



LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
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Minutes of Board Meeting November 29, 2021

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Attending: Pam Dekoter, Greg Schippers, Mike Legault, Kerry Booth and Peggy Whitehead
Absent: Dagrie Graham
9 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**), 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 7:03 p.m.

Conflicts: Potential conflict by Pam, Mike and Greg for the Budget

Minutes Motion to accept the minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting by Greg, 2nd by Kerry, all in favour, motion carried.

Minutes for the November 18, 2021, the secretary said there is an amendment under Presentation of the Budget where it read "Before the LSB voted on the budget Pam asked if Andy would allow the secretary to put the reserves in the minutes, and Andy agreed". It should have stated that Andy asked the fire department board members who were in attendance and they said to go ahead. Motion to approve the minutes with amendment by Kerry, 2nd by Mike, all in favour, motion carried.

Critical Path: Budget to be approved by December 1, 2021.

Bylaws, Motions and Notices of Bylaws:

Presentation of the Budget

Pam presented the LSB budget. Vernon Hutchins had a question on what was needed for a rink attendant. Kerry said he would need WSIB and insurance. Pam said they can put the amount to cover these requirements in their bid.

Andy Hutchins, Fire Chief of the Argyle Fire Department presented their 2021/2022 fire department budget. Before he started the budget, he asked the LSB Board if they would turn down the budget if they do not show reserves. Pam said they can't answer that until he presents the budget. Last year the budget went up for trucks, buildings and firefighters. This year it went up \$3,000.00 and it worked out to an increase of 80 cents per property. The Fire Department compromised with the LSB and put the income on the budget for last year. They paid \$1,515.00 to firefighters out of MNR income.

Pam said adding income was a good thing to do. While she was disappointed that the reserve accounts are not included, she understands that putting reserves on the budget could cause damage and penalties for the Fire Department Board members if the information was misused. If the LSB gets a formal request from the public regarding the Fire Department, this has and will continue to be referred directly to the Fire Department.

Motion to approve the budget by Greg, 2nd by Pam, 3 in favour, Mike abstained, motion passed.

Mike abstained from voting on the budget due to a conflict with the Corporation Act for the Fire Department, Karen Rivais said they are working on this.

- Bylaw 2021-14 Approve the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District budget for the Board fiscal year of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, as presented at the November 29th, 2021 public meeting and the 1st Request for Payment from MNDM. Motion to approve by Greg, 2nd by Pam, 3 in favour, Mike abstained, bylaw passed.
- Bylaw 2021-15 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, 2021 to September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$348,822.00. Motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Greg, all in favour, bylaw passed.
- Bylaw 2021-17 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, 2021 to September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$11,000.00. Motion to approve by Kerry, 2nd by Greg, all in favour, bylaw passed.
- Bylaw 2021-18 Authorize the Ontario Ministry of Finance to collect the service fees on behalf of the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring and District for the fiscal year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, for administration, recreation, library, emergency telecommunications and fire protection. The total budgeted amount per property for Administration \$11.77, Recreation \$29.89, Library \$0.00, Emergency Telecommunications \$0.00 and Fire Protection \$137.17 and the method of collection is Methodology 2. Motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Pam, all in favour, bylaw passed.

Bylaw 2021-19 Approve the 2021-2022 budget for the Local Services Board of Loring, Port Loring & District. The Board will utilize Methodology 2 and set service fees for each property of **\$178.83** in the designated Board area for the fiscal year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. The purpose of this service fees is to cover board administration, fire protection, emergency telecommunications, recreation, library, infrastructure improvements and reserves for contingencies for the entire board area. Motion to approve by Kerry, 2nd by Mike, all in favour, bylaw passed.

Correspondence

1. Email from a property owner asking if they will have to pay taxes since unvaccinated people could not attend the budget meeting?

Action Required: None

2. Email from a property owner said to attend our meetings only masks are required.

Action Required: None

3. Email asking for a fire extinguisher and a smoke detector as they are helping a family.

Action Required: The secretary has forward this to the Fire Department, no further action required.

4. Email from MNDM asking for a copy of the LSB conflict of interest and on how voting is to occur.

Action Required: The secretary has forwarded the Bylaw 2016-23 Conflict of Interest and Bylaw 2021-12 for Voting, no further action required.

5. Letter from a lawyer regarding Argyle Volunteer Fire Brigade on Examination of Books and records.

Action Required: None

6. Email from West Parry Sound Health Centre on public access defibrillators and was asking us to fill out information on the one at the AC and ACC.

Action Required: The secretary will forward this to Albert Lamb, no further action required.

Pay Bills: 2 bills presented to be paid.

Henderson \$12,870.70 (swing set)

The following have already been paid

Moore Propane \$611.93

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

Public Comment

1. Vernon asked if the lights could be left on in the evening at the rink.

Action Required: The Board agreed that they will have them turned on from 5-9 p.m., and Mike said he would set up the timer, no further action required.

2. John Wassink asked about the lawsuit on the poles.

Action required: Pam said the settlement conference did not go well and now they are on to court, no further action required.

3. The secretary asked if she could post the LSB budget on the website and also asked the Fire Department if she could post their budget on the website.

Action required: The Board agreed and Andy asked the Fire Department board who were in attendance and they also agreed that the Fire Department budget can be posted on the LSB website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Peggy Whitehead
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Secretary/Treasurer

Posted on December 7, 2021