

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL AS HELD ON JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2004.**

**Present: Mayor Lefebvre and all Councillors.**

1. Moved by Councillor Gregory E. Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Bob MacArthur:

That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004 be deferred until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

Carried.

2. Moved by Councillor Bob MacArthur, Seconded by Councillor Gregory E. Boyce:

That the rate structure for water and sewage levies will remain the same for 2004 as it was in 2003 and the 2004 rate be set at a total of \$79.11 per month for both services.

Amendment proposed by Councillor Peter Davies that the second portion read as follows: "The 2004 rate remain the same as 2003".

Councillor Gerry Remillard wants nay vote to be recorded.

~~Carried~~ *defeated*

3. Moved by Councillor Bob MacArthur, Seconded by Councillor Peter Davies:

Whereas the Ministry of Environment for the Province of Ontario, as a reaction to Walkerton crisis, have imposed addition, stringent testing and other requirements on the drinking water supply in this Province and as of June 01, 2003 have legislated the "Safe Drinking Water Act",

And Whereas the effect of the foregoing has dramatically increased the cost of providing drinking water to all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario but especially to the smaller ones where cost increases in the range of 25% over the last two years is not uncommon,

And Whereas the residents of these small communities can no longer afford to pay for this essential service,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford appeal to the Ministry of Environment to impose a ~~cap~~ *cap* or upper limit on the amount that any residential user is required to pay for the essential service of a water supply.

And Further that this resolution be circulated to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, other municipal governments in Ontario and the Honorable David Ramsay for their consideration and support.

Carried.

4. Moved by Councillor Gregory E. Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Gerry Remillard:

Whereas the imposition of the new Municipal Act for the Province of Ontario has resulted in significant changes in which municipalities and their governments conduct their operations,

And Whereas this has resulted in staff and elected officials requiring an ongoing upgrading in municipal responsibilities and requirements which necessitates their attending conferences and seminars thereby imposing a severe economic hardship on smaller municipalities (often denying them the ability to attend and participate),

And Whereas should the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing resume their role as the provider of these conferences and seminars, at no charge to the participants and in locations that consider all municipalities regardless of size, attendance by all requiring this vital guidance and direction would be virtually assured,

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Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford request the Ministry of Municipal Affaires and Housing to be the provider of cost-free educational conferences and seminars in the District of Temiskaming for the benefit of the 23 municipal governments that exist in this District,

And Further that this resolution be forward to the Temiskaming Municipal Association for their consideration and support.

Carried.

5. Moved by Councillor Gerry Remillard, Seconded by Councillor Bob MacArthur:

That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford agrees to rent the present Clerk-Administrators office and make available council Chambers on "an as required basis" to LEA Consultants for the duration of the bridge contract for the sum of \$500.00 per month.

Carried

6. Moved by Councillor Gregory E. Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Gerry Remillard:

Whereas council has been approached by the Ministry of Natural Resources for the purposes of turning over the land that our Municipal waste disposal is located on,

And Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources is making funds available to the Municipality for the necessary survey and administration costs of having this transfer completed,

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council agrees to purchase this property for the sum of \$1,000.00 in equivalent likeness and kind.

Carried.

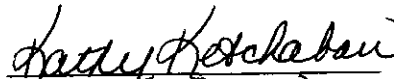
7. Moved by Councillor Peter Davies, Seconded by Councillor Gerry Remillard:

That this meeting do now adjourn until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

Carried.

  
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Mayor

Dated at Latchford this  
9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

  
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Municipal-Clerk (Acting)