

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Rick Suy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed our guests. Mayor Suy gave his opening comments, noting that the current Council for the Town of Latchford has, since last year, informed the residents that they would take any steps necessary to ensure fairness and equality to all ratepayers. Though this has meant some will not appreciate the change, it is necessary. He discussed the Forensic Audit, noting that we are not able to release it in full at this time because of court proceedings. Mayor Suy made reference to the bullying and intimidation that has been occurring in the Town, noting that it is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. There have been many complaints received regarding the process which we take to rectify the problem areas such as improper lot usage, water and sewer and those who are complaining are those who have wrong doings. This Council will be correcting problem areas, Mayor Suy noted that if any residents know they have a problem area to let us know and we will correct it.

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

Staff: Deb Charyna, Clerk-Treasurer

There were approximately 60 people in the audience.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Res. No.: 05/134

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.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on June 8th, 2005.

Res. No.: 05/135

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on June 8th, 2005 be adopted as read, and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

Local residents will make a presentation to Council. Mr. Bill Lingenfelter presented a list of questions to Council on a variety of issues, Council asked that the questions be submitted in writing and will be responded to in the same manner. Mr. Dave Rideout asked questions to Council and was also asked to submit his questions in writing and would be responded to in the same manner.

6. Amended Agenda

Res. No.: 05/136

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Agenda be amended to move Gillies Limit Annexation to item #6.

CARRIED.

Mayor Suy began discussions on the Annexation with Gillies Limit. Councillor Hamilton addressed the public giving an overview of the discussions to date and noting the benefits for both the residents of Gillies Limit and the residents of Latchford. During this posted public discussion section of the meeting, questions were posed by residents and answered by Council members, once discussions were finished, the following resolution was passed.

Res. No.: 05/137

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford is desirous of submitting a restructuring proposal for the annexation of the unincorporated Township of Gillies Limit;

AND WHEREAS a Municipal Council is authorized to make a restructuring proposal to annex unorganized territory to the municipality under *Section 173(1)* of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended, and *O.Reg 216/96*;

AND WHEREAS notice of the intention of the Council to restructure has been given to the residents of the Town of Latchford for a minimum of one week prior to the passing of the resolution;

AND WHEREAS before the passage of this resolution, the Council for the Town of Latchford heard any person who wished to support or oppose the Restructuring Proposal;
NOW THEREFORE THE Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby supports the restructuring proposal in its entirety as attached for the annexation of the unincorporated Township of Gillies Limit to the Corporation of the Town of Latchford;
AND FURTHER THAT the Restructuring Proposal be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for an Order to implement the Restructuring Proposal effective January 1, 2006.

CARRIED.

7. Council Committee Reports/Clerks Report.

Councillor Anderson reported on the Recreation Committee and the Policing Committee as attached.

Councillor Remillard gave his report as attached.

Councillor Hamilton gave his development report as attached.

Councillor Davies gave his Finance and Public Works reports as attached.

Res. No.: 05/138

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the attached bills and payroll for the month of May be approved.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence.

A. Action Items

1. Chief Building Officer Joint Agreement with local municipalities.

Res. No.: 05/139

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: P. Davies

Whereas Bill 124 – Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act requires Building Officials to be certified by provincial regulation;

And Whereas these new regulations stipulate Chief Building Officials and Inspectors must be qualified to be appointed and to remain appointed, under the Building Code Act as a Chief Building Official or Inspector;

And Whereas many municipalities within the District of Timiskaming will not have a qualified Chief Building Official under these new regulations;

And Whereas small municipalities do not have the resources to meet these new regulations, not do they have the resources to retain the services of a Building Official or Inspector under these new regulations independently;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford recognizes the need to partner in an initiative to create a joint agreement for the retention of a Chief Building Official;

And further that the Council for the Town of Latchford will fully participate in this initiative.

CARRIED.

2. Rate Schedule for Camping/Parking/Docking

Res. No.: 05/140

Moved By: G. Remillard

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that the attached rate schedule for overnight camping/parking at the beach area be authorized by the Council for the Town of Latchford as

“Addendum to By-law 610/04”.

CARRIED.

3. *Request for support of resolution passed by the Town of Cobalt petitioning the Provincial Government and the Ministry of Environment to change the focus of the reporting and regulatory requirements for Water Treatment Facilities.*

Res. No.: 05/141

Moved By: P. Davies

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford support the attached resolution of the Town of Cobalt to petition the Provincial Government and the Ministry of Environment to change the focus of the reporting and regulatory requirements for Water Treatment Facilities.

CARRIED.

4. Township of James request for letter of support for the Elk Lake Eco Resource Centre financial commitment from Temfund was noted, Council will require more information.
5. *Town of Cobalt request for support of resolution to request the assistance of Northern Tel through its Telephone Directory to promote tourism & economy within its coverage area.*

Res. No.: 05/142

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford support the attached resolution of the Town of Cobalt to request the assistance of Northern Tel through its Telephone Directory to promote tourism & economy within its coverage area.

CARRIED.

6. Temiskaming Speaker 100th Anniversary "The Speaker's Century" book listing correspondence was referred to the Finance Committee.
7. *Student Summer positions.*

Res. No.: 05/143

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: P. Davies

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to post the summer student positions as follows:

Museum Attendant (HRDC – Summer Career Placement)

Travel Counsellor (James Bay Frontier)

CARRIED.

B. Information Items

1. AMO Alert – Gas Tax Funding for Ontario Municipalities was noted, all Municipalities will have a share to be used for infrastructure work.
2. Ministry of Transportation corresponded regarding the rehabilitation of the Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V. C. Memorial Bridge was read, noting that the safety concerns will be addressed as the completion of the bridge commences.
3. Ministry of Transportation correspondence regarding the request for the use of the limestone armour stones was noted.
4. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines correspondence regarding Ontario's Mining Expertise Promoted on International Stage was noted.
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing correspondence regarding Provincial-Municipal Cooperation and developing better relations was noted.

9. Ongoing Business:

Water & Sewer Rate Project
Crusher Grant
Water Treatment Plant

Latchford Community Centre
Annexation/Amalgamation
Landfill Site

10. **New Business:**
Res. No.: 05/144
Moved By: P. Davies
Seconded By: M. Hamilton
Be it resolved that Corporation of the Town of Latchford adopt a zero tolerance policy on intimidation of municipal councillors, municipal employees and officers.
CARRIED.

11. **Bylaws**
Restructuring By-law
Res. No.: 05/145
Moved By: G. Remillard
Seconded By: L. Anderson
Be it resolved that By-law 669/05, being a by-law to annex with the unorganized Township of Gillies Limit, be given a first, second and third reading and finally passed by Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.
CARRIED.

** By-law 669/05 was given three readings and passed.

Confirming By-law
Res. No.: 05/146
Moved By: M. Hamilton
Seconded By: P. Davies
Be it resolved that By-law 670/05, 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 670/05 was given three reading and passed.

12. **In camera session.**
Res. No.: 05/147
Moved By: P. Davies
Seconded By: M. Hamilton
Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:00 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;

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/148
Moved By: G. Remillard
Seconded By: L. Anderson
Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed meeting @ 9:15 p.m.
CARRIED.

13. **Adjournment.**
Res. No.: 05/149
Moved By: P. Davies
Seconded By: M. Hamilton
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn @ 9:22 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.
CARRIED.

Dated at Latchford this 13th day
of July, 2005

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

RECREATION REPORT JUNE 22/05

- Souvenirs have been ordered and will be shared by Latchford Community Association and The Historical Society. Will be on sale soon.
- Walkathon total was 1129.15.
- Latchford Firemen donated 100.00 to ^{L.C.A.} Recreation to be used for the Recreation Centre
- Kids dance scheduled for July 1st.
- Swim lesson signs are up and children need to sign up. FEES: \$20 one child - \$30 for 2 children - \$40. for 3 or more.
- L.C.A. meeting at Town office on July 4th at 6³⁰ pm.
- Will be scheduling a first meeting for Latchford 2007 in early July. Watch for posters. on date, place and time.

Larry Anderson
Recreation Chair

COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT JUNE 22/05
- Meeting was held Wednesday June 15th/05
at town office.

Stats:	2005	2004
JAN.	3 calls	2 calls
FEB	6 "	6 "
MARCH	10 "	2 "
APRIL	6 "	11 "
MAY	5 "	5
JUNE	6 "	0
	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>

-Vandalism- Usually the O.P.P. issues a warning for this but as Hatchford council wishes a "zero tolerance" in regards to this charges will be laid and community service could be a likely option. If you vandalize you will pay for it.

-Sergeant Murphy reports Hatchford is a better, quieter, part of his area and we all hope it will continue!

Larry Anderson
Community Policing Chair.

Doctor's Clinic

I've got a copy of the contract agreement between the Town of Latchford and Dr. Brenda Hardie. There's also one here at the Town Office and anyone wishing to read it can come and ask either lady in the office to do so. Everything is running smoothly. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Hardie working here for us.

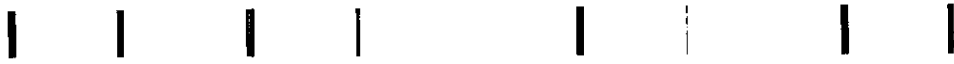
Community Policing Committee

We had a policing committee meeting with Kevin Murphy on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. Some pressing items were thoroughly discussed with Kevin concerning some individuals in our community. No one has to take any intimidation be it physical or verbal abuse from anyone. Kevin says to just place a call to the OPP and it will be taken care of immediately. In attendance were Jackie Eden, Diane Remillard, Ron Hunt, Pat Underhill, Charles Hallworth, Peter Davies, Larry Anderson, and myself.

Re preparations for Annexation Process with Gillies Limit South:

The fire boat has been purchased from Kevin Goddard, with help from the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department who are to contribute fire hoses, fittings etc. according to Chief Pat Underhill and Councillor Peter Davies.

Gerry Remillard



JUNE 22/05

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- ① TOURISM --- HOUSE OF MEMORIES MUSEUM "OPEN"
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS FIRST CLASS
LATCHFORD ATTRACTION --- CONTACT DIANE REMILARD
- GENERAL TOURISM --- MET WITH A BUS LOAD (40)
STUDENTS STOPPING BY FROM MOONBEAM
--- ALSO, A COUPLE FROM FENELON
FALLS TOURING THIS AREA.
-- THE LATCHFORD TOURISM BROCHURE IS A "HIT"
- ② LATCHFORD REAL ESTATE --- ONE REAL ESTATE FIRM INTERESTED
IN OUR THOUGHTS TO STIMULATE THE SALE OF
VACANT MUNICIPAL LOTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN
--- WE NEED THE REVENUE AND ~~THE~~ ADDITIONAL
RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- ③ LATCHFORD RECREATION CENTRE --- QUOTATION RECEIVED
FOR THE TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE
REC. CENTRE COMMUNITY ROOM
--- NEGOTIATIONS FOR A BETTER PRICE IS
ONGOING --
--- THESE COSTS WILL BE ~~COSTED~~ PARTIALLY
COVERED BY THE "OSTAR" GRANT.
--- ANY PRIVATE DONATIONS WOULD BE
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
- ④ L.A. DAM -- SOME DRILL CORE TESTING DONE OVER
THE PAST TWO WEEKS FOR ENGINEERING ANALYSIS.
- ⑤ L.A. BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION -- ON SCHEDULE WITH THE AMENDMENT
AS NEGOTIATED BY COUNCIL WITH MTO.



Finance Report- June 2005

The Finance Committee met on Monday June 20th, 2005.

Present were: Rick Suy, Mac Hamilton, Gerry Remillard and Peter Davies.

A financial report for the month of May was presented. A financial report for 2005 year to date was presented. Cheques, receipts and invoices for the month of May were made available for scrutiny.

Some changes have been made monthly financial statements have already been made but others are still needed. Marg has updated many of the current procedures and we are getting closer to our goal of have a good system that is easy to understand and can supply any data that we require in a timely fashion.

Again we are almost half way through the year of 2005 the finances of the Town of Latchford seem to be on track and on budget with the exception of Hydro costs.

Banking services have been changed to the Bank of Nova Scotia in New Liskeard. All the paperwork has been completed and some of the cheques have arrived. The transition will be complete by the next report.

The 2005 Municipal Budget is available in draft form complete. As soon as we have the new figures for DSAB and Policing we will present the final budget for the year.

Latchford's share of the gas tax will be \$7,078.27 for this year and a total of \$58,978.70 over the next five years. This money can be applied to Municipal infrastructure including water and sewage although it may not be applied to bring down the user rate.

The vote on the annexation of Gilles Limit is less than two weeks away. A positive vote will have tremendous effect on the future of Latchford there is the probability that property taxes would be greatly reduced and a host of new opportunities for the community will unfold. There are exciting times.

The disbursements for the month of May are attached.

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**Public Works and Infrastructure Report
June 2005**

The Public Works Committee met on Friday June 17th, 2005.
Present were: Lee Ketchabaw, Gerry Remillard and Peter Davies.

A general inspection of the town roads was conducted. Roads are in very good condition. Calcium that was required has been applied to the roads.

The completion of the transaction with the Ministry of Natural Resources with respect to the landfill site is on hold until the annexation vote of Gilles Limit is complete. At that time we may have to asses our position to see if current plans still fully meet our future needs.

Land encroachments were investigated. Some signage may have to be relocated. We have had a very good response, with a couple of notable exceptions, from residents who had objects, materials or buildings on town property. The extension of some streets and back lanes were discussed

During the course of the last week there has been intimidation and confrontation directed towards both members of council and municipal employees and officers as they have fulfilled their duties.

Council has to have zero tolerance for these acts. If they reoccur legal action will be taken.

