



LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
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Minutes of Board Meeting July 16, 2020

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Attending via teleconference: Pam Dekoter, Gilbert Moore, Greg Schippers, Kerry Booth and Peggy Whitehead

ACRONYMS

Ministry of Finance (**MOF**), Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (**MPAC**), Local Services Board (**LSB**), Provincial Land Tax (**PLT**), Standard Operating Procedure (**SOP**), Activity Centre (**AC**), Argyle Community Centre (**ACC**), Argyle Heritage Celebration (**AHC**), Conflict of Interest (**COI**), Ministry of Natural Resources (**MNR**), Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, Culture Industries (**MHSTCI**), Request for Proposal (**RFP**), Local Roads Board (**LRB**), Ontario Fire Marshal (**OFM**), Ministry of Northern Development & Mines (**MNDM**), North Almaguin Planning Board (**NAPB**)

Meeting brought to order by Pam at 7:01 p.m.

Conflicts: None

Minutes Motion to accept the minutes for June 18th, 2020 by Gilbert, 2nd by Greg, all in favour, motion carried.

Financial Report: Peggy presented the financial statement for June 30th, 2020. Motion to accept by Kerry, 2nd by Greg, all in favour, motion carried.

Critical Path: Election will be on August 20th, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Bylaws, Motions and Notices of Bylaws:

Unfinished Business:

Unfinished from August 17, 2017

Revised 911 SOP is ongoing. Tanya will volunteer on the 911 committee if she is not on the Board. The secretary will add this to the critical path. Pam checked on the 1000 series for 911 signs and some need to be repaired. Tanya emailed a draft and the main hold up was the signs for lakes and islands. Kerry will contact a few fire chiefs in the area to see how they handle the numbers and then set up a committee to finalize. Kerry will check with Parry Sound as couple he checked does not put numbers on lakes. Pam asked if we are going to

have an audit on one area as discussed in the fall or table this for the new Board. Parry Sound procedure would mean you have to start at the beginning with new numbers. Steve Davis has a topographic map and is able to determine the 911 signs on islands and lakes. Kerry will have a meeting with Andy Hutchins, Steve Davis, someone on the ambulance to finish the SOP in the next couple of weeks and will forward to the Board for their approval. The secretary will send a copy of the data base to Kerry and Steve. Pam mentioned the 1000 series signs, some need replaced, some missing or poles to be fixed. Kerry will ask Steve Davis to check them, change if needed and ask what his fee will be - **ongoing**

Unfinished from December 20, 2018

Debbie mentioned getting a wired in generator in case the power goes out. Gilbert said that we already have the breaker hooked up for this. The Board all agreed to go ahead and Earl will get quotes. Earl has a contact but he is waiting for the engineers for the HVAC before he proceeds. The engineer will do a proposal to go with the HVAC. Kerry will look into this to determine what is required – **this will be tabled for the next Board.**

Unfinished from January 17, 2019

John Wassink mentioned that we should have a removable chain link fence separating the playground and parking lot for children safety. The Board will look into this. Debbie will get quotes from the fencing companies for the ball diamond and will ask them about a chain link fence. As of May 16th, Gilbert suggested getting a flex beam to be put up by the playground for child safety. Motion to move forward with this by Gilbert, 2nd by Larry, all in favour, motion passed. The Board decided to wait until the pavilion is up and to check with the insurance to make sure it is okay. The secretary called the insurance and they said they did not think it would be any extra cost; it was an advantage to the risk. Kerry will check to see what length of flex beam will be required. Gilbert has decided against the flex beam as it is too harsh. He will get an estimate for the cost of cedar of pressure treated barrier for the next meeting. Gilbert checked and wood is not acceptable, still looking at a chain link fence – **tabled until August 2020.**

Unfinished from April 18, 2019

Gilbert has arranged a committee to check all boat launches in the area to see which are in need of repair. The committee so far is Gilbert, Wayne Keetch, John Wassink and Mike Legault. Gilbert has presented a list of boat launches and what they need. Gilbert said this should be checked yearly. John is waiting for MNR to get back to him on the permits he submitted. John received one permit and the work will be done shortly. As of October 17th, John will contact MTO to ask for signs for the highway to say where boat launches are located. Gilbert said Commanda Lake boat launch should be added to the list. Pam will check with MNDM to make sure that this is an eligible expense. John Wassink updated us on boat ramp signs that MTO said there are restrictions that the launch has to be less than 10 km from a highway and that it can support 12 vehicles with trailers. Gilbert will do a tour in the spring and advise the Board. John Wassink said there will be no cost to the Board for signs. The Board decided that they will wait until MNDM gets back to us on whether the Board is allowed to maintain the launches for safety. Pam has got a reply from MNDM and it is still not clear on whether the Board is allowed to maintain launches. This would be an ineligible expense and who would be liable if we do the work. **The Board decided to table this until the next Board.**

Unfinished from May 16, 2019

Debbie said the Board is looking at extending the parking at the AC. Gilbert will talk to contractors to dump their excavation material in and then we will have to level it and put gravel on top. Debbie will check for grants. Melanie from MNDM said there could be funding coming up for this. Pam will call MNDM and check – **tabled for the next Board.**

Unfinished from August 15, 2019

Brian Fox had some questions on 911 on Jack's Lane. Ellen Fox said they need a sign for 70 and 112 has to be moved. Kerry will look into this – **ongoing**

Unfinished from October 17, 2019

There was a bill from M&T Buchanan for installing the 3 poles and since they did not use the rock mounts the price should be reduced based on time and materials to date to be billed. The Board will set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks with Mike Buchanan to discuss the invoice. The Board will pay separately for moving the one pole which needs to be moved. Kerry will see what is needed for the poles and discuss a tender at the next meeting. There have been exchanges of correspondence between the Board and the Buchanan's in an attempt to resolve the situation. The Board has not heard anything from Buchanan's; Pam will send a letter to follow up. There has been a response from Buchanan's on July 15, 2020 and Kerry motioned to get a lawyer, 2nd by Greg, 2 in favour, Gilbert opposed, motion carried. Pam will contact a lawyer – **ongoing.**

Earl Reading asked the secretary if there was a bylaw for advertising on the LSB property. The secretary said there was none. There was a discussion regarding advertising and who is responsible if the signs/benches get damaged. The Board will create a SOP. The Board discussed advertising, Kerry asked a couple of townships and one has a bylaw, but they have to ask approval and one has no bylaws. Discussion on advertising versus recognizing donations, Pam will contact Lana Reading for a copy of the drawings for the gazebo and forward to the Board – **ongoing.**

Unfinished from February 20, 2020

Mike Legault said the bolts are popping out on the boards at the rink and one light is off. Kerry will look into this – **ongoing.**

Unfinished from March 19, 2020

Kerry asked the secretary if we have a map of the property to mark the trails. Pam said she could get a map if she had a copy of the survey/lot/concession, etc. Pam's contact is working from home, but they will look after this when they can return to the office – **ongoing.**

Unfinished from April 16, 2020

Kerry will look into a tender for removing the old air conditioners, boxed in the air ducts and also a deflector roof for the new air conditioner – **ongoing.**

The Board discussed the poles at the ball diamond. Kerry will call Point North for a price on moving the fence inside the poles. Pam will get a cost for wrapping the poles. Kerry will get a price from a couple of contractors. H.J. Brooks said it would be around \$500.00 to \$1000.00 to move a pole. The Board is looking to move the fence inside the poles and will get a cost for that. The Board agreed to go ahead and move the pole, Kerry will contact H.J. Brooks – **ongoing**.

Unfinished from May 21, 2020

Gilbert suggested getting quotes for insurance so the new Board can make a decision for the next term. Frank Cowan will give us a quote 60 days prior on renewal and Pam is working on a quote from PBL – **ongoing**.

Unfinished from June 18, 2020

Pam said the LSB sign on Hwy 522E needs brushing. Kerry said he will look after this.

Correspondence

1. Phone call notifying us that the stop sign across from Trash & Treasure had fallen down.
Action Required: The secretary referred this to the LRB, no further action required.
2. Email from MNDM announcing that COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Heritage Organizations, applications due by September 1, 2020.
Action Required: None
3. Email from MNDM for Seniors Community Grant Program due by August 7, 2020.
Action Required: None
4. 2020 National Fire Chief of the year awards to be submitted by August 12, 2020.
Action Required: None
5. Office of the Employer Adviser for an invitation for free webinars.
Action Required: None
6. Email asking about zoning and property lines. Also, asking if they could meet with a Board member to ask questions on unorganized communities.
Action Required: The secretary referred them to the North Almaguin Planning Board. The secretary will forward her email to Pam as this was missed, no further action required.
7. Email from MNDM Sustainable New Agri-Food Products and Productivity Program launched July 6, 2020.
Action Required: None
8. Bell has pre-recorded a webinar Next Generation 911 on July 6, 2020.
Action Required: None
9. Email from MNDM on New Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Programs.
Action Required: None
10. Email from Modifications 911 asking if we had any more information on a 911 that is in one township but the road is in another.
Action Required: Kerry said to leave it in the township that the road is on, the secretary will contact modifications 911, no further action required.
11. Email regarding the church renting the rink and asked the Board to reconsider the amount that they are being charged.

Action Required: Pam has written a draft reply and the Board agreed to send it, no further action required.

12. Email from MNM regarding Ontario Expanding Access to the Modern Digital Economy is now accepting applications until August 21, 2020.

Action Required: None

13. Email from MNM regarding RTO-12 Summer Voucher Program for Tourism Operators.

Action Required: None

14. Phone call regarding a rabies clinic at Dr. Fitz's office in Sundridge from 6-7 p.m. on August 5, 2020.

Action Required: None

15. Phone call asking what number they give 911 in an emergency and what fire department responds.

Action Required: The secretary asked the fire department to verify that it was Loring and to use the 911 sign on their property and has replied, no further action required.

16. Email from MNM regarding COVID-19 Impacts to Tourism Sector Survey 7.0 Now Open.

Action Required: None

Committee Reports

Library (Pam) None

Recreation
(Kerry, Greg) None

Fire (Gilbert) None

911 (Kerry) None

Administration
(Pam) None

New Business

None

Pay Bills: 6 bills presented to be paid.

On Conference \$71.71

Albert Lamb \$1,017.50.00 (June cleaning and grass cutting)

North Road Landfill \$275.00

Cor Fire & Safety \$126.56

Steve Davis \$300.00 (911 signs)

The following bills have already been paid

Hydro \$83.05

Motioned to pay bills by Gilbert, 2nd by Greg, all in favour, motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next meeting will be on August 20, 2020 following the election.

Prepared By

Peggy Whitehead

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Secretary/Treasurer

Posted on July 22, 2020