

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Rick Suy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed our guests.

Present: Peter Davies, Gerry Remillard, Larry Anderson & Mac Hamilton

Staff: Deb Charyna, Clerk-Treasurer

There were 8 people in the audience.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Res. No.: 05/69

Moved By: G. Remillard

Seconded By: L. Anderson

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.

Fire Chief Pat Underhill gave an update on the New Fire Pumper. The Pumper is being serviced and they hope to have it operational in a few weeks. Chief Underhill also mentioned that there has been an announcement that Fire Departments will be receiving forgivable grant dollars for training purposes.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on March 9, 2005.

Res. No.: 05/70

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on March 9, 2005 be adopted as read, and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Council Committee Reports/Clerks Report.

Councillor Anderson reported that the Winter Carnival was a success and that a committee is being formed to address Recreation for Latchford, beyond what the Council provides.

Councillor Anderson also noted that there will be a Policing Committee meeting on March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Remillard noted the Fire Department and their current efforts, and noted that things are well with the Doctor.

Councillor Hamilton provided his Development Report, as attached.

Councillor Davies noted that there will be a Roads Meeting prior to next Council Meeting. Emergency Measures reports are reviewed as received. Finances were discussed by Councillor Davies. He noted the issues he has regarding the finances of the Town.

7. Correspondence.

A. Action Items

- 1. Discussion regarding the changing of the Employment Policy to include Easter Monday as a Statutory Holiday for the Town of Latchford.*

Res. No.: 05/71

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: P. Davies

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford amend the Employment Policy Manual of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, July 14, 2004 by adding the following to the list of Statutory Holidays;

- Easter Monday

And removing Remembrance Day, effective 2006.

CARRIED.

2. *Discussion of the Procedure for Animal Control.*

Res. No.: 05/72

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford approve the Procedure for Animal Control, as attached with amendments.

CARRIED.

3. Tri-Town District Chamber of Commerce correspondence regarding membership and Annual Dinner was discussed. More information is required on the benefits of the membership.

4. *Resolution required for the Special Assistance Funding request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.*

Res. No.: 05/73

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford authorize the request for Special Assistance Funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Corporation, as attached.

CARRIED.

5. *Approve the Bills & Payroll for the month of February 2005.*

Res. No.: 05/74

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the bills and payroll for the month of February 2005 be approved as attached.

CARRIED.

6. Discussion regarding the Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford Restructuring.

Res. No.: 05/75

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law 658/05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement to adopt the Terms of Reference for a Restructuring Study, be given a first reading by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED.

7. Discussion to change the composition of Council from 5 to 7.

Res. No.: 05/76

Moved By: G. Remillard

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday April 13th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the change in composition of Council from 5 to 7.

CARRIED.

B. Information Items

1. Temiskaming Municipal Association memo regarding the upcoming Meeting was noted. Mayor Suy and Councillor Hamilton will attend.
2. Anthony Rota, MP invitation to attend an information session related to the various programs and services offered by FedNor was noted, Mayor Suy and Councillor Hamilton will attend.
3. Invitation from the City of Temiskaming Shores to participate in the Temagami – South Temiskaming Tourism Revitalization Project planning process was noted.

8. Ongoing Business:

Water & Sewer Rate Project
Crusher Grant
Review of Municipal By-laws
Landfill Site

Latchford Community Centre
Annexation/Amalgamation
Water Treatment Plant

9. New Business:

Council expressed its concern regarding Equity and Fairness. There are issues that are unresolved, and Council feels that the government owes it to us to help rectify these issues. The Assessments in the Town of Latchford are one of these issues.

Res. No.: 05/77

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford make a top priority the completion of the review of individual residential and commercial tax rolls to ensure equity and fairness.

CARRIED.

Letters were read regarding the Heritage Board and the Moose Call.

Res. No.: 05/78

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford amend the Heritage Board members and accept the resignation of Bryan Wareing and remove Bryan Wareing and add Linda Suy.

CARRIED.

10. Bylaws

Terms of Reference By-law

Confirming By-law

Res. No.: 05/79

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: P. Davies

Be it resolved that By-law 661/05, being a confirming by-law, be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED.

11. In camera session.

Res. No.: 05/80

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: P. Davies

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:45 p.m. to discuss one of the following as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2).

- The security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board members

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/81

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford now arise from Closed Meeting at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

12. Adjournment.

Res. No.: 05/82

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 10:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Dated at Latchford this 13th day
of April, 2005

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

