

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER
LAKE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, March 9th, 2010, 7pm**

Reeve: John Roddick

**Councilors: Patricia Bodick
 Richard MacPhail
 Maurice Charbonneau**

Regrets : Tommy Owens

1) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: Patricia Bodick declared a pecuniary interest regarding Item 6b as she is the President of the Catholic Women's League.

2) Confirmation of Minutes of February 16th, 2010 Meeting:

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 1

That the minutes of the meeting held on February 16th, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3) Adoption of current agenda

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 2

That the agenda for the March 9th, 2010 council meeting be adopted with the following addition

Item 8 d) Discontinue acceptance of credit card payments.

Carried.

4) Committees & Delegations

a) Alain Comtois – Emergency Response

Mr. Comtois made a presentation to the council regarding first aid training for municipal staff and volunteers. He presented to the council three quotations for training services to be considered. All of council agreed that it was important to have staff and volunteers trained in first aid in order to be prepared in the event of an emergency. It was agreed that Mr. Comtois' proposal should be considered when the annual budget was prepared.

b) Raymond & Michelle Duplin – regarding complaint about property disputes

Mrs. Duplin made a presentation regarding the complaints lodged by Marcel Langlois that have been received by the municipal council. The council recommended to Mrs. Duplin that she seek legal advice as this was an issue to be settled between the two neighbours and one that did not involve the Township. The Clerk-Treasurer presented to Mrs. Duplin copies of the correspondence received from Mr. Langlois and the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

4) Committees and Delegations (cont'd)

c) Request for permission from the Le Centre Culturel La Mine d'Art to use property owned by Township for a healing lodge.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 3

That Council hereby defers their decision to grant permission to the Le Centre Culturel La Mine d'Art to use property owned by Township for a healing lodge until the exact location can be identified.

Carried.

5) Report Committee

a) Larder Lake Ski Club Committee

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that approximately 61 people attended the recent pancake breakfast and approximately \$200.00 was raised. She reported that the next meeting of the committee would be held on March 15th. It was also reported that the committee will sponsor a dinner on Friday, June 4th, 2010. It was reported that the health inspector of the Timiskaming Health Unit has issued orders to replace the refrigerator currently in the chalet for the 2010- 2011 ski season. Councilor, Patricia Bodick requested that a set of steps be built to enable people to better access the hill. Discussion took place regarding the continued damage being caused people on snowmobiles trespassing on the hill. It was agreed that signage and gates would be installed during the 2010 summer months. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that a by-law concerning fines to be levied for trespassing would also be prepared.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that weather permitting the ski hill would be open for the March Break.

Public Works Foreman, Neil Albright reported that he and John Plaunt would be performing an inspection of the tow and the T-bars before the March Break. He reported that due to the mild weather the hill would be closed on Wednesday, March 10th.

b) Historical Society

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that the Larder Lake Historical Society will be meeting on March 25th, at 7:00pm. Steve Malciw has been in contact with Clark Thompson regarding the historical items that have been collected in the past years.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick also reported that the location of the former cemetery has been located. It was suggested that a small fence be installed to protect the area and that the GPS coordinates be given to Glenn Tunnoch the consultant preparing the official plan and the amended zoning by-law for the Township.

c) 2010 Canada Day Celebration

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that so far two individuals have submitted their names to help organize the event however; to date no one has stepped forward to lead the preparations. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that it is necessary to have more individuals step forward to assist in the events that could be held on that day.

d) Annual Kid's Catfish Derby

Councilor, Maurice Charbonneau reported that he would organize the 2010 Kid's Catfish Derby.

e) Public Works Department

Public Works Foreman, Neil Albright reported on the recent break-in at the Larder Lake Recreation Centre. He also reported that a water-main that occurred on February 16th was repaired at the intersection of Ninth Avenue and Highway 624.

6) **Letters & Communications**

- a) **DTSSAB Board Minutes** – minutes were presented to the council
- b) **Larder Lake Catholic Women’s League – request for donation**

Moved by: Richard MacPhail
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau **Motion#: 4**

That Council hereby authorizes the donation of 100 pens, 100 postcards and 100 paper-weights to the Larder Lake Catholic Women’s League.

Carried.

- c) **Larder Lake Lions Club – request to have the weekend of the 51st Annual Fish Derby be declared a “Community Festival Weekend”**

Moved by: Richard MacPhail
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau **Motion#: 5**

That council hereby declares the Larder Lake Lions Club 51st Annual Fish Derby to be held June 4th – June 6th, 2010 to be an official festival of Larder Lake.

Carried.

- d) **Benson Lake Cottager’s Association – request for financial assistance for road maintenance**

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail **Motion#: 6**

That council hereby defers their decision regarding the reimbursement of the taxes to the Bensen Lake Cottages Association to be used for road repairs until the 2010 budget is established.

Carried.

- e) **Bruce Sheldon – concerns regarding drainage of surface water in the Second Avenue area**

Mr. Sheldon presented to council his concerns about the lack of progress that has been made to resolve the drainage issues on Second Avenue. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she has had discussions with the Ministry of Transportation about the issue but, at this point in time no solution has been established. Mr. Sheldon reported that he was concerned that the issue would be put aside and eventually forgotten and therefore he would try to put pressure on the Ministry of Transportation so that the problem could be resolved.

7) **Unfinished Business**

- a) **To pass a motion to authorize the change of employment status from casual employment to permanent for Marcelle Bilton**

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail **Motion#: 7**

That council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to change the employment status for Marcelle Bilton from a casual position to a minimum .5 FTE position with associated pension and benefits effective March 1st, 2010.

Carried.

7) Unfinished Business (cont'd)

b) Larder Lake Municipal Complex Update

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail Motion#: 8

That council hereby adopts suggestions put forward by Ian Hill, architect for the Larder Lake Municipal Complex Project.

Carried.

c) Dog Pound Agreement with McGarry Township

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau Motion#: 9

That council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with the establishment of an agreement between McGarry Township and the Township of Larder Lake for the use of the McGarry Dog Pound at a rate of \$125.00 per day for each day a dog/cat is impounded in the facility and that all charges associated with this service be passed onto the owner of the pet.

Carried.

8) New Business

a) Public Skating & Hockey Schedule for the Larder Lake skating rink

Public Works Foreman, Neil Albright reported that due to the mild weather the ice has melted at the skating rink and therefore the rink is closed for the season.

b) Adoption of Data Sharing Agreement with the Ministry of Tourism & Culture

Moved by: Richard MacPhail
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau Motion#: 10

That council hereby adopts the Data Sharing Agreement with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

Carried.

c) Authorize the purchase of the annual GIC

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau Motion#: 11

That council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to purchase a GIC for the purpose of future capital purchases in the amount of \$127,527.97

GIC Matured – March 4, 2010	\$ 77,527.97
Purchase for 2009	\$ 25,000.00
Purchase for 2010	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
Total Value of GIC to be purchased.	\$ <u><u>127,527.97</u></u>

Carried.

8) New Business (cont'd)

d) Discontinue acceptance of credit card payments

The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the Township was incurring approximately \$4,000.00 in bank service charges resulting from credit card transactions. All of council agreed that this was an avoidable cost and therefore effective April 30th, 2010 the Township would discontinue accepting credit cards as a means of payment for property tax, water, sewer and garbage disposal charges.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 11a

That council hereby agrees that effective April 30th, 2010 the Township of Larder Lake will no longer accept credit card payments for property tax and water, sewer, and garbage disposal charges.

Carried.

e) To pass a by-law to provide for interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 12

That By-law No. 1280-10 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried.

Moved by: Patricia Bodick

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 13

That By-law No. 1280-10 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

9) That the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010.

10) To pass a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council.

Moved By: Richard MacPhail

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion #: 14

That By-law No. 1281-10 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried.

Moved By: Patricia Bodick

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion #: 15

That By-law No. 1281-10 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

11) Adjourn Meeting:

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded By: Richard MacPhail

Motion #: 16

That since there is no further business that this meeting is now adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer

Cc. Ross, Pope and Associates