minutes of Board Meeting December 7, 2009

Attending: Alan Dare, Dan Brooks, Mike Legault, Kerry Booth, George Walters,
Nancy Wice, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Al Dare at 7:35 pm.

Conflicts: None declared

Minutes: The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were read by Nancy Wice. Motion by Dan, seconded by Kerry to accept as read. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from Ontario Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration - Volunteer Recognition Award Nomination Form.
Request from Alden & Marlene Moore for refund of tax levy on vacant farm property.
Letter from Wade Avery for refund of tax levy on vacant farm property.
Dan confirmed both requests were valid.

Financial Report: Financial report of November 30, 2009 were read by Nancy. Motion to accept report by Mike, seconded by Kerry. All were in favour, motion carried.

**Bylaws, Motions
And Notices of**

Bylaws: As a prelude to the by-laws, which all have to do with the budget, Dan reviewed the budget that was presented at the November 19, 2009 meeting.

Bylaw 2009-08 to approve the Fire Contract between the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District and the Argyle Volunteer Fire Brigade, covering the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$141,200.00. Motion to pass bylaw by Dan, seconded by Mike. All were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaw 2009-09 to Approve the Insurance Contract between the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District and Despres-Pacey Insurance Brokers Limited, covering the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 in the

amount of \$7,214.40. Motion to pass bylaw by Kerry, seconded by George, all were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaw 2009-10 to Approve the Honorarium to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring & District for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$4,600.00. Motion to pass bylaw by Mike, seconded by Kerry, all were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaw 2009-11 to approve the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District budget for the Board fiscal year of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, as presented at the November 19, 2009 public meeting. Motion to pass bylaw by Sherry Moore, seconded by Mark Jackson, all were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaw 2009-12 Having received the approval of the majority of residents at a public meeting held December 7, 2009, the Board will set a tax levy of \$116.63 per assessable property in the designated Board area. The purpose of this tax levy is to cover board administration, fire, 911, recreation, library, infrastructure improvements and reserves for contingencies for the entire board area. The method of collection will be as stated in Bylaw 2009-07. Motion to pass bylaw by Dan, seconded by Ken Burtch, all were in favour, motion carried.

Before bylaw 2009-12 was voted on, Darrell Rogerson asked about the possibility of changes to the budget resulting in a change to the tax levy. Much discussion took place, but it was determined that any change to the proposed budget and levy would need a new meeting with notice posted for the proper amount of time.

Department Reports:

Finance & Administration:

Dan had nothing to report. Nancy presented a form for signing by Al to authorize her to have access to Canada Revenue Agency accounts in order to be able to apply for the GST refunds.

Marketing:

George reviewed his plans as presented at the November 19, 2009 meeting. His first order of business is to set up a website and suggested a few available domain names. Al asked George to talk to different community members, and get suggestions for the domain name, and present the most popular choice at the next board meeting. Al also asked

George to meet with the Loring Restoule Business Association to advise his plans so that the two websites can plan to work in harmony, not against each other.

Safety:

Mike received the news signs that were ordered and presented a bill to be paid to Trillium Supply for the signs and letters and number for \$629.30. Nothing to report for Library, meeting coming up later in the week. The Fire Department had to replace the floor in the Golden Valley station, this turned out to be a bigger than expected job.

Recreation:

Kerry said that the lighting is almost done, the work is being done by Taylor Stillar of MTY Electrical from Callander. It should be complete by the end of the week. As well as the lights, 14 plug-ins are being installed on the main beams. Kerry will post the tender for a rink attendant this week. He hopes to have ice in before Christmas. Kerry has ordered the meshing for on top of the screen, meshing will go to the ceiling so no pucks can go out. Al commented that some landscaping was done in the fall, and we should now start planning events. Al complimented Kerry on his great work with the Rec Centre. The youths caught last month in the changeroom have been fined for trespassing and are restricted from going to the rink for one year. Linda Berger brought the volleyball nets back.

Infrastructure:

Al advised that Darrell is still doing his ongoing work with MNR about their Enhanced Management Plan boundary, and requesting shelf lots be released for sale. Al attended a Business of Tourism meeting in Parry Sound. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism will be going back regional based tourism dividing the province into 14 areas. We will be in the Muskoka region, which includes Algonquin Park, Parry Sound and Muskoka, which is good for us. The new tourism focus will be on festivals and events, and they are looking to develop new attractions in the North Bay/Sudbury area. Al also attended a meeting concerning the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. This 25 year plan involves 17 of Ontario ministries. Tourism is the largest economic force and job creator in Northern Ontario and we need to have the voice of small communities in this plan. The plan involves creating economic zones and lining up communities with similar needs to work together. Al also attended the meeting about the Nursing Station. Joe Whitmell and Renee LeBlanc both made good presentations. The repairs for the recent water line break will be paid by the insurance and West Parry Sound Health Centre. West Parry Sound Health Centre pays for the operation of the building and for staff salaries, funding for capital costs must come from the

community. At the meeting, Al was asked if the LSB would provide some funding for the Nursing Station. Al did not make any promises, just stating that we would look into it and discuss. The Nursing Station is owned by the West Parry Sound Health Centre. Suggestions were made that the title should be transferred to the Nursing Station board, if it is set up as a non-profit board.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dan says the fire department needs to purchase a shipping container to be used for training, and requests that it be placed on the recreation centre property. A motion to allow this is made by Mike, seconded by Dan.

Dan reminds all board members to make sure the office has all contracts and plans on file. Darrell asked about the contract with Oceans & Fisheries concerning the dock, and it could not be found in the records. Al will give a copy to the office.

A letter was received from Walburg & Marcus Zacherl requesting a 911 sign on their new property on the East Road. Mike advised Nancy to bill them for the \$85, and as soon as they pay it, their sign will go up, since it is already made.

Darrell talked about the recent news that China has listed Canada as an approved tourist destination. This is good news for Canada, as previously they needed an exit visa to visit Canada. The 2nd most popular tourist destination for Chinese tourists is Algonquin Park, so we should see some benefit from this.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kerry, seconded by Dan. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2010.

**Prepared By
Nancy Wice
Secretary-Treasurer**

Posted: December 16, 2009