

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LARDER LAKE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, March 17th, 2009, 7pm
Municipal Council Chambers**

Reeve: John Roddick

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

1) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: - Tommy Owens declared a pecuniary interest regarding Item 5b – request by Brooke Owens for financial support for the Kirkland Lake Stingray fundraiser. Patricia Bodick declared a pecuniary interest on Item 5c – presentation of 2009 budget for the Larder Lake Public Library.

2) Confirmation of Minutes of February 17th, 2009 Meeting:

Moved by: Richard MacPhail
Seconded by: Tommy Owens

Motion#: 1

That the minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3) Adoption of current agenda

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 2

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

Item 7c) Letter from Ross Pope & Company – 2008 Corporate Income Tax Return.

Item 9b) To pass a by-law to authorize the official appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer retroactive to September 28th, 2008.

Carried.

4) Confirmation of Accounts

Moved by: Richard MacPhail
Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 3

That the accounts for the period February 28th, 2009 be as follows:

General Accounts	<u>\$141,556.15</u>
Hydro	<u>\$34,481.06</u>
Telephone	<u>\$ 1,632.93</u>
Loan Payment & Interest	<u>\$16,447.14</u>
Water Project	
Payroll	<u>\$ 29,952.46</u>
Total	<u>\$224,069.74</u>

And are hereby approved for payment.

Carried.

5) Committees & Delegations

a) Larder Lake Walleye Enhancement Committee

It was explained that it is necessary for the Larder Lake Walleye Enhancement Committee to become a committee of council in order to be covered under the Township's liability insurance. The insurance coverage is required in order for the committee to be allowed to sell tickets in the Kirkland Lake Mall. The Clerk-Treasurer advised the municipal council that the committee has provided to the Township's some of the necessary information and that the remaining information will be delivered to her. In the meantime, it was acceptable to pass the by-law necessary to declare the Larder Lake Walleye Enhancement Committee to be a committee of council.

Moved by: Richard MacPhail

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 4

That By-law No. 1244-09 being a by-law to establish the Larder Lake Walleye Enhancement Committee as a committee of council and provide for the appointment of members thereto is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried.

Moved by: Richard MacPhail

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 5

That By-law No. 1244-09 being a by-law to establish the Larder Lake Walleye Enhancement Committee as a committee of council and provide for the appointment of members thereto is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

b) Brooke Owens – Request for financial support to the Kirkland Lake Stingray fund raiser.

Moved by: Richard MacPhail

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 6

That Council hereby approves a donation of \$100.00 on behalf of Brooke Owens for the swim-a-thon to benefit the Kirkland Lake Aquatic Stingrays.

Carried.

c) Larder Lake Library Board – Presentation of 2009 Budget

Chairwoman, Leslie Klatt presented the 2009 budget for the library. She explained that the amount of funding that the library was to receive to employ a summer student was uncertain and that this was reflected in the budget presented. It was also pointed out that the budget also included the cost for insurance and other costs paid by the Township on behalf of the library.

Moved by: Richard MacPhail

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

Motion#: 7

That Council hereby passes a motion to accept the 2009 Annual Budget for the Larder Lake Library Board as presented on March 17th, 2009.

Carried.

5) Committees & Delegations (cont'd)

d) Ted & Judy Dolhy – presentation regarding property issues.

Ted and Judy Dolhy made a brief presentation to council regarding why they withdrew their objection regarding the revision of the zoning by-law allowing Robert Bougie to build the house now currently owned by Bruce Dudgeon where it currently stands. Ms Dolhy reported that the council at that time advised them that a by-law amending the current zoning by-law would be passed regardless of the objections presented. She also stated that the council at that time discouraged them from taking their case to the Ontario Municipal Board by telling them that their case would be disregarded.

Ms Dolhy also advised council that their lease for the east half of Block “O” was allowed to expire since the Clerk-Treasurer at that time told Ted Dolhy that there was no point in renewing the lease no one would ever use the property and therefore they were free to continue to use the property as they had done so in the past as well as maintain the property.

6) Report Committee

a) Larder Lake Ski Club Committee

Councilor, Patricia Bodick asked the Clerk-Treasurer if the financial information was brought to the office regarding the pancake breakfast. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that no information was presented and that the money had not been as of yet turned into the office.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that to date 72 donations totaling \$5,300.00 has been received for the “Friends of the Hill” fund raiser.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that there was a large amount of water collecting at the door of the chalet. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Public Works Foreman had already taken action to remedy the situation.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick read a letter from the Timiskaming Credit Union that was received regarding the value that is provided through the operation of the ski hill. The letter was also accompanied by a generous donation.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that the Clerk-Treasurer was working on a confidentiality agreement for all volunteers to be signed when working on events on behalf of the Township of Larder Lake.

b) Recreation Center

Councilor, Patricia Bodick that measures are developed to restrict the use of the general purpose area to a particular space by small groups in order to reduce the cleaning that is being required

c) Preparation of Budget

Reeve, John Roddick explained that the Clerk-Treasurer was currently preparing the 2009 budget for the Township of Larder Lake. He explained that a list of potential projects has been prepared for the council’s review and recommendations. He explained that the list was prepared with no particular priority associated to the projects and that they were merely suggestions. The Clerk-Treasurer read the list to the audience to draw attention to the fact that there is a long list of issues to be addressed by this council as well as by future councils. Reeve, John Roddick then invited the municipal council to provide their input at future council meetings for the issues that should receive priority in 2009.

7) Letters & Communications

a) Bruce Dudgeon – Objection to section of 5th Avenue being sold to Robert Dolhy

Reeve, John Roddick acknowledged that Mr. Dudgeon's letter stating his objection to the sale of the property was received by the municipal council. He stated that each council member had a copy of the letter for their review. He advised the audience that the municipal council was in the process of reviewing the information that has been presented by the parties involved as well a background study that has been completed by the Clerk-Treasurer. He stated that no decision would be made until the council was fully informed of the situation.

b) Request from Bensen Lake Cottagers Association for a grant for road maintenance.

It was explained that each year the municipal council receives a request from the Bensen Lake Cottagers Association as well as the St. Anthony Lake Cottagers Association for a grant to be used for the maintenance of their access roads. It was recommended that a decision regarding the amount of the grant to be awarded for 2009 should be deferred until the request has been received from the St. Anthony Lake Cottagers Association.

c) Letter from Ross Pope & Company concerning the 2008 Corporate Income Tax Return.

Reeve, John Roddick explained to the audience that it was now necessary for the Township of Larder Lake to have an Annual Corporate Income Tax Return prepared and that it was logical to have the accounting firm that performs the annual financial audit prepare the corporate tax return as well.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 8

That Council authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to engage the firm Ross Pope & Company to complete the Township's 2008 Corporate Income Tax Return for the approximate cost of \$750.00.

Carried.

8) Unfinished Business

a) To pass a motion to write off-tax arrears.

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau
Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

Motion#: 9

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.

8) Unfinished Business (cont'd)

b) To pass a motion to declare properties surplus and available for sale.

Moved by: Tommy Owens
 Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 10

That council hereby declares the following properties to be surplus lands available for sale.

Suggested Properties to be declared Surplus				
Roll #	File #	Legal Description	Location on Map	Current Assessment Value
4.444	05-01	Parcel 9045 SST, Lots 142, 144, Plan of Townsite Larder City, Township of Hearst, 0 Second Avenue	1	\$4,500.00
4-621	06-01	Parcel 10724 SST, Lot 569 Plan M128T, Township of Hearst, 0 Government Road	18	\$4,500.00
4.62	06-02	Parcel 11449 SST, Lot 570 & 571 Plan M128T, Township of Hearst, 0 Government Road	19	\$4,600.00
				\$13,600.00

Carried.

c) To pass a motion to authorize the appointment of Park Operator for Raven Beach Park

Discussion took place regarding the appointment of the Park Operator for Raven Beach Park and whether it was necessary to interview the two applicants. Councilor Richard MacPhail stated that he believed that it was necessary to conduct interviews with the two candidates. Reeve, John Roddick asked the municipal council if they were prepared to award the position at this meeting or after interviews were conducted. All of the municipal council with the exception of Richard MacPhail agreed that they had the information necessary to make a decision during the council meeting based on the information presented by the applicants. The decision was then brought to a vote with all councilors with the exception of Richard MacPhail agreeing that the position should be awarded to Helen Tryon.

Moved by: Tommy Owens
 Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 11

That council hereby passes a motion to appoint Helen Tryon for the position of Park Operator for Raven Beach Park for the 2009 Camping Season.

Carried.

9) **New Business**

- a) **To pass a by-law to provide for an 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: Tommy Owens
Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 12

That By-law No. 1245-09 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: Tommy Owens

Motion#: 13

That By-law No. 1245-09 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.

- b) **To pass a by-law to authorize the official appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer retroactive to September 28th, 2008.**

It was explained that it was necessary to pass a by-law to make the official appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer final once the probation period had ended and that the probation period had ended on September 28th, 2008 according to the by-law that was passed at the time of hire.

Moved by: Patricia Bodick
Seconded by: Tommy Owens

Motion#: 14

That By-law No. 1246-09 being a by-law to authorize the official appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer retroactive to September 28th, 2008 is given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried.

Moved by: Tommy Owens
Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

Motion#: 15

That By-law No. 1246-09 being a by-law to authorize the official appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer retroactive to September 28th, 2008 is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

- 9) **That the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st, 2009.**

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

Moved By: Tommy Owens
Seconded By: Patricia Bodick

Motion #: 16

That By-law No. 1247-09 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 #: 17

That By-law No. 1247-09 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 3rd and final reading.

Carried.

11) Adjourn Meeting:

Moved By: Tommy Owens
Seconded By: Patricia Bodick

Motion #: 18

That since there is no further business that this meeting is now adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer

Cc. Ross, Pope and Associates