

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL
AS HELD ON AUGUST 24th, 2004.**

1. *Call to order and mayoral comments.*

Mayor Rick Suy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed our guests. The following people were in attendance.

Mayor Rick Suy, Councillor Peter Davies, Councillor Gerry Remillard, Mac Hamilton & Larry Anderson

Staff: Deb Charyna, Clerk & Deputy Clerk Treasurer Kathy Ketchabaw

Committee: Harold Watts & Diane Remillard

Audience: 15 members from the unincorporated twps of Gilles Limit, Brigstocke & Kittson

2. *Adoption of the agenda as circulated.*

Res. No.: 04/292

Moved by: L. Anderson

Seconded by: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that: the Agenda for the Council meeting be adopted as read, and circulated by clerk.

CARRIED

3. *Declaration of pecuniary interest/conflict of interest.*

No pecuniary interest/conflict of interest was declared.

4. *Deferral of the minutes of the meetings of Council as held on August 11, 2004, August 17, 2004, August 18, 2004 and August 19, 2004.*

Res. No.: 04/293

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that: the minutes of the meetings of Council as held on the 11th day of August, 2004, the 17th day of August, 2004, the 18th day of August, 2004 and the 19th day of August, 2004 be deferred until the next regular council meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

5. *Meeting with Ad Hoc Committee Re annexation.*

Councillor Mac Hamilton opened the meeting with an overview of the position the Town of Latchford has taken in regards to the Annexation of the unincorporated townships neighbouring the Town. Councillor Hamilton reported that under the *New Municipal Act* and the direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; local municipalities are being given more decision making authority. Councillor Hamilton expressed the desire of the Town of Latchford to join together with our neighbours to share the services we can offer such as the library, fire services, 911 emergency services, recreation facilities, etc. Mr. Hamilton informed the public that through talks with upper level governments, there will be a time that these unincorporated townships may not have the option to decide their future, and that now is the time for those residents to get involved. Mac thanked the attendees for coming and requested that any questions they have regarding the annexation of townships be open on the floor.

There were many of the residents of the unincorporated townships that had concerns regarding the annexation of their townships. Questions were directed to and answered by Mayor & Council.

The concerns of the unincorporated residents varied. Some of the concerns noted were:

- communication
- tax increases
- 911/Policing
- Fire Services
- Time frames
- development
- past efforts of amalgamation

The Mayor and Council expressed to the residents the importance that they do have options and that we asked that they do not exclude us from those options. Representatives from the townships were given that draft *Terms of Reference of a Feasibility Study* compiled by the Town of Latchford and asked that the unincorporated members review and share it with their peers. The representatives were asked to attend the next meeting to discuss Annexation, being held on September 2nd, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

6. *Adjournment.*

Res. No.: 04/294

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that: By-Law number 625/04, being a confirming bylaw be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Res. No.: 04/295

Moved by: M. Hamilton

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that: Council now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular council meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 25th day
of August, 2004



Mayor



Clerk