



LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
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Minutes of Board Meeting June 23, 2016

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Attending:

Darrell Rogerson, Mike Buchanan, Steve Davis, Hilary Chambers and Peggy Whitehead

Absent: Julia Moore

Carole Mantha and Kara McCaig representing MNDM
55 community members

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**)

Call to order by Darrell at 6:40 p.m.

Darrell explained that tonight's meeting would be a public meeting for voting on the proposed boundaries. The question is:

Are you in favour of Altering the Boundaries of the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District to include:

- a) all of McConkey Township by adding that part of the Township of McConkey lying north of the northerly limit of Concession X being all of Concessions XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX including all Islands in the French River to the northerly limit of the Township of McConkey lying within the District of Parry Sound.
- b) all of Hardy Township adding that part of the Township of Hardy lying North of the northerly limit of Concession X being all of Concessions XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI including all islands in the French River to the northerly limit of the Township of Hardy lying within the District of Parry Sound. All patented lands lying within Concession XXI are excluded.
- c) all of Brown Township.

The Board has had 2 information sessions and a couple of unofficial sessions since October 1, 2015. Darrell read the voting requirements and the ballots are for Brown Township, north of McConkey and north of Hardy. He explained that a yes vote would then authorize the

Board could move forward to explore changing our boundaries. Darrell showed the map of the boundaries and the parks in the area.

Hilary explained the potential for parks and reserves that it will be outdoor adventure. Tourist will come here which means more money and jobs in our community. There is 8 parks and conservation in our area now and 8 more in the proposed area.

Hypothetical, there will be no fee increases in the budget directly related to expanding the Boundary Alteration and fire service will not change. There are 40 properties that incur a fee for services, but no permanent inhabitants. Hypothetical it would be approximately \$3000.00 we would receive from the additional areas. The Board has spent \$57.00 to date and they budgeted \$200.00.

Allan Barber asked about marketing the region of each of the parks. Hilary said that marketing will cost us nothing as she belongs to Explorers Edge and the Local Business Association and they will do the marketing for us. They can't push it if it is not in our area.

Lewis Berger asked if the LSB will go to trade shows for tourism. Hilary said Local Business Association will do this.

Wilf Cosby asked if the vote will be counted tonight. Darrell said the voting goes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and then they count the ballots.

Bruce Haigh asked if there were posters for the meeting and is the vote legal when only few people are here. Darrell said it is legal according to the NSBA Act.

Pam Dekoter asked does Explorers Edge exclude if it is not a LSB or municipality, and Hilary said no.

Lewis Berger asked about fire service in Brown Township, if it is not in our area is it illegal. The Board has a contract with the fire department, but when they get a call if they decide to go outside of the boundary it is their call.

We stopped the meeting at 7:15 p.m. waiting till 8:00 p.m. to count the votes.

At 8:00 p.m. Tim Gerhke and Pam Dekoter acted as scrutineers and Carole and Kara overlooked.

Called to order at 8:20 p.m.


Darrell asked Tim to give us the results and Tim said the Board can proceed with Brown Township, but not McConkey and Hardy Townships.

Mike Legault motioned to destroy the ballots, 2nd by Steve, all in favour, motion carried.

8:25 p.m. motioned to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Steve, all in favour, motion carried.

After the meeting the Board discussed further with MNDM; they agreed that we did have a legal right to know the actual vote number as per item 11 on the agenda, the scrutineers to deliver the count to the chair. The percentage was Brown 71% for 29% against, McConkey 50% for 50% against and Hardy 46% for 54% against.

Prepared By



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Secretary/Treasurer

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