



**LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT**

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**Minutes of Board Meeting April 18, 2024**

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**Attending:** Kaleb Summers, Pam Dekoter, Mike Legault, Dan Feasby, Lindsay Lemasurier (arrived at 7:12 p.m.) 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 6:59 p.m.

**Conflicts:** Potential conflict for Kaleb regarding M&T Buchanan

**Minutes** Motion to accept the minutes for the March 21, 2024 meeting by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, all in favour, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Peggy presented the financial statement for March 31, 2024. Motion to accept by Kaleb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, all in favour, motion carried.

**Critical Path:** None

**Bylaws, Motions and Notices of Bylaws:**

One tender received for grass cutting from Albert Lamb.

Bylaw 2024-04 A bylaw to enter into a contract with Albert Lamb for Grass Cutting at the Activity Centre, Argyle Community Centre and the Ball Diamond in Arnstein, will commence when needed and will end September 30, 2024. The rate paid shall be \$230.00/cut and trim and \$250.00/cut and trim when the bank needs cut. \$27.50/hour to clean up after the snowplow if required. Motion to accept by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, all in favour, bylaw passed.

## **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Pam will be ordering volley ball and basketball nets. Pam had looked into disc golf and they are \$800.00 each, but she will look into this further – **ongoing**.

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. Tesla will not work and Lindsay is looking at a place in St.Catharines. Lindsay said the company will do a formal quote when the government grant becomes available – **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 – **ongoing**.

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. Lindsay said we have to check the ground first and do test holes – **ongoing**.

#### **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. The padding will be ready for the next meeting in May – **ongoing**.

#### **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**.

#### **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 – **ongoing**.

#### **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. Lindsay completed the course but there are more requirements – **ongoing**.

#### **Unfinished from February 15, 2024**

The glass on the AED needs replaced. Mike said Luke Legault was looking into this – **ongoing**.

Pam has asked on facebook for original pictures of the area to be posted at the ACC. Pam has received some pictures, still looking for more – **ongoing**.

Julie Shaw mentioned a cooling system for the ice rink. Lindsay will check on the cost for this and will also look into curtains for the rink. The cooling system is too expensive and will look into curtains – **ongoing**.

### **Unfinished from March 21, 2024**

Earl Reading said that he has received 2 cheques to attend the court and did not know if he should cash them. Pam will check about the cheques and advise. Pam said she will check with the lawyer when they are at court – **ongoing**.

### **Correspondence**

1. Emails for a NFPP Townhall meeting on April 3, 2024.

**Action Required:** Pam did not attend, but said that this was for LSB's that run the fire departments, not for contracting the Fire Department out, no further action required.

2. Email asking who looks after the Golden Valley Landfill.

**Action Required:** The secretary gave them the contact, no further action required.

3. Email asking if there is a local agricultural office to ask questions on the soil before buying property.

**Action Required:** The secretary said to contact the Ministry of Agriculture, no further action required.

4. Email from MOF that we will receive the tax levy of \$574,793.37 which will be deposited on April 5, 2024.

**Action Required:** None

5. Email from MOE asking us if we would be interested in a mobile for collection of hazardous waste.

**Action Required:** The secretary has forwarded the email to Will Matthews and said that there is a program for community members of the North Road/Golden Valley landfill could take the hazardous waste to North Bay, no further action required.

6. Email asking if there are any transportation services in the area for seniors.

**Action Required:** The secretary replied that we do not know of any, no further action required.

7. Email for Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Unincorporated Territories Engagement – Survey available from April 16-May 3, 2024.

**Action Required:** Dan will do the survey, no further action required.

8. Email from Dan advising funding for Ontario Building New and Upgraded Sports and Recreation Facilities, more information will be available summer 2024.

**Action Required:** None

9. HST rebate received in early April of \$21,602.69.

**Action Required:** None

### **Committee Reports**

Library (Kaleb, Dan) On Tuesday the Library was featured on CBC radio by Donna Clelland representing the Library. Science North and Park passes are available at the Library.

Recreation (Lindsay, Mike)

Lindsay has found picture frames for the ACC at \$35.00 each plus tax.  
Still searching for pictures.

Tender for the bathrooms at the ACC will be going out shortly.

Mike will get cement blocks for the generator cover to make sure it  
does not blow over.

Mike will check with Electrified General Contracting to check the  
toilets and the heating in the change rooms.

The public WIFI still not working.

Fire (Mike, Lindsay) Mike said the fire department received new decals for their vehicles.

911 (Dan) None

Administration (Pam) None

### **New Business**

Mike read a letter out from Lorna Davis regarding the public boat access at Wilson Lake-Old Mill Road site. There was a major repair to the boat launch and asking for donations to help with the expenses from the LSB.

**Action Required:** Lindsay will call MND and the Fire Department.

**Pay Bills:** 13 bills presented to be paid.

Hampel Contracting - \$5,608.19 (snowplowing)

Albert Lamb - \$472.50 (March cleaning)

Mike Chalmers - \$344.65 (reimbursement for course)

Port Loring Home Building Centre - \$18.97

Argyle Fire Department - \$412,500.00 (contract)

Whitehots - \$246.53

Ron Dekoter - \$59.33 (sign)

North Bay Mat Rental - \$49.98

Dianne Feasby - \$154.46

North Road Non-Profit Landfill - \$1,000.00 (Hazard material)

**These bills have already been paid:**

Hydro One - \$964.33

Moore Propane - \$911.54

Bell Canada - \$480.17)

Motioned to pay bills by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, all in favour, motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

**None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Peggy Whitehead*

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Secretary/Treasurer

Posted on April 30, 2024