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

Minutes of Board Meeting January 21, 2010

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 December 7, 2009 meeting were read by Nancy. Motion by Mike, seconded by George to accept as read. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from Ontario Heritage Trust – Notice of Heritage Week in February.

E-mail from Dominique at NMDMF requesting further documents in order to process request for grant. The documents and changes that were requested were items that should have been already in place from previous years and known by previous boards. Al called Dominique to ask why all this was coming up now and she stated that it happens every year. One item was that the LSB should have a new contract every year with the Library. Al suggested we enlist the support of the School Board Trustee to try to leave our current 2006-2013 in place.

Dan has received a report concerning the closing of the ambulance station. The Port Loring station is slated for closure if the current volunteer count goes below 5 (there are currently 5 volunteers), citing lack of funding to run it, and the building doesn't meet standards. If it closes we would we served by the Powassan ambulance, which will double our time of arrival at the hospital. In comparison it doesn't make sense, the Port Loring station costs $140,000 per year to run, Powassan $500,000 per year and South River $1,300,000 per year. Dan and Al agree that we need to be pro-active about doing something to keep our station open, enlisting the help and support of Dr. McMullen and Renee LeBlanc.

Financial Report: Financial report of December 31, 2009 were read by Nancy. Motion to accept report by Dan, seconded by Kerry. All were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaws, Motions And Notices of

Bylaws: **Bylaw 2010-01 to approve the LSB funding agreement between the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring & District and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry for the Board year October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Motion to pass bylaw by Kerry, seconded by Mike. All were in favour, motion carried.**

Department Reports:

Finance & Administration:
Dan mentions that he and Nancy have completed the OPTA billing adjustments. It was not clear how to charge the $85 to those who have new 911 signs, so it was just left for next year. Nancy said that now that she knows how to navigate in the OPTA site, it will be easier next year and we will start earlier. The taxable properties increased to 1701, so the tax levy goes down to $115.84.
Dan would like to know if we have received a Visa debit card yet. Nancy will look into.

Marketing:
George has reserved and paid for the domain loringlsb.ca. He also reserved the name loringlsb.com so that no one else takes it. Each cost $10.00 per year. The server is set up and a website account is set up, and the website is "under construction". He is working on the design and would like to know what each department or committee would like on their page. There will be a contact page where people can send an e-mail to a certain committee, but the e-mail address where it is going will remain confidential. There will be links to other local websites, library, LRBA, ARSC. George would like to have a logo, Dan will send him a picture of a rock cliff with falls. George is going to do an interview with Dan & Jamie of EZ Rock about his new book and will talk some about Port Loring. George's contact at the North bay Nugget will do a piece about the new website when it is up and running.
George is still reviewing all the bylaws.

Safety/Library:
The Library meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. The computer courses are going very well.

Recreation:
Kerry said that the lighting is done, and he will start the screening next week, the fence posts are ordered. The rink attendant is Jesse Booth. Kerry made a contract for Jesse to sign, but we should have some standard or generic contracts for contract workers to sign, and when it is a company make sure that they have liability insurance. The LSB also will have contract worker liability coverage on the insurance policy. The ice is in good condition, about 3" thick.

Mike asked if the Lion's can use the spare room to serve hot chocolate on the Friday night of Carnival. Kerry said OK as long as they clean up afterwards.
Kerry will form an "official" recreation committee this month, appointing a chair, etc. We should inform the school that they can use the rink during an afternoon.

<u>Government Relations & Infrastructure:</u>
Al has met with the Manager of Regional Tourism in Parry Sound and the Economic Development Officer, and says the new tourism regions will have a major impact in time. Al would like to arrange a community meeting with these two people on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm. He will do flyers to go in the mail.
Al is going to try a different approach to the garbage pickup. There are only 600 households or businesses paying fees at the dump, where is everyone else putting their garbage? He is going to meet with the dump committee, maybe we can have pickup for not much more cost than the current dump fee.

<u>Old Business:</u>
We still need a copy of the Oceans and Fisheries contract.
Dan would like to put the fire department training container at the end of the rink for now, it can moved afterwards, once the site plan is formed. There will be fires lit in the container, but the area will be roped off during the training. Nancy will call the insurance company to see if this is OK to do.

<u>New Business:</u>
Nancy presented bills to be paid:
Jesse Booth $645.00 (43 hours) already paid
Nancy Wice $500.00 (honorarium)
Kerry Booth $51.89 (whiteboard planner)
Kerry Booth $1,344.70 (screening for rink)
Patti O'Handley $38.67 (petty cash reimbursement for DVDs)
Southern Ontario Library Service $204.30 (conference)
Jack The Bookman $76.74 (books)
Minister of Finance $189.36 (CERB contract)
Buchanan's $42.65 (locks and keys)
Port Loring Home Building Centre $1,680.62 (materials for rec centre)
MTY Electric $13,336.77 (lighting rec centre, don't pay until electrical inpection)
Motion to pay all bills by Kerry, seconded by George, all were in favour, motion passed.

Dan asked Nancy to order a sign to put at the back door of the fire hall, saying "LSB Office".

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Prepared By
Nancy Wice
Secretary-Treasurer

Posted: January 29, 2010