

The Local Services Board of Redbridge held it's monthly meeting on March 6, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the Recreation Centre.

In attendance were Larry Lecappelain (by phone), Laurie Wardell, Joe Wardell, Linda Jessup, Melissa Moulder, Mickey Sandula, Brian Jessup, Jordan Penney, Jacqueline Singer, James Lamothe, Jessica Lamothe, and Clayton Seymour (OFM).

The Chair called the meeting to order and read the Agenda for the meeting.

The Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes of the previous meeting on February 20, 2025. Linda Jessup motioned to adopt the minutes as read, seconded by Joe Wardell.

Melissa Moulder and members of the PVFB attended the meeting to discuss the need for an updated service agreement with the LSB. She presented a sample agreement from a similar fire department for the LSB to review. She also advised that the lack of a current agreement between the PVFB and the LSB was a concern in terms of the LSB's current agreement with the OFM. Laurie Wardell advised that a service agreement was not required by the Ministry for funding purposes and unfortunately this had not been followed up on. It was suggested that Melissa draft an agreement in advance of the LSB's April meeting and Melissa agreed to follow up. Laurie Wardell offered to assist with this if she could be of any help.

The Board then reviewed bills to be approved for payment. Laurie Wardell presented the snowplow invoice for payment. Joe Wardell motioned to pay, seconded by Linda Jessup. Joe Wardell presented the firehall bills for payment. Laurie Wardell motioned to pay, seconded by Linda Jessup.

Laurie Wardell advised those present that Amanda Serson had reached out with concerns that the sign at Redbridge Store needed to be repaired or replaced. She said that she and Guy Mannering had done their best to keep it functional but that it no longer even held letters in place. There was consensus from those in attendance that we needed to have the sign to promote community events. Melissa Moulder stated that the PVFB could contribute up to \$1000.00 for the repair or replacement of the sign from the funds they receive from the OFM for public education. Laurie Wardell will follow up with Dale Chamberlain from LBG Signs to inquire about costs for a replacement sign.

Larry Lecappelain then discussed the need for reliable internet service for Laurie Wardell so that she could fulfill her responsibilities with the LSB without experiencing internet outages. Laurie currently uses Bell Canada and has been having multiple outages. Larry suggested switching to StarLink and suggested that the LSB would cover 75% of the monthly cost. Mickey Sandula stated that he thought this was fair. Melissa Moulder asked who would own the equipment if the LSB switched to StarLink and Laurie Wardell advised that she would purchase the equipment outright and the decision of how the monthly bills would be paid could be made at a later date if this is the option that the Board chooses. Linda Jessup also suggested looking into Xplornet as an option, as she has this at her home and has no issues. Laurie Wardell advised that she has heard from some in the community who say it is also very unreliable and costly when you exceed your monthly data allocation, but that she would follow up for pricing.

Laurie Wardell was asked where meeting notices were posted and she advised that she is required to post in one public location; however, she had posted notices at both the Phelps Public Library and Stop 63. It was suggested that perhaps notices could be posted online as well, and Mickey Sandula offered to post them on the community website. Linda Jessup asked where the meeting minutes would be posted and Laurie Wardell advised that she would post them in public along with the agenda and also send them to Mickey to post online.

Meeting adjourned.

Laurie Wardell

Larry Lecappelain

Secretary/Treasurer
LSB of Redbridge

Chair
LSB of Redbridge