

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, October 26th, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Peter Davies called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Peter Davies, Gerry Remillard, Larry Anderson, Mac Hamilton, LillieMay Matton

Staff: Lise McKeever – Municipal Secretary

Absent: Michelle Davies – Acting Clerk

There were approximately 17 people in attendance.

Res. No.: 05/249

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Lise McKeever be assigned the duty of Clerk for the purpose of taking minutes for the Council Meeting being held on October 26th, 2005. Gerry Remillard abstained from discussion and did not vote.

CARRIED.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Res. No.: 05/250

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Both interviews last night went well. Both candidates were very good, but council had to pick only one.

Res. No.: 05/251

Moved By: G. Remillard

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford appoints LillieMay Matton as Councillor for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford thus filling the vacancy left on council.

CARRIED.

LillieMay Matton sworn in – read declaration.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest/conflict of interest. None

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council as held on October 12th, 2005

Res. No.: 05/252

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that the minutes of Council as held on October 12th, 2005 be adopted as read, and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

Mr. Lomax – Presentations of W.J.B. Provincial Park, White Water Kayaking and Economic Development Plan.

W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park

Background:

The new boundaries of Latchford provide unique growth opportunities within our municipality as a result of annexing South Gillies Township in 2005. Rib Mountain at 513 meters is in the very large Cliff Lake Conservation Area between Rib Lake and Friday Lake on our southern border. Also within Latchford boundaries is the undeveloped, 465 hectare W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park, on the south west shores of

bay Lake near Conroy's Cabins. Both of these Parks Ontario Assets offer compelling new tourism prospects in the recently expanded Latchford.

Latchford is also at the centre of a very significant new Temiskaming Trails initiative by NTI (Nastawgan Trails Inc – see October 2005 News Letter).

This year MNR approved NTI's proposed land use for development of the Ottawa Temiskaming highland Trail (OTHT) through Cliff lake Conservation Area from Latchford Community Centre to beaver Mountain at lake Temiskaming then south along the spectacular coast toward Mattawa. The entire length took Murray & Vickie Muir, experienced local hikers, 7 days to design and map it. The 13 Km Rib Mountain Section is now open between Roosevelt Road Trail Heads at Roosevelt Lake and Friday Lake. A new trail map and booklet are under development for publication in 2006. The map will include a Trail from Latchford Centre to Cobalt. Latchford Area Trails (Booklet by G. Lomax available free in the Town Office) map could be printed on a fold out on the OTHT map for a fee.

Proposal:

Being on the cusp of these two coincidental events provides Latchford a unique opportunity to put forward a Tourism Economic Development Proposal for W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park. It is proposed to develop the Park into hiker's haven, a hub in which to explore both the near and far reaches of the Temagami and Temiskaming Districts. About 2.5 kms of Anima Nipissing Road from Hwy 11 passes through the park now affording a snapshot of its breathtaking beauty. About 1.4 kms in from Hwy 11 a good 1 km bush road veers north, passing the burns trail Head 0.2 Kms in on the left, then loops to a large camp site on a point across Bay Lake from Conroy's Cabins. Burns trail passes the tip of Gilchrist Bay, along Woodpecker Creek, up over the height-of-land out of the park, to the north tip of Crowrock Bay, Lake Anima Nipissing at the junction of the North Portage from Bay Lake. Connecting trails from there past Edison Marsh hooks up with Edison Mtn. and Kitt Lake Cart Track. Hopefully some day further connecting trails will be established into Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Wilderness Park to Maple Mountain and eventually reach Ishpatina Ridge, the highest point in Ontario. Greenwood Park being centrally located along Hwy 11 corridor with trails in already heading out in all directions is a prime venue to be established as a trails depot. Latchford's complimentary recreation facilities nearby are constantly being upgraded due to a genuine desire of Council to entice tourists to visit. By developing Greenwood Park explicitly with Trails Hub theme would present a unique opportunity to grow; growth in sync with the very positive outdoor adventure market trend.

Synergy with Hwy 11 Corridor parks:

Focusing on the growing hiking popularity would expand, NOT compete with, Martin River PP, Findlayson PP and Kap Kig Iwan PP markets, and indeed make the sum of the parts greater than the whole. By drawing more physically active wilderness adventurers like those already enjoying Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater PP this hikers Mecca will also promote vigorous healthy outdoor living. Besides extensive multi-level world class hiking trails, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing will also be featured both in and outside the park.

Other Sports provisions:

For the motor sport enthusiasts, visitors will find excellent ATV, Motorcycle and Snowmachine Trails (TOPS A Trail) within easy access of the park (eg. Roosevelt Road directly across Hwy 11 from Greenwood Park). Additionally, more Lodges are now within Latchford's new boundaries, even one that offers Dog sledding, "Wolf Within Adventures", all supporting the Trails theme. In season, white water canoeing and kayaking below the Latchford dam is a bonus activity for park visitors. Bay Lake paddling and boating to and from the park and portages extends the range and variety of trail head access and becomes a canoe tripper's destination. Don't forget your fishing rod and camera!

Local Services:

Supplies, food, fuel and shelter are available in all seasons in Latchford Town Centre only 3kms north along the historic Trans Canada Highway 11 corridor, only 1km by water. An Ontario Regional Information Office is located in Latchford to help visitors explore the riches of the area. The Town's well rounded and complementary resources are outlined in a 2005 Tourism Booklet available free of charge at the Latchford Municipal Offices.

Spread the Word:

International, Federal and provincial advertising and park Signage would clearly specify the Greenwood PP specialty as a Hikers haven: offering camping ranging from primitive to fully serviced, flush toilets and showers, a large variety of trails, swimming, boating, motor sports access, parking, kiosk with maps, calendar of park activities, guides for hire, GPS's for rent, maps for sale, trail booklets for sale, safety instructions and bring-your-waste-out bags for sale, guided tours and seminars, where to get provisions, who to contact in case of accident or ill health, emergency phone location, picnic shelters, boat dock, beach safety equipment, where to rent boats & get bait, trail, courtesy guides, park do's & don't info., opening times, fire regulations and danger signage.

Park Concepts:

Current winter parking provisions for snowmobilers access to Lake Anima Nipissing on both sides of Anima Nipissing Road at Hwy 11 should continue. Anima Nipissing Lake Residents would be granted through traffic passes. A Typical Park Gate should be constructed near the Hwy 11 Entrance; Permits, Information, Rental, Sales, Maps, Emergency Telephone and so on can be centered there. Propose a small number, say 10, of RV Camp Sites be established just off Anima Nipissing Road at a convenient suitably drained site where full services can be provided. Park Services Centre with flush toilets & showers could be located at the abandoned gravel pit along the current bush road; and further down the road a Camp Ground with potable water source and earth toilets for say 2 dozen tents. A picnic Area, with shelter and Swimming beach at the end of the bush road is proposed.

A Group Camp Site is proposed near the tip of Gilchrist Bay and nearby a Park Dock and Boat launch set up. Remote, carry-in, primitive Camp Sites would be located at Woodpecker Lake near a proposed new trail to view the ANSI (Area of National Scientific Interest) there, Locate a Boom Box nearby as well as at other strategic locations along trails. Establish boat access primitive camp sites like the one at You-Go-I-Go Point along Bay Lake in the Park. Include in Park Trail network Wheel Chair Accessible portions, for example, loops. Some park trails should have jogging and bike riding surfaces. A Natural Amphitheatre exists and could be enhanced at Gilchrist Bay for Nature & Hiking Talks & Films and other organized group events.

Fundamental Park Development:

Park design and surveying, build roads and parking lots, camp ground construction, drinking & bathing water supply and distribution, sewage and waste water septic beds, washrooms & showers, picnic shelters construction, park trails construction, teaching signage for flora and fauna along the trails and foot paths, signage to show the whereabouts of trails, beach, boat launch & dock, kiosk, park & visitor security provisions (e.g. CATV, do rounds) and store/vending machines to sell maps, permits, remote camping permits, take reservations, rent GPS's, etc. Local contractors would be hired.

Park Operating:

Management (e.g. suggest Administration from Findlayson Park headquarters by Temagami Parks Superintendent, John Salo), and safety & security personnel, trash collection, store clerking, trail & general maintenance all by local Latchford contracts.

Latchford's 100th Anniversary Connection:

Request, MNR Develop W.J.B. Greenwood provincial Park for Official Grand opening or Sod Turning Ceremony by Riding MPP, David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources, and other VIP's for Latchford 100th Anniversary in July 2007. Representatives from Trails Ontario, Trans Canada Trails, NOTO, NTL, etc. should be invited to join the celebrations.

Summary:

MNR, lets together kick-off latchford's 2nd Century with a big economic boost by establishing W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park as a World Class Trails Centric Tourist Magnet in tradition of Bobby Gimby's "A Place to Stand, A Place to Grow....."

White Water Kayaking Development Opportunity

Would Kayaking/Canoe.Tubing/Rafting Clubs like to establish white water courses in the rapids below the new Latchford Dam? Parties interested in making skills development, or competitive, or pleasure course, please contact Latchford Town Council for an appointment to present your plans & seek approval. I, Gord Iomax, suggest you write to:

Town Council
Corporation of the Town of Latchford
P.O. Drawer 10
Latchford, ON, Canada
POJ 1N0

Latchford, "The Best Little Town By A Dam Site", is located at the mighty Montreal River where Trans Canada highway 11 crosses over it, 32 kms north of Temagami, 30 kms south of Temiskaming Shores, Our Council is looking to grow and prosper with an emphasis on tourism & recreation. As background, here are some extracts of plans being considered.

"An Economic Development Plan for Latchford, a Path Forward

"Visitors will be attracted to Latchford if it offers unique experiences. The unique thing about Latchford is the river that runs through it, a very important and untapped town resource. How can this resource be developed to attract people, business, investors, partners, environmental enthusiast? How about a Recreational FOCUS?"

"Yes, a Recreational Focus!

- 1) A Unique Water Park
 - 1.1) Dam Redesign
 - 1.2) Water Park Considerations

- 1) A Unique Water Park – Why not a unique water park? We're told that the Federal Gov't will replace the Latchford Dam soon and the provincial Gov't has already started replacing the broken bridge which opens the door for developing a new and unique Water park. The famous Sgt. Aubrey Cosens VC memorial Bridge over Montreal River and the adjacent Riverside Park are under repair at this time. The bridge contractor has already agreed to put the huge limestone rocks holding up the temporary Bailey Bridge along both shores of the rapids below the walkway across the reconstructed bridge.

- 1.1) Dam Redesign - The federal Gov't, the dam owner, is free to go ahead and replace the 90 year old dam at any time. If the new dam was to be relocated where safety rope is located today then a rapids length of about 1200 ft. (365 m) with a one foot higher head would result, nearly twice today's length (see diagram below). Even at today's length a Water park would still be feasible though less attractive. Furthermore, it is desirable that the new dam should have a single lane service road on it as a potential detour in case of difficulties with or on Highway 11 Bridge (lessons learned) Even if its just a cart path wide enough for a Snow Machine Trail Groomer that would extend the trail Use Season and resulting benefits to the town.

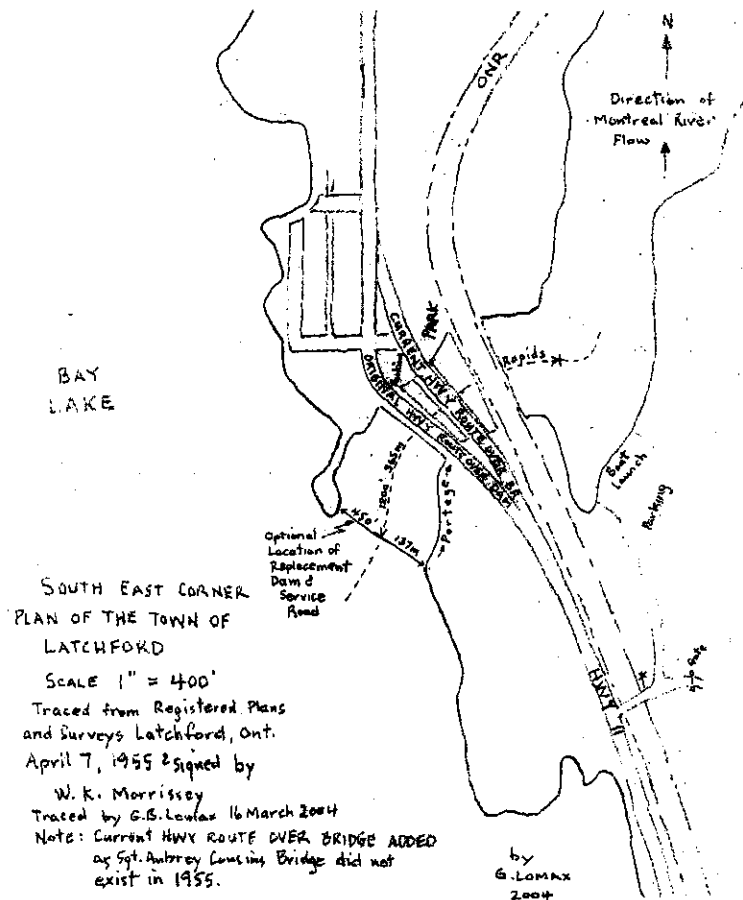
A cart track along the south side of the rapids under the road and rail bridges would allow a much safer Snow machine crossing than across Highway 11 and ONR Tracks as is current practice. For maximum benefit to the Water Park, an open spillway slide accessible with rafts, tubes, kayaks would offer a thrilling adventure. Also fishery spawning bed water flow remains a design requirement for the new dam. Some way of allowing fish to get over the dam would be desirable. The key requirement for the replacement dam remains to prevent down stream flooding and provide water level control in Bay Lake for navigation, cottage & town water needs, tourist attractions, wild life preservation, etc. Automated level control gates are desired.

- 1.2) Water Park Considerations – Cartways both sides of the rapids for pedestrians and watercraft conveyance back to the head of the rapids or dam under the road and railway would provide worker and user safety just as it would for snow machines. Docks both sides at the bottom and on both sides of the peninsula approach to the north end of the dam would facilitate access to the rapids from all quarters. Rental watercraft would be tethered at these docks ready for adventure. Rental of mandatory water craft safety kit would be located conveniently. Qualified Lifesavers would instruct, overlook and supervise the water park activities.

Kayaking gates would add to the sport for those seeking to compete, test and improve their skills. This would be a unique attraction in these parts. I have visited two similar venues, both very busy with young enthusiastic paddlers and onlookers. In Matlock Bath, Derbyshire, England kayakers were having a great time trying to do a very challenging course while we watched. Also we dined while watching skilled paddlers strut there stuff in Nantahala Outdoor Centre, North Carolina, Smoky Mountains, U.S.A. That venue also features nearby hiking/biking trails like we do.

It is envisioned that short paddle or punt row to the beach for a swim or marina for power craft rental, would open another whole world of pleasure. Campers at Greenwood Park, Lodgers, canoe trippers, cottagers, indeed all visitors would be attracted to latchford's unique water park. Bringing an A&W Restaurant, a Starbucks Coffee Shop and a Robins Ice Cream Parlour on the South west corner of Highway 11 at the river would be a bonus. Highway 11 exits to parking lots on the south side of the bridge would prevent traffic having to cross the oncoming lanes for safety and flow advantage. Two exits and two parking facilities on the North side of the bridge would offer the same advantages. Cart tracks along both sides of the river under the highway would improve safe pedestrian pathways and not interfere with road traffic safety or flow accordingly.

Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) are the owner & operator of the existing dam and have initiated a project to replace it... Bay Lake levels will be controlled by PWGSC as they are now, except summer levels will be maintained one month longer in the fall, from October to November, this is according to the Draft report of the Montreal River and Matibituan River Water management Plan currently being finalized by the Ontario ministry of Natural Resources (Rick Calhoun, North Bay).



Council should request that we establish this park – propose that David Ramsey, MPP and Minister of Natural resources that we have this done in time for Latchford's 100th Anniversary in 2007.

6. **Council Committee Reports/Clerks Report.**
Councillor Larry Anderson

- Halloween dance for adults not a go, we will be better prepared for next event
- Try to have something for new Years
- Next policing meeting not scheduled yet, waiting to hear from Kevin Murphy

Councillor Gerry Remillard

- Dr. Hardie doesn't have a new contract yet. Have to hear from Sudbury

Councillor Mac Hamilton

(1) Tourism Advisor Request to NOHFC:

- Letter dated July 11/05, no response as yet as to the local follow-up, further follow-up to be done again in writing

(2) Latchford Real Estate Promotion:

- Real Estate firm waiting for Approved Sale Options Agreements for surplus property sale from the Town. These must be forwarded prior to any signs going up

- Some interest has been received

(3) Gillies Limit (South) Annexation:

- Administrative and Communication details being summarized
- Meeting next week with MMAH

(4) ONR Bridge:

- No response to our letter of mid-September
- Staff to follow-up with a phone call

(5) Montreal River Shoreline:

- Letter received from MTO, Limestone blocks to be all removed from river
- Special meeting with MTO at the Roadside park indicated we will have one of the best Roadside Rest Parks in Northern Ontario

(6) Municipal Building:

- Paving of municipal bldg. area to commence soon!!!

(7) Follow-ups required:

- Loggers Hall of Fame renovation issue
- Municipal Hall alternate access plan

Mayor Peter Davies - none

7. Correspondence.

A. Action Items

1. AMCTO

Res. No.: 05/253

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford urges the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against the Bill if reference to 'municipal councils' is not deleted in the Bill as reported by Standing Committees; and the David Ramsey and all provincial members of the legislature be advised of the lack of this council's support for the inclusion of 'municipal councils' in Bill 123.

CARRIED.

2. See #1 in Action Items

3. Dealt with Council Vacancy already

4. Larry says it should be done per capita – we have less of a population than Cobalt & Coleman. Maybe we could raise money through Recreation for them. *Promote donating canned goods* Do a drive possibly with our fire truck. Perhaps we council should consider putting this in the 2006 Budget file.

5. Changes to be made – some information on vehicles needs to be updated. Do this by the end of November.

6. Not participating in that. Weighted assessment not up to date with MPAC. There is a better way of doing it. We are pursuing other options that would make building permits to expensive in Latchford.

7. Submit reports – foot in the door for additional funding, Mac will work on this.

8. Northern College week declared in Latchford from Nov. 7 – 11, 2005

Res. No.: 05/254

Moved By: L. Matton

Seconded By: M. Hamilton

Be it resolved that that Council of the Town of Latchford declare November 7- 11, 2005, Northern College Week.

CARRIED.

9. Coleman resolution

Res. No.: 05-10-16

Moved By:

Seconded By:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman supports the Corporation of the Town of Latchford's annexation of the unorganized portion of Gillies Limit.

CARRIED.

We are now working well with Coleman – more shared services, everyone will benefit.

B. Information Items

1. Peter read thank you card out loud.
2. OSIFA - We are in mind for \$286,000.00. We have already submitted under it.
3. AMO–Resolution–Community Emerg. Response Volunteers Funding - Communities benefit from volunteers – motion should be passed to support volunteers.
4. OPTA – Post billing assessment available on OPTA's Tracking System – Call to get some training information (we need to do this).
5. Lois Perry – Update on Quality Wood Exports progress – Quality of Wood Exports, set up in Coleman – will employ 40 people and it is going forward.
6. OFSC – New Ontario Trails Strategy & Ministry of Health Promotion, these are tied together.
7. Northeastern Fire Education Conference – Increase in registration fee – Fire Dept, has a copy of this.
8. Board of Health - Minutes of meeting held Sept. 7, 2005 – Elk Lake on the board of health minutes. Did we fall through the cracks? No – we should call Lise in Sudbury re: doctor. Larry pointed out that the minutes are incorrect – they should be notified.
9. Town of Tecumseh – Town requesting support on Resolution on Passports – We should support Township of Tecumseh. Do up a resolution for next meeting.
10. Ministry of Health – promotion – give Gord Lomax copies of this for his personal file.
11. Ontario Power Generation – Northeast Plant Group – Montreal and Matabitchuan River Systems – Dam Safety Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan – Stakeholder Meeting. – Two generating stations within our boundaries once we annex with Gillies Limit. Call Susan to see what they are talking about – Emerg. Prep Plan – get into info highway.

8. Ongoing Business:

Water & Sewer Rate Project – almost done, letter going out with all of them.

Community Centre – Final Inspection. Doug Clark thought we had done a good job. Will only pay for one sign – this is no big deal & no bolt cutters. Should have netting – get a quote on netting – Doug Clark will pay. We need heated storage area for the

equipment, netting...maybe the change rooms. Miller donated 60 feet of black conveyor belting. Lee should cut & get it in there. Put this in hallway.

Annexation – Meeting November 1, 2005

Water Treatment Plant – Tender is out and closing next week. They want to be done this year. Peter showed Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (EarthTech) book. Lost water pressure with power outage, this is not suppose to happen. There should have been a issued boil water advisory. Peter spoke with them – we have a diesel generator that did not kick in. There was a guy on duty and he was working in Dymond that night, he did not make it to Latchford. OCWA should employ someone in Latchford. Draft a letter to put forward on unhappiness of this situation.
Hydrants where flushed – no water pressure, has to do with loop-back. Lee should lok into this (Pat Underhill) at Mac's suggestion.
We don not have a stand-by water tank, someone should discuss this with Ocwa. (we have 30 year old system)

Landfill Site -- Saved a fortune on final capping – by using fill from bridge.
Rene's wife passed away this morning, therefore the dump was not opened on this day.
We should do something. Rene needs new hours for November – Let Rene know.
See Peter on doing something for Rene.

9. **New Business:**

Res. No.: 05/255

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: L. Matton

Be it resolved that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to further investigate and promote the joint development of J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park with the Ministry of natural resources

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/256

Moved By: L. Matton

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Mary-Ann Bennett be assigned a temporary position as a municipal Secretary for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford and pay to commensurate with salary grid.

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/257

Moved By: G. Remillard

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford accepts with pleasure to mount the Centennial Quilt permanently in the Latchford Recreation Centre.

CARRIED.

Peter read letter from Steph Palmateer from Town of Cobalt. (See Peter for this info.) it is based on Latchford / Coleman / Cobalt in 2003.

Res. No.: 05/258

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Moved that the Town of Latchford has the intention to hire a full-time Clerk – Treasurer for the Town of Latchford at a time favourable to our Municipal Objectives.

A copy of this resolution needs to be taken to Sudbury

CARRIED.

Mac -

Mac clarified that the rumours that he was resigning are absolutely untrue.
Analysis for annexation process, there has been a certain amount of negativity from people in our community. The council is only here to help the Town of Latchford and

they are trying to lead our community in a positive direction. Look back on certain statistics (re: municipal acts) It is chalked full of post-it notes.

Part of our oath and follow to the best of our ability. Old office records from 1996 (finance documents). Arrears for Latchford re: taxation 67.6% arrears as % of levy, this is nothing to be proud of. Get info for 2005. The books weren't cleared fast enough for Latchford to make this booklet. We need to get this number % down.

We need encouragement, not negativity from our community. We've done a lot of good and positive things and results will happen.

Perhaps we should do up a Council Newsletter once/month or possibly twice a year.

10. Bylaws
Confirming By-law

Res. No.: 05/259

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: L. Matton

Be it resolved that the confirming By-Law be adopted for the meeting of October 26th, 2005.

CARRIED.

11. In camera session.

Res. No.: 05/260

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: L. Matton

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:56P.M. to discuss one of the following as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2);

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees;

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or board;

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/261

Moved By: L. Anderson

Seconded By: L. Matton

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting @ 9:42 P.M.

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/262

Moved By: M. Hamilton

Seconded By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Miller Maki be retained as legal council and to act on behalf of the Corporation for the Town of Latchford in the matter of the civil procedure Godden vs. Town of Latchford and to prepare the counter claim on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED.

Res. No.: 05/263

Moved By: L. Matton

Seconded By: G. Remillard

Be it resolved that any budgetary deficits for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford in 2004 and 2005 be withdrawn from reserves.

CARRIED.

12. **Adjournment.**

Res. No.: 05/264

Moved By: L. Matton

Second By: L. Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourns @ 9:49 P.M. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

Dated at Latchford this 9th day
of November, 2005



Mayor



Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

