

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Rick Suy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed our guests.

Present: Mayor Rick Suy, Councillors Peter Davies, Gerry Remillard, Larry Anderson & Mac Hamilton

Staff: Deb Charyna, Clerk-Treasurer

There were 11 people in the audience.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Res. No.: 04/391

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

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

CARRIED

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest/conflict of interest.

No pecuniary or conflict of interest was declared.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on November 24th.

Res. No.: 04/392

Moved by: L. Anderson

Seconded by: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on November 24, 2004 be adopted as read, and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Council Committee Reports.

Councillor Anderson noted that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 3, 2004.

Next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on December 6th.

Councillor Hamilton gave his Development Report, as attached.

Councillor Davies gave a brief update on roads and streetlights. He mentioned the meeting held regarding the Bass Fishing Tournament being held next summer, as well as the need to have a meeting with the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

7. Correspondence.

A. Action Items

1. *City of Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board agreement to provide Enhanced 911 Service and Dedicated Fire Answering and Dispatch Service.*

Res. No.: 04/393

Moved by: L. Anderson

Seconded by: G. Remillard

Whereas Council has received the agreements to provide Enhanced 911 Service and Dedicated Fire Answering and Dispatch Service;

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the agreement.

CARRIED

2. *Correspondence from Temiskaming Hospital Board of Directors regarding the elimination of unfunded programs and services requesting support.*

Res. No.: 04/394

Moved by: M. Hamilton

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Whereas the Minister of Health and the Provincial Liberal Government have approached all Ontario Hospitals and advised them that they will no longer provide deficit financing and will therefore have to reduce operating deficits or have funding reduced which will have a significant impact on the operations of the Temiskaming Hospital;

And Whereas as a result of this announcement the Temiskaming Hospital will be forced to reduce services in the following areas: the hospital will be reduced from a 64 bed hospital to a 58 bed hospital to eliminate rehabilitation services that are not funded as well the special care unit will be reduced from a 3 bed to a 2 bed special care unit;

And Whereas the position of the "Infection Control Coordinator" will be eliminated;

And Whereas the satellite chemotherapy service will be eliminated;

And Whereas Cataract Surgery will be cancelled;
And Whereas the Telehealth Service (NORTH Network) will be cancelled;
And Whereas the "Visiting Specialist Clinics" will be cancelled;
And Whereas the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program will be cancelled;
And Whereas the Outpatient Physiotherapy Service will be cancelled;
And Whereas there will be decrease in Support Staff for Inpatient Services specifically support staff such as physiotherapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants and pharmacy technician support are being considered;
And Whereas these cuts are expected to affect 14 full time jobs and 19 part-time jobs at the Temiskaming Hospital;
And Whereas these cuts will affect approximately 5400 patients;
And Whereas this funding reduction will have similar impacts on all area hospitals including Kirkland Lake and Englehart;
Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Town of Latchford is hereby opposed to the funding reductions to Hospitals and hereby petitions the Liberal Government and Premier Dalton McGuinty to reinstate funding levels to local hospitals to avoid detrimental impacts that will inevitably be caused by these reductions;
And Further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable David Ramsay, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane and Minister of Natural Resources, The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-term Care, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and to all northern Ontario MPP's;
And Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Timiskaming Municipal Association, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Hospital Association for their support and endorsement.

CARRIED

3. *Ontario Trillium Foundation Special Initiative for Rural and Small Communities Grant opportunities for libraries.*

Res. No.: 04/395

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

Whereas the Council for the Town of Latchford has received a letter from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) regarding the Special Initiative for Rural and Small Communities;

And Whereas the OTF Grant recognizes the important role small community libraries play across Ontario to improve the quality of life in their communities;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford support the Latchford Public Library with their application for funding to enhance the community library.

CARRIED

4. *Request for Proposal for Audit Services.*

Res. No.: 04/396

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

Whereas the Town of Latchford must appoint auditors to carry out examinations of the records and review of the financial statements of the municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that the attached Request for Proposal package be sent to Accounting Firms so that an evaluation of the proposals submitted can be conducted and the choosing of a Municipal Auditor can be completed at the start of the upcoming fiscal year.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

1. Century 21 donation with note and picture was noted.
2. Recycling Council of Ontario thank you for supporting Waste Reduction Week was acknowledged.
3. Canadian Mental Health Association planned changes for the Northeast Region was noted.
4. Information of the Federal & Provincial Government Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund program aimed at improving the quality of infrastructure in small and rural municipalities was discussed.
5. Response from Hon. David Ramsay regarding Latchford's discussions on the amalgamation of unincorporated townships was noted.
6. North Bay Regional Health Centre Project invitation to upcoming guided tour of the footprint of the new facilities.
7. Temiskaming Municipal Association minutes and agenda was discussed, we will

- 8. Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care Local Health Integration Networks workshops was noted.
- 9. Timiskaming Board of Health minutes and report was noted.

8. Ongoing Business:

Multipurpose Building is coming along, will be holding more work bees.
 Museum is now completed, we will be looking into setting up a Museum Board.
 Crusher Grant
 Annexation talks have begun with Town of Cobalt, we will be looking to continue.
 Review of Municipal By-laws

9. New Business:

Res. No.: 04/397

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

Whereas the Corporation of the Town of Latchford recognizes that expansion, economic development and the sharing of municipal services is vital to the continued financial health and survival of the Town of Latchford

Now therefore be it resolved that \$20,000 be moved from the general reserve fund to a new reserve fund entitled "Annexation/Amalgamation Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Res. No.: 04/398

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford continue talks with the Town of Cobalt and the Township of Coleman regarding Restructuring.

CARRIED

10. Bylaws:

Appointment of Clerk-Treasurer

Res. No.: 04/399

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-law 642/04, being a bylaw to appoint a Clerk-Treasurer, be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

* By-law 642/04, was given three readings and passed.

By-Law to Erect Stop Signs

Res. No.: 04/400

Moved by: G. Remillard

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law 643/04, being a bylaw to erect stop signs, be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

* By-law 643/04 was given three readings and passed.

Confirming By-Law

Res. No.: 04/401

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law 644/04, 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

* By-law 644/04 was given three readings and passed.

11. In camera session, if required.

Res. No.: 04/402

Moved by: L. Anderson

Seconded by: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:15 p.m. to discuss one of the following as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2).

- Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or board.

CARRIED

Res. No.: 04/403

Moved by: P. Davies

Seconded by: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council arise from In-Camera at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

12. **Adjournment.**

Res. No.: 04/404

Moved by: L. Anderson

Seconded by: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 8th day
of December, 2004



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer