

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LARDER LAKE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, January 6th, 2009**

Reeve: John Roddick

**Councilors: Patricia Bodick
 Maurice Charbonneau
 Tommy Owens**

Regrets : Richard MacPhail

1) Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest:

Reeve, John Roddick declared pecuniary interest regarding Item 4a.

2) Confirmation of Minutes of December 9^h, 2008 Meeting:

Moved by: Tommy Owens
Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 1

That the minutes of the meeting held on December 9th, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3) Committees and Delegations:

a) Paul Kelly – appeal for reclassification of property for purpose of billing for water, sewer, waste disposal and recycling services.

Moved by: Tommy Owens
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 2

That due to a conflict of interest, Councilor Patricia Bodick is hereby appointed Acting Reeve to address Item 4a).

Carried.

Mr. Paul Kelly made a presentation to council regarding the current rates that he is being billed for his apartment building for water, sewer, waste-disposal and recycling services. He explained that he felt that he was being charged an excessive amount for these services and that the charge should be revised. He requested that he be charged similar to the Larder Lake Lodge or the Country Motor Inn. Acting Reeve, Patricia Bodick advised Mr. Kelly that his apartment building was compared to all other apartments in the Larder Lake and that he is now being billed appropriately. He also requested that a meter be installed and that he be charged based on usage. Mr. Kelly stated that he had a 75% vacancy rate. Acting Reeve, Patricia Bodick questioned Mr. Kelly as to why he did not rent out his building as an apartment building to obtain 100% occupancy. Mr. Kelly replied that he was able to earn more revenues renting the apartments on an occasional basis then to someone as a permanent home. Mr. Kelly made reference to the Municipal Act in regards that charges could not be increased more than 100% and that he felt that this was what the Township was doing. It was explained to Mr. Kelly that the rates were not increased and that he was being charged for services that he received that he had not previously paid for. It was explained to Mr. Kelly that until August 31st, 2008 he had been charged for a single family household when he should have been charged for five apartments. Acting Reeve, Patricia Bodick thanked Mr. Kelly for his presentation and stated that the charges that are established are flat rates regardless of

3a) Mr. Paul Kelly (cont'd)

usage. She stated that his building contained complete apartments and therefore he would be charged accordingly.

Mr. Kelly reported that Mr. Robert Emmell had completed all of the legal transfer papers for him at the time that he purchased the property from Mr. Bruce Dudgeon. He stated that Mr. Emmell had not required him to pay for the services on an individual apartment basis previously. Council advised Mr. Kelly that Mr. Emmell was incorrect in not administering a charge for these services and therefore it was necessary to correct the situation effective September 1st, 2008. Mr. Kelly asked as to why Mr. Emmell did not administer these charges for all of his apartments. Council responded to his question saying that they are questioning this issue themselves. It was explained to Mr. Kelly that he should have been charged for these services for the last five years and therefore effective September 1st, 2008 it was necessary for the Township of Larder Lake to charge for these services.

It was explained to Mr. Kelly that it was his option as to how he would rent out the apartments or to whom and that it was impossible for the Township of Larder Lake to adjust the rates for water, sewer, waste disposal or recycling on an individual basis. It was explained that it would be impossible for the Township to take into consideration the charges for each household on an individual basis and therefore flat rates for all individual apartments and single family dwellings for these services will remain.

Council advised Mr. Kelly that the commercial rates for water, sewer, waste disposal and recycling would be examined early in 2009 and adjusted accordingly.

The Municipal Council advised Mr. Kelly that they must deny his request.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Tommy Owens

Motion#: 3

That council hereby denies the request for a revision to the charge for water, sewer, waste disposal and recycling for the rental units owned by Mr. Paul Kelly located at 3 First Street, Larder Lake.

Carried.

4) Report Committee

a) 2008 Annual Food Basket Drive

Helen Tryon, made a presentation to council regarding the success of the 2008 Annual Food Basket Drive. She reported that once again the residents of the community were most generous in their donations and that several families benefited from the donations of food and financial contributions. She thanked the members of council and the residents of the community and stated that without their contribution the event would not be possible. She also wanted to thank the Larder Lake Co-op and Leonie Cliche for their assistance in purchasing the turkeys and other food.

Helen Tryon reported that there was some confusion as to the proper addresses of the residents as to where the baskets were to be delivered. Discussion took place as to how the fund raiser and the distribution of the food baskets could be improved. Helen reported that she would be willing to assist in the fundraiser once again.

Reeve, John Roddick and all of council thanked Helen for her efforts in making the event a success.

b) Larder Lake Ski Club Committee

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported opening day for the ski hill was December 26th, 2008. She reported that \$90.50 was raised during a bake sale that was held on January 3rd, 2009. She also reported that there will be a spaghetti dinner held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. The price per plate will be \$6.00. She reported that a pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 between 8am – 10am.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that a meeting for the Larder Lake Ski Club Committee was held on Monday, January 5th, 2009. She also reported that in honour of the 70th Anniversary of the club a fund raising letter will be sent out next week requesting donations be made for future repairs to the grooming equipment, the tow and the chalet. A plaque will be created recognizing all individuals who make a minimum donation of \$50.00 or more. The plaque will then be presented at the 70th Anniversary Steak Supper that will be held at the Larder Lake Recreation Centre. The price for the steak supper will be \$15.00 per plate.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that the Township of Larder Lake will be making a donation of \$100.00 in the form of postage for to the “Friends of the Hill” fundraiser. She reported that several donations have already been received. Reeve, John Roddick announced that he and his wife Cecile would be contributing \$100.00 to the cause.

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Tommy Owens

Motion#: 4

That council hereby agrees to donate to the Larder Lake Ski Club Committee \$100.00 in postage for the Township’s contribution to the “Friends of the Hill” Fundraiser.

Carried.

5) Letters & Communications – none presented

6) Unfinished Business

a) To pass a motion to write off overdue taxes and service charges for properties vested into the Township’s name.

Reeve, John Roddick explained that it was necessary for the Township of Larder Lake to vest several properties into the Township’s name. He also explained that since the tax arrears and penalties were excessive to the amount that the properties could be sold, the amounts should be written off in order to make them more desirable for resale. He explained that a total of \$81,398.26 in tax arrears and penalties would be written off but that once these properties were sold, they would then generate new tax revenues for the Township.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 5

That council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to write off tax arrears and service charges for properties vested by the Township of Larder Lake as per the list provided.

Carried.

6) Unfinished Business (cont'd)

- b) To pass a motion to proceed with the GIS Project and pay monthly cost.**

Reeve, John Roddick explained that Township of Larder Lake has begun to make arrangements for digital mapping to begin in the area. He explained that it will be useful in many ways in both administrative and municipal planning purposes.

Moved by: Patricia Bodick

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 6

That council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with the GIS Project effective February 1st, 2009 with the following associated costs:

Monthly Cost	\$225.00/month (2 year Period)
Cost to Digitize Parcels	\$2000.00
Additional Layers to Mapping	Extra cost as required

Carried.

7) New Business

- a) Pass a motion to offer early payment discounts.**

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded By: Patricia Bodick

Motion #: 7

RE: Tax Discounts

That Council hereby approves a discount on prepayment of taxes for 2009 as follows:

January 2009	1.5%
February 2009	1.0%
March 2009	0.5%

Carried.

- b) Pass a motion to authorize payment of honorarium to Larder Lake Fire Department**

Moved By: Patricia Bodick

Seconded By: Tommy Owens

Motion #: 8

RE: 2008 Fire Department Honorarium

That Council hereby approves payment of an honorarium for 2008 to the Fire Department Officials as follows:

Jacque, Ron – Fire Chief	\$500.00
John Plaunt – Deputy Fire Chief	\$300.00
Captains – W. McLaughlin	\$200.00
M. Charbonneau	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,200.00</u>

Carried.

8) That the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009.

9) To pass a By-law to Confirm the Proceeding of Council.

Moved By: Patricia Bodick

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion #: 9

That By-law No. 1238-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried.

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded By: Patricia Bodick

Motion #: 10

That By-law No. 1238-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

10) Adjourn Meeting:

Moved By: Patricia Bodick

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion #: 11

That since there is no further business that this meeting now be adjourned.

Carried.

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer

Cc. Ross, Pope and Associates