

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brenda Aelick      Colleen Alloi      Vasco Dias  
Jim Withers      Brad Shewfelt      Ed Lapish

**REGRETS:** Chuck Siddall

**SECRETARY:** Rhonda Crozier

**ON MOTION (No. R01-24)** Moved by Ed Lapish seconded by Colleen Alloi  
"That the committee approved the agenda of February 29, 2024 and the minutes of  
August 8, 2023 be adopted as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Business Arising out of the Minutes:**

- a) Brenda Aelick reported that the 2023 Pumpkin Fest was a success. Approximately 300 people attended. **It was the consensus of the committee to ask the council to create a Pumpkin Fest Committee.**
- b) The Swap Meet had a good turnout. Approximately \$800 was raised to be put towards a new sign for the fairgrounds.
- c) LIR washroom repairs were discussed. Budget should include altering the fence to allow for better access to the fairgrounds and a new washroom sign quoted at \$280.

**ON MOTION (No. R02-24)** Moved by Colleen Alloi seconded by Ed Lapish  
"That the committee requests council to **RESERVE \$6500** the remainder of the 2023 funding for repairs to the LIR washrooms to allow for further repairs to fencing and signage in 2024." **CARRIED**

- d) Gazebo Grant Repairs were discussed and \$2500 remaining under the grant will go towards the installation of a wall on the open east side of the Gazebo.

**New Business:**

- a) The committee discussed the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget for the fairgrounds.

**ON MOTION (No. R03-24)** Moved by Brad Shewfelt seconded by Ed Lapish  
"That the committee approves of the 2024 Operating Budget and Capital Budget as discussed." **CARRIED**

- b) Colleen Alloi reported on the RCMP Ride. The North Shore Agricultural Society is volunteering to complete some repairs required for the RCMP Ride. The repairs include Horse Areana Upgrades and Horse Stable Upgrades. Volunteers are needed. The committee also discussed the arena rules.

**The next meeting to be determined.**

**ON MOTION (No. R04-23)** Moved by Ed Lapis  
"That the February 29, 2024 meeting be adjourned."

**CARRIED**

CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_