



LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
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Minutes of Board Meeting February 15, 2024

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Attending: Kaleb Summers, Pam Dekoter, Mike Legault, Lindsay Lemasurier, Dan Feasby 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 (**MND**), North Almaguin Planning Board (**NAPB**)

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

Conflicts: Potential conflict for Kaleb regarding M&T Buchanan

Minutes Motion to accept the minutes for the January 18, 2024 meeting by Pam, 2nd by Mike, all in favour, motion carried.

Financial Report: Peggy presented the financial statement for January 31, 2024. Motion to accept by Pam, 2nd by Dan, all in favour, motion carried.

Critical Path: None

Bylaws, Motions and Notices of Bylaws:
None

Unfinished Business:

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. This is in court. M&T Buchanan have asked for a settlement meeting. Settlement meeting is set for July 21, 2021. Pam said no progress was made toward a settlement, therefore we're on to the next steps. The Board will decide when they do the budget on whether they will go to court. Court date is set for July 26, 2022. Kaleb inquired about his potential conflict regarding this matter, specifically if he was permitted to be present for any and all discussion relating to the matter, the Chair indicated that he was not. The court date got postponed until December 20, 2022. Court date has been postponed. Court date is set for May 2, 2023. 2/3 were completed in the plaintiff case on May 2, 2023, the next court date is October 25, 2023. Lindsay has been asked by a few people on how much we have paid for legal in this case and asked to be noted in the minutes. The cost for the lawyer is \$21,764.32 including tax to date. The court date has been postponed to May 7 & 8, 2024 - **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. Kerry has Joe Whitmill's contact for maps, the secretary will get the parcels and advise. The secretary will check the survey. The secretary gave Pam the titles for each property. Pam is working on this – **ongoing**.

Unfinished from September 17, 2020

The letter was received from Point North and Pam asked Kerry if he would check with them again if 3 feet in the ground and 2 feet piled around the pole, would this hold up for the netting. Kerry will request written confirmation from Point North indicating whether or not it would have been safe to install the netting on the final 3 poles because of the way they were put in. Point North said they would not guarantee that it would be safe and the netting would fail. Kerry will check with Point North to see when they can install half of the netting. As of June 15, 2023 Pam will call Point North. As of September 21, 2023 Pam will ask Point North for the netting and we will store it at the rink. Pam will see Brian from Point North at court and ask him – **ongoing**.

Unfinished from August 17, 2023

Regarding the suggestions from a property owner with a few ideas for the AC, the Board discussed and said they will look at this for the next budget as it is getting late in the season – **tabled until spring**.

Lindsay will look into getting grants for echargers to see if we could apply. All the information has been sent in and waiting for a reply. Lindsay said he was looking at a Tesla charging station where 15 minutes of charge for 200 km of travel. Only slow chargers available from tesla which are no good to us. Lindsay will be looking at other companies. Lindsay heard from Tesla and said they will require a map/drawing on where we want the echarger before they go any further – **ongoing**.

Unfinished from September 21, 2023

Pam will check with Paul Cameron on filling the holes in the rink from Pickleball. Paul said he would do this before the snow. Mike will get Dave Thier to fill in the holes properly and we will send the bill to Paul – **tabled until spring.**

Lindsay has checked into a price for a new ball diamond and has received a quote from Toronto of \$80,000.00 - \$100,000.00, not including the fill. He will check with more companies – **tabled for spring.**

Unfinished from October 19, 2023

Lorna Davis mentioned that the poles at the ball diamond and hopes that they will either be moved outside the fence or wrapped before baseball starts in 2024. The Board will be looking into this. Lindsay has ordered the foam padding for the poles. Lindsay he is making the foam padding and it will be ready in the spring – **tabled until spring.**

Unfinished from November 3, 2023

Damage to the siding at the rink again. The Board thinks that this is caused by not closing the door and they will look at getting self-closing hinges. Also, Andy Hutchins asked about getting netting for the side of the rink to protect people and cars from pucks. The Board will look into this. Waiting for the hinges to come in – **ongoing.**

Email from the insurance suggesting recommendations to the policies. The secretary will work on this. The secretary has amended the bylaws on policies and the Board said to send it to the insurance to make sure they are okay before we pass a bylaw – **ongoing.**

Unfinished from November 16, 2023

Dave asked about the doors at the rink, to purchase a frame with the door would be \$800.00 to \$1000.00 per unit. Mike will talk to Dave - **tabled until April 2024.**

Unfinished from January 18, 2024

Two letters for directives received from the Health Unit for the water. Lindsay will call the Health Unit and advise the Board. Lindsay is taking the course for the operator of the water system and should be completed next week – **ongoing.**

Complete from December 21, 2023

Lindsay has requested the plastic rails and baseboards to be ready for pickup to bring for our next meeting from either Lowes or Home Depot. They were picked up from Ronas and there were 7 pieces damaged and will replace them for the next meeting – **complete.**

The generac has been serviced by Town & Country. Mike will look into the battery and a cold weather kit – Mike will get in touch with Town & Country. Town & Country said an oil heater is already installed – **complete.**

Correspondence

1. Email asking if Duck Lake Road is plowed and if there is any public access to Wauquimakog Lake.

Action Required: None

2. Email with questions from the auditors.

Action Required: The secretary has answered and emailed back to the auditors; no further action required.

3. Email from MND regarding the modernization of the NSBA and they are having sessions for input.

Action Required: Dan attended via zoom and sent in his suggestions. This is open to all Ontarians and they can provide comments through the Regulatory Register, no further action required.

4. Email from MTCS with our 2023 Annual survey of Public Libraries is now open.

Action Required: The secretary has forwarded this to the Library, no further action required.

5. Email from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs asking to go to their webpage to share feedback for rural communities.

Action Required: None

6. Email asking if the LSB has any dog related bylaws.

Action Required: The secretary replied that the LSB does not have the authority to create bylaws for dogs, no further action required.

7. Email with questions on severing land.

Action Required: The secretary referred them to contact the NAPB, no further action required.

8. Email from CACC for information on one of our maps.

Action Required: The secretary verified the roads and 911 signs, no further action required.

9. Email from MND advising that our operating grant of \$9,531.00 will be deposited on February 2, 2024.

Action Required: None

10. Phone calls and email inquiring about a lot for sale and questions on the LSB property, building, etc.

Action Required: The secretary has referred them to our website and the letter regarding building in an unorganized township, no further action required.

11. Email with a letter from MND advising all Ontarians can provide comments through the Regulatory Register per the modernization of the act.

Action Required: None

12. Email asking if there are any firearms discharge bylaws.

Action Required: The secretary replied the LSB has no authority for discharge firearms bylaws and said they could check with the OPP and MNRF, no further action required.

13. Received from Brokerlink a cheque of \$234.36 for rental insurance refund.

Action Required: None

14. MOF advising that we will receive \$474.04 for missed billing and this will be added to our annual payment.

Action Required: None

15. Email from Emergency Management Intelligence and Data Unit with the emergency profile of LSB's and will be updated in the Fall of 2024.

Action Required: None

16. Email from the auditors with a draft audit and a letter to be signed and returned.

Action Required: Motion by Pam to accept the draft audit, 2nd by Lindsay, all in favour, motioned passed. The secretary will send the signed letter back to the auditors, no further action required.

17. Email advising that the 2023-24 PLOG Funding Approval Letter is on TPON.

Action Required: The secretary will send the letter to the Library board, no further action required.

18. Environmental Health advising that we should post on all faucets that we have sodium exceedance.

Action Required: The secretary will post at the ACC and a sign "do not drink the water" at the AC as there are no filters on it, no further action required.

Committee Reports

Library (Kaleb, Dan) None

Recreation (Lindsay, Mike)

Lindsay said the trim is finished. The glass on the AED needs replaced. Pam has asked on facebook for original pictures of the area to be posted at the ACC.

Fire (Mike, Lindsay) None

911 (Dan) None

Administration (Pam) None

New Business

None

Pay Bills: 10 bills presented to be paid.

Lindsay Lemasurier - \$202.28 (trim)

Albert Lamb - \$362.50 (January cleaning)

Minister of Finance - \$392.70 (PSAP)

Thier Renovations - \$2,542.50 (Rink & labour at the ACC)

Premier Furnace - \$96.05

Whitehots - \$188.33

North Bay Mat Rental - \$74.97

Dianne Feasby - \$1,051.09

These bills have already been paid:

Hydro One - \$1,082.33

Moore Propane - \$947.60

Motioned to pay bills by Pam, 2nd by Dan, all in favour, motion passed.

Public Comment

1. Julie Shaw mentioned a cooling system for the ice rink.

Action Required: Lindsay will check on the cost for this and will also look into curtains for the rink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Peggy Whitehead

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Secretary/Treasurer

Posted on February 22, 2024