

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
LARDER LAKE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY,  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Reeve:           John Roddick**

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

**1) Disclosure Pecuniary of Interest:** No disclosure of pecuniary interest was made.

**2) Confirmation of Minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting:**

It was noted that a correction to Motion #1 of the minutes for the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting was necessary since Tommy Owens was absent from the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting and therefore he should not have moved to have the motion passed. Maurice Charbonneau should have moved the motion. It is therefore necessary for the correction to be made.

Moved by:       Maurice Charbonneau  
Seconded by:    Patricia Bodick

**Motion#: 1**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

Moved by:       Patricia Bodick  
Seconded by:    Maurice Charbonneau

**Motion#: 2**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as circulated with correction noted.**

**Carried.**

**3) Committees and Delegations:**

**a) Former employees of the Township of Larder Lake – Re: Payment of Life Insurance, Extended Health and Dental Benefits**

Prior to any discussion taking place, Reeve, John Roddick asked the group if they would prefer to discuss the issue in a closed meeting due to the issue being an employee related issue. Mr. Emmell responded saying that no closed meeting was necessary.

Mr. Robert Emmell presented on behalf of the former employees of the Township of Larder Lake documentation to support their viewpoint that the life insurance as well as the extended health and dental benefits should continue to be paid by the township. Mr. Emmell indicated that he believed that some information was left out of the minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Reeve, John Roddick stated that while council does not agree or disagree to the comments, council will agree to have the comments noted.

Mr. Emmell requested that the following information be noted:

- Council entered into an agreement with M.E.A. (Municipal Electric Association) in 1976 for employees benefit package for extended health care, dental plan and life insurance.
- Benefit package, policies and coverage was approved and implemented by council for all employees and including retirees in 1976.

### **3) Committees and Delegations (Cont'd)**

- Benefit package sets out that if you retire prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday but on or after your 55<sup>th</sup> birthday and you qualify to receive early Pension through OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Services) that your extended health care and dental plan coverage be continued until you reach age 65.
- Benefit package also includes life insurance and if you retire under early retirement or normal retirement pension through OMERS you qualify for a reduced amount of life insurance and will continue after age 65 for lifetime.

Councilor, Patricia Bodick asked Mr. Emmell, “Why did Mr. Emmell write a letter to the Mearie Group requesting that coverage for extended health and dental benefits be granted to retired employees retroactive to April 1, 2000, if these benefits were previously established”. Mr. Emmell replied that it was immaterial as to how the benefits were established it is the fact that they have been established that matters.

Mr. Emmell reported that should the Council for the Township of Larder Lake not agree to continue to provide the payment of life insurance as well as the extended health and dental that the group of retirees would pursue a court action against the township.

#### **b) Rick Vachon – Raven Beach Park Operator Position**

Mr. Rick Vachon explained to council that he believed that he was given poor notice that the position of Park Operator was being tendered for the 2008 Camping Season. Mr. Vachon explained to council the improvements that he believes he has accomplished over the three-year period in which he operated the park. He explained that he believes that many problems and issues were dealt with in a satisfactory matter. Mr. Vachon stated that he felt that the Township is in breach of his contract by proceeding to tender out the position for the 2008 season. Mr. Vachon also stated that he agreed that there may have been some errors in his bookkeeping.

Reeve, John Roddick thanked Rick for his comments and advised him that the tender process will go forward. He advised Rick that he was welcome to submit a tender for the position.

### **4) Report Committee**

#### **a) Larder Lake Youth Committee**

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that skating party that was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was a great success.

#### **b) Larder Lake Ski Club Committee**

Councilor, Patricia Bodick reported that she has received information regarding memberships sold by the Larder Lake Ski Club. She advised that the club was willing to provide a financial statement should the Clerk-Treasurer request it.

#### **c) Official Plan**

Reeve, John Roddick reported that another meeting was held regarding the Official Plan. He reported the committee has finished with its review and now the committee must decide what should be amended to provide for the future of the township. Reeve, John Roddick announced that another meeting would be held on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**5) Letters & Communications**

**a) Recycling Presentation from Teck Northern Roads**

Mr. John Gamble of Teck Northern Roads presented to council a proposal to accept materials for recycling by his company. Mr. Gamble explained that the pick up of recycling materials would be on a bi-weekly basis. He explained that paper products, glass, tin and selected plastics.

Mr. Gamble answered all of council's questions. Reeve, John Roddick thanked Mr. Gamble for attending the council meeting.

**6) Unfinished Business**

**a) Application for Consent – Peter Veinot.**

Moved by: Tommy Owens

Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

**Motion#: 3**

**That Council hereby approves the Application for Consent to server as submitted by Peter Veinot.**

**Carried.**

Moved by: Tommy Owens

Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

**Motion#: 4**

**Re: Notice of Decision of Approval Authority with Reasons  
Application for Consent  
Peter Veinot: File No. 2008-01**

**Pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act, Council hereby grants provisional consent to the application submitted by Peter Veinot, File #2008-01**

**Carried.**

**b) To Pass a motion authorizing support to be given to the Township of Greater Madawaska for support to their resolution regarding compensation to be paid by logging companies who log crown land for maintenance of municipal roads.**

Moved by: Tommy Owens

Seconded by: Patricia Bodick

**Motion#: 5**

**That Council hereby endorses the resolution as presented requesting financial compensation for maintenance of municipal roads due to logging on Crown Land.**

**Carried.**

**7) New Business**

**a) Request from Lance Sosnowich for an extension for the Application of Consent.**

Council had been advised that the Clerk-Treasurer received a request from Mr. Lance Sosnowich for an extension of time be granted so that he may complete the necessary requirements as per the Notice of Decision given by council on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Moved by: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded by: Richard MacPhail

**Motion#: 6**

**That Council hereby grants an extension to Mr. Lance Sosnowich regarding the Notice of Decision dated March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

**Carried.**

**7) New Business (Cont'd)**

- b) To pass a motion to authorize payment of travel expenses to Alain Comtois and Ron Jacques to a fire fighters education conference March 27 – 30, 2008.**

Moved by: Richard MacPhail

Seconded by: Maurice Charbonneau

**Motion#: 7**

**That Council hereby authorizes payment to Alain Comtois and Ron Jacques to attend the Fire Fighters Conference March 27 – 30, 2008.**

**Carried.**

**8) Set date for next Council Meeting**

**That the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

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

Moved By: Maurice Charbonneau

Seconded By: Richard MacPhail

**Motion #: 8**

**That By-law No. 1210-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.**

**Carried.**

Moved By: Richard MacPhail

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

**Motion #: 9**

**That By-law No. 1210-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council is given 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.**

**Carried.**

**10) Adjourn Meeting:**

Moved By: Richard MacPhail

Seconded By: Maurice Charbonneau

**Motion #: 10**

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

**Carried.**

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**Reeve**  
**Cc. Ross, Pope and Associates**

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**Clerk-Treasurer**