

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL AS HELD ON MARCH 8, 2004.

Present: Mayor Lefebvre and all councillors.

1. Moved by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Remillard.

That the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on the 9th day of February, 2004, the 13th day of February, 2004 and the 1st day of March, 2004 be adopted as read and distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

2. Moved by Councillor Boyce, seconded by Councillor Davies.

That the Agenda for the Council meeting be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

Carried.

3. Moved by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor MacArthur.

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford seek a forensic audit of all aspects related to finances of the Town of Latchford if a Provincial Audit is not forthcoming by Monday, March 15, 2004. The cost of which will be brought back to council for approval.

Carried

4. Moved by Councillor Davies, Seconded by Councillor Boyce.

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford delay the advertising and sale of the Marina property(ies) until such a time that land issues, financial issues and tax arrears issues be clarified to the satisfaction of the Council of the Town of Latchford.

Carried

5. Moved by Councillor MacArthur, Seconded by Councillor Boyce.

That By-Law Number 596/04, being a by-law regarding the sale of land, be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

Carried

6. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

That the correspondence be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford authorize the use of all terrain vehicles within the Town of Latchford on thoroughfares maintained and owned by the Town of Latchford.

Carried

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8. Moved by Councillor MacArthur, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford acknowledges its intent to use its 2004 Community Reinvestment Fund allocation for the benefit of taxpayers and that it accepts the 2004 CRF allocation in accordance with the conditions set out in the December 22, 2003 letter received from the Ministries of Finance and Municipal Affairs.

Carried

9. Moved by Councillor MacArthur, Seconded by Councillor Remillard.

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford has be advised by Perry Livingston, Board Chair Person for the Latchford Public Library, that Ron Ranger, a long serving and valued trustee, resigned from the Latchford Public Library due to health concerns.

And whereas his resignation leaves the Library Board with a total of six members instead of the preferred seven members.

Be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby appoints Valerie Clavelle as Trustee of the Latchford Public Library Board.

Carried

10. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford is in receipt of a memo dated February 17, 2004 from the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph, regarding the implementation of the Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O.Reg. 170/3).

Be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, in agreement with the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph, petitions the Provincial Government to defer implementation of the Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O.Reg. 170/3) and that this regulation be reviewed to address the impact on small business operators and service providers in Ontario, and that this resolution be forwarded to FONOM and AMO.

Carried

11. Moved by Councillor Davies, Seconded by Councillor MacArthur.

That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford supports the efforts being made by the Mayors of some of the larger Canadian cities to realize full municipal rebates of the GST and a 5 cent per litre share of the Federal Gas Tax, and

That a similar position be adopted by other municipalities with respect to PST,

and That the Town of Latchford believes that a percentage of the revenues realized by the 8 percent PST and 7 percent GST, imposed on goods and/or services in the various municipalities within the Province of Ontario, and collected and remitted by the organizations and businesses directly to the municipality based upon the time schedules now implemented, and

That this motion be forwarded to the usual municipalities, to AMO, to our local MP and MPP, and to the Mayor of Toronto.

Carried

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12. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor MacArthur.

Be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby gives Kathy Ketchabaw authorization to sign the documentation as required to complete the transfer of property known as Parcel 17488 South Section Temiskaming, being Lot 392, Plan M-57 N.B. to Robert Godden, Jr. and Melissa Ruddy.

Carried

13. Moved by Councillor Davies, Seconded by Councillor Remillard.

That the Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Kathy Ketchabaw, apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant to fund repairs for the House of Memories Museum.

Carried

14. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford is in receipt of a fax from Earth Tech Canada Inc., dated March 5, 2004, wherein Earth Tech advises the need for upgrades to treated water flow meter by May, 2004.

And whereas Earth Tech is seeking the concurrence of council to request tenders to meet the requirements of the order.

Be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby authorizes Earth Tech to proceed with invitations for tenders.

Carried

15. Public Works and Infrastructure Report, March 2004. Presented by Councillor Davies:

The Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Present were: Lee Ketchabaw, Peter Davies, Gregory Boyce and George Lefebvre.

A general inspection of the town roads and dump was again conducted. There was nothing new observed that required immediate attention. We checked the current inventory of street light parts and accessories and found that we have four street light heads. Snow removal and plowing has gone well and we are not aware of any problems.

Street Lights and Street Sign Update

Some bids (2) have already been received for the repair of the street lights; there is at least one more to come. All require the Town to provide the parts to fix the lights. The number of heads would seem to be sufficient but we should purchase some 250 watt bulbs and some 300 watt bulbs for the intersections. We also need a box of photo sensors and ballasts. The price estimate for the stop signs at \$28.70 and dead end signs at \$11.61 has been received from Owl-Lite. Lee has noted that in addition to the new stop signs others also need to be replaced because they have faded due to exposure to the sun. We probably need about sixteen. Lee has suggested that we purchase eight this year and eight next year.

Wage Increases Update

Data is being collected from all the surrounding municipalities on rates of pay plus benefit information. I will be ready to make a presentation to council by the next regular meeting.

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Recommendations to Council.

Street Lights

That the council purchase twenty 200 watt bulbs, five 300 watt bulbs, a box of photo sensors and a box of ballasts.


Street Signs

That the council purchase eight stop signs and two dead end signs from Owl-Lite.

16. Moved by Councillor Boyce, Seconded by Councillor Davies.

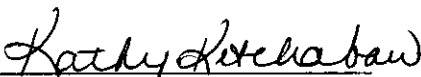
That this meeting do now adjourn until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

Carried.



Mayor

Dated at Latchford this ^{14th} ~~13th~~ day
of ~~April~~ ^{May}, 2004



Municipal Clerk