

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF RESTOULE
MINUTES - April 19, 2017 Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Un-Adopted)
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING at RESTOULE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Re: Restoule Legion Branch 639 OTF Project – Unsecured Funding

Present: Board Members Debra Audsley, Chair, Jean Mohr, Secretary, Glenn Scanlan, Susan Hamilton, John Drage

Legion Representative: Ron Holotuk, President RCL

Citizens: 121

Called to order

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Scanlan at 7:05 p.m.

Reason for Meeting

A public meeting of the Local Services Board was held regarding the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) application submitted by the Legion September 14, 2016; and to address 'fund request' from the Legion for the additional unsecured funds - "local share" of the project.

The Legion was successful with their project funding grant. Total approved \$173,250.00 from Ontario 150 Community Capital Program which is 75% of their project estimate. Funding the legion received was for expansion/renovations.

Legion's Presentation – Ron Holotuk

Overview of Legion's Project

- Offer more programs - Expansion/renovations target.
- Total project cost \$231,000.00. Unsecured funds, 25% outstanding.
- Scope of project & why! Renovate to expand square footage of leased legion building to relocate kitchen and increase seating area to meet capacity needs for;
 - Food preparation & increased seating for Ministry of Health subsidized seniors congregate lunches
 - Expanded space for recreation activities (card tournaments, darts tournament, billiard league, table shuffleboard etc.)
 - To built a wheel chair accessible entrance
 - To accommodate senior's health programming (food clinic, visiting nurse, visiting blood lab etc.)
 - Ensure capacity to designate the legion as the Community Emergency Response gathering location and emergency shelter.

The project would enclose and roof what is now an outdoor patio to create space for a relocated kitchen and expand seating/programming area.

Renovation costs cover excavation, foundation, ground work, exterior framing, roof tie in and repair, siding, windows, renovations to existing structure (e.g. existing wall removal, extending heating/cooling, load bearing supports), interior insulation, drywall, flooring, trim work, kitchen structure, plumbing, electrical, engineered drawings etc.

Ron indicated that the legion is not a profit centre; it is a community support organization. The majority of any profits go back to the community.

Local Services Board Presentation – Glenn Scanlan

LSB Budget Passed in the fall & Funding Request Related to Legion's OTF application

LSB Funding Recommendation

Glenn Scanlan advised that a detailed review of the LSB Financial position was completed in order to determine what could possibly be brought forward to our community for consideration in regards to supporting the

Legion's expansion / renovation project.

Glenn presented the following LSB's financial reports;

1) LSB's 7 year Revenue-Expense summaries document which had been updated to reflect Infrastructure Ontario (I.O.) loans and the loan re-payment associated with the oil leak. In addition, the document reflected the opening bank balance at the start of each fiscal year.

Note: The bank balance at the end of a fiscal year or start of a fiscal year reflects the LSB's surplus/reserve funds.

2) Current Approved Budget 2016-2017 - LSB Reserve

Glenn advised that the wheel chair accessible washroom project at the legion is being paid out of the LSB's surplus funds; it is not part of the legion's OTF application.

Unfortunately, due to the Legion not following proper process and a member of our Board, who was aware of the Legion's application and having made a personal commitment on behalf of the Board to the Legion, we had no choice but to have a public meeting. The Board's member was aware of the application in early September but never raised the issue during our budget deliberations in October and November.

OTF confirmed that the LSB is recognized as a government entity.

There is a restriction of 90% total funding from government agencies, therefore the most the LSB can contribute to this project is 15% to bring the total government allocation to 90%. We had set aside \$50,000 of which \$34,650 will go towards the Legion project. The balance will go towards Community Centre improvements. The LSB is seeking support from our community to allocate \$34,650 from our 2016/2017 approved budget towards Legion's initiative.

- Questions/Concerns. Lots of opportunity to ask questions; Answers were provided.

- Why did LSB decrease rent? The legion was in a hardship period, they asked LSB to consider a rent decrease.
- Can the legion afford footprint of 65% increase?

Do the Inhabitants in LSB area have the ability to proxy their vote? Glenn will inquire with M.N.D.M.

Voting

Glenn Scanlan gave explanation of voting process.

Eligibility to vote. Qualifications of an Inhabitant

Voting took place by casting secret ballot.

Wording on Ballot;

I support the LSB contributing \$34,650 toward the Legion's Expansion / Renovation Project

Yes or No

Results of Voting - 108 ballots

77 ballots for - redirecting the funds and

31 ballots against.

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

Moved by Dean Gates, seconded by Wayne Campbell to destroy ballots.

All in favor

Carried.

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by Wayne Campbell, adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

Carried.

(Minutes posted by Jean Mohr, LSB Secretary)