

The Local Services Board of Redbridge held its monthly meeting on July 3, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the Recreation Centre.

In attendance were Larry Lecapellain, Laurie Wardell, Joe Wardell, Linda Jessup, Bev Reynolds, and Sam Brand.

There were no additions to the Agenda and no errors or omissions to the minutes were noted. Linda Jessup motioned to adopt the minutes, seconded by Bev Reynolds.

Unfinished business was then discussed. Most Board members had reviewed the new website and had some feedback for Amanda Serson. There were a few typos and Linda Jessup said she would follow up with Amanda. All agreed that Amanda had done an excellent job setting up the site. Mickey Sandula had also reached out with a few questions in terms of the existing site and whether we should continue maintaining the existing site or migrate to the new website. Laurie will forward Mickey's email to Linda and she will follow up with Amanda, but the Board agreed that we should discontinue the phelpstownship.ca website and migrate to the new site by September 1, 2025 if possible.

It was also noted that the Phelps Community Rec Centre website was recently hacked. Sam Brand is working to resolve this issue.

The Board then reviewed bills to be approved for payment. Bev Reynolds presented the library bills for payment. Joe Wardell motioned to pay, seconded by Linda Jessup. Laurie Wardell presented the LSB bills for payment. Bev Reynolds motioned to pay, seconded by Joe Wardell.

The location of the LSB meetings was then discussed. Larry Lecapellain stated that he prefers to meet at the Vet's Club vs the Recreation Centre as the Vet's Club has accommodated us for many years. Other Board members indicated that they do not have a preference as long as the meetings are accessible and held in a public place. Larry will follow up with the Vet's Club to see if they will provide us with a key to the building.

Larry Lecapellain asked if Board members had received the email to participate in the upcoming Ombudsman webinars. Most Board members advised that they would be participating on one of the available dates.

The date for the Election meeting was discussed. The date was tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2025 but this will be confirmed at our monthly meeting in August.

Sam Brand asked if the PCRC could put up a sign by the highway and Larry said he would follow up. Joe Wardell suggested putting up a sign to the effect that the park and surrounding area are the LSB Hub. Joe made a motion to investigate the possibility and cost to put a sign up off the highway reflecting that the area is the LSB Hub and also listing the services provided by the LSB, seconded by Linda Jessup. Joe volunteered to follow up for quotes and Larry will follow up with respect to required road allowance.

The Board then discussed the resignation of Mickey Sandula as well as the concerns he brought forward in his email. There was a difference of opinion among Board members about his concerns regarding the meeting held to discuss the Service Agreement between the LSB and Firehall.

The Statement of Claim that was filed against the Phelps Volunteer Fire Brigade was also discussed. Melissa Moulder has advised that the OFM will be handling this matter including legal representation and will also cover any damages if they are awarded as a result of the claim. Laurie Wardell feels we have a duty to report this to our insurance company as well, in the event we need to make a claim in the future, as we have a responsibility to protect the Fire Department. The Board was in favour.

Linda Jessup also advised the Board that she would not be seeking re-election for personal reasons.

Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Wardell.

Laurie Wardell
Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Lecapellain
Chair