

Committees and Delegations:

a) Helen Tryon – Christmas Hamper Food Drive

A letter was read to council by Ms. Tryon regarding the 2007 Annual Christmas Hamper Food Drive. She congratulated all individuals who donated food, made financial contributions, helped prepare and deliver the baskets to the families. She said that she would be willing to organize the 2008 Annual Christmas Hamper Food Drive. Reeve, John Roddick congratulated Helen for her efforts on behalf of council and the community. Maurice Charbonneau congratulated Helen for her efforts and thanked her for keeping the project alive.

4) Report Committee:

a) Larder Lake Skating Rink:

Maurice Charbonneau stated that he received a request that the town purchase a snow-blower to clear the snow after heavy snow falls. He also inquired as to whether it would be feasible for a cement pad to be constructed at the rink site so that the installation of the rink would not be dependent on the construction of a snow base. It was indicated that due to issues of liability it was not advisable that a cement pad be used for the rink base.

b) Forest Fire Protection Agreement

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that nothing further has developed regarding the Forest Fire Protection Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that it is necessary for the Township to establish the areas to be protected by the Township and by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

- c) Larder Lake Ski Club:** Patricia Bodick reported that she was advised by the Executive Committee for the Ski Club that due to the present weather conditions the ski hill would be closed on Wednesday, January 9th and Friday, January 11th in order to preserve the snow conditions on the hill. It is hoped that the hill will be open on Saturday, January 12th for regular operation.

6) Communications and Letters:

a) Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Announcement of Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Grant.

Reeve, John Roddick, provided a summary of the letter. He explained that the Township of Larder Lake has been successful in obtaining funding assistance in the amount of \$28,716.66 for the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant. This funding will be received each year, commencing 2008

and it will continue for a period of five years. This funding is to be used to offset the costs necessary to train employees as well as for costs to operate and maintain the plant. The agreement specifies that it is not to be used to reduce water rates charged to township residents.

7) Unfinished Business:

b) GIS Mapping Project: Council discussed the benefits of the project that would be achieved in relation to the cost. All agreed that the Township would benefit from the implementation of such a project. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to prepare a motion to authorize the Township to enter into the agreement with CGIS Spatial Solutions in order to implement the project.

c) Ministry of Natural Resources – Project Proposal for the Larder Lake Dam and Raven Lake Dams

Reeve, John Roddick asked the Clerk-Treasurer to arrange a meeting between the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Township of Larder Lake and the Township of McGarry to discuss the concerns regarding the design of the purposed weir.

8) New Business

a) Review Schedule of User Fees

The 2007 Schedule of User Fees was distributed to council. Council was asked to review the current listing and advise the Clerk-Treasurer of their suggestions for changes for the 2008 schedule.

b) Review Schedule of Building Permit Fees

Council reviewed the 2008 Schedule of Building Permit Fees as provided by the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association. Council agreed to accept the schedule as presented.

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded By: Patricia Bodick

Motion #: 3

That the Schedule of Building Permit Fees prepared by the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association be adopted as presented.

Carried.

c) Set Tax Discounts for 2008

Moved By: Tommy Owens
Seconded By: Patricia Bodick **Motion #: 4**

That Council hereby approves a discount on prepayment of taxes for 2008 as follows:

January 2008	1.5%
February 2008	1.0%
March 2008	0.5%

Carried

d) Set date for next Council Meeting

That the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008.

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

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded By: Tommy Owens **Motion #: 5**

That By-law No. 1200-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried

Moved By: Tommy Owens
Seconded By: Patricia Bodick **Motion #: 6**

That By-law No. 1200-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 3rd and final reading and passed.

Carried

10) Adjourn Meeting:

Moved By: Patricia Bodick
Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau **Motion #: 7**

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

Carried.

Reeve
Cc. Ross, Pope and Associates

Clerk-Treasurer