

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies, Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Mac Hamilton, Councillor Gerry Remillard, Councillor Lilliemay Matton

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 18 people in attendance.

Press: Not Present

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 06/408

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the October 25, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated, and amended.
CARRIED

Additions under 9. New Business re: Forensic Audit. New Business addressed before Item 10 under 7.A. Correspondence – Action.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

NONE

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 06/409

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 11, 2006 be adopted as read, circulated by the Clerk and amended.
CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Lilliemay Matton

- No library meeting

Councillor Mac Hamilton

Heritage Latchford:

- Awaiting final building condition report for funding purposes
- Request for quotations issued for house of memories eaves troughing
- Preliminary letter forwarded to Provincial Ministries summarizing conditions of House of Memories, Loggers Hall of Fame and Fred Keenan Centre

Recreation Centre:

- Progress continues on installation of glass panels over the rink boards
- Plexi-glass received to install on rink corners
- Electrician has dealt with the electrical problems in the community room and arena
- Quotations requested for new entrance porticos

Greenwood Park:

- Northern College in Haileybury is working on a profile of the park to indicate park's geographics
- Gord Lomax working on Greenwood Park Management Plan

Community Street Signs:

- Input from residents appreciated - please advise the Clerk.

Hound Chute Dam Replacement:

- Attended the Public Meeting convened by O.P.G. The project design is 95% complete and the Government to consider project budget approved for 1st quarter 2007 (\$13 to \$17 million)

Water/Sewer Treatment Plant:

- \$99,800.00 received from Provincial Ministry as partial payment of the last claim submitted for funding of the upgrades. This has been deposited to offset the bank loan for bridge financing required to pay the contractor. Federal monies forthcoming and further provincial funding also.

Water/Sewer and Tax Bills:

- Payments for first instalment due October 31, 2006. If residents have any questions, call Betty or Lise.

Development and Progress:

- Many citizens who have attended Council Meetings over the past 2 ½ years recognize that a great deal of interest, input and advice has been gratefully received from those residents by Council. Council trusts that the new Council will be open to ratepayers' suggestions also and the resulting resolutions, by-laws and budget requirements as set out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regulations will be fulfilled and implemented for the benefit of the Community. Without these details, nothing can take place. Working together will influence the future direction and progress of the community.

Councillor Larry Anderson

Community Policing:

- No call from the O.P.P. representative regarding a meeting.

Public Works:

- The three roads in the south section of Latchford are almost complete, with just grading to finish the Anamanip Road. A camp owner reports that the road is "better than Highway 11".
- Sand and salt is ready for winter season.
- Snow bucket has been retrofitted for the new backhoe.
- The remainder of limestone is to be spread on trouble spots and then the 'A' gravel will be used on areas requiring it.
- Reminder that the dump hours return to winter hours – open on Saturday only starting November 1st.

Councillor Gerry Remillard

Recreation:

- Halloween party for children and youths on October 27th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Centre.
- Halloween dance for adults on October 28th from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Centre - \$5.

Mayor Peter Davies

- Confirmed bridge financing of \$250,000 for Upgrades to the Water/Sewage Treatment Plant, with an additional \$509,000 approved this week to cover contractor's invoices pending receipt of the funding from Government.
- With respect to upgrades of Water/Sewage Treatment Plant there will be a Boil Water Advisory next week.
- Tour of Water Treatment Plant after upgrades complete would be a good idea and the Clerk can check with Mike Delmonte in this regard.
- Court case is over – there have been requests for the Forensic Audit.
- Commented that the community should now move on.

Clerk

- On October 16th attended Site Meeting for Upgrades to Water Treatment Plant with representatives from Earth Tech, Pedersen Construction, OCWA and sub-contractors. The project is behind scheduled and Pedersen provided a revised scheduled of work.
- MOE inspection of Water Treatment Plant was carried out on October 23 and 24th, and the Inspector met with me to review Certificate of Approval, recommendations, and the "Water Binder".
- There will be a Boil Water Advisory starting on November 8th for no more than two weeks. The Health Unit will provide Town with a copy this week for circulation and will broadcast on the radio; the Town will be responsible for a notice in the newspaper.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Part-time Positions

Resolution No. 06/410

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that all part-time positions will be posted for January 2007.

CARRIED

2. Canadian Red Cross Raffle

Resolution No.: 06/411

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from the Canadian Red Cross requesting approval of the Canadian Red Cross Society's Northern Raffle in the Town of Latchford be received and approved.

CARRIED

3. Digital Camera Purchase

Resolution No. 06/412

Moved by: Gerry Remillard

Seconded by: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Purchase of a digital camera be received and that the digital camera and accessories recommended in the memo be purchased for the Town's use, to a maximum of \$500.00 before tax.

CARRIED

4. William Squibb – Tax Recovery

Resolution No. 06/413

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter from William Squibb & Associates re: Commodity Tax Recovery review be received and filed.

CARRIED

5. 100th Anniversary Letterhead etc.

Resolution No. 06/414

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the memo from Lise McKeever regarding the purchase of special letterhead, envelopes, stickers etc. for the 100th Anniversary be received and Council approves the purchase of an appropriate quantity and requests to see a proof of the 100th Centennial letterhead etc.

CARRIED

6. 2006 Heritage Community Recognition Program

Resolution No. 06/415

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from Ontario Heritage Trust re: 2006 Heritage Community Recognition Program be received and a copy of the information be forwarded to the Heritage Board.

CARRIED

7. 2006 Young Heritage Leaders Program

Resolution No. 06/416

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from Ontario Heritage Trust re: 2006 Young Heritage Leaders Program be received and forwarded to the Heritage Board.

CARRIED

8. Accounts for September and October 2006

Resolution No. 06/417

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the General Bills in the amount of \$103,450.80 and Payroll in the amount of \$14,397.44 for the months of September and October 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, with the exception of USTI account which will be verified.

CARRIED

9. KPMG Forensic Audit

Resolution No. 06/418

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Whereas the Crown versus Godden judgment has been released with a not guilty verdict;

And Whereas the Crown versus Dufresne has been withdrawn;

And Whereas the Forensic Audit prepared by KPMG in October 2004 with respect to certain administrative activities within the Town over a period of time is no longer considered evidence by the Ontario Provincial Police or the Crown Attorney;

And Whereas the Forensic Audit prepared by KPMG in October 2004 with respect to certain administrative activities within the Town over a period of time is considered evidence for the civil suits which the Town of Latchford is involved in;

And Whereas Council now considers the Forensic Audit as prepared by KPMG in October 2004 as a Public document;

And Whereas Council is seeking legal advice with regard to the civil suits;

Now therefore Council deems it prudent and in the best interest of the Town of Latchford to follow the advice of legal counsel regarding the civil suits and general release of the Forensic Audit.

CARRIED

Against: Councillor Gerry Remillard

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. KPMG Executive Summary of Forensic Audit

Resolution No. 06/419

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the release to the Public of the Executive Summary document of the Forensic Audit prepared by KPMG in October 2004.

CARRIED

2. Forensic Audit / Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

Resolution No. 06/420

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

WHEREAS there has been requests from residents for copies of the “Forensic Audit prepared by KPMG” from residents of Latchford;

AND WHEREAS there has been requests from residents for copies of the “Forensic Audit prepared by KPMG” from residents of Latchford under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 16 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56 states “An exception from disclosure of a record under sections 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 does not apply if a compelling public interest in the disclosure of the record clearly outweighs the purpose of the exemption”;

NOW THEREFORE if a resident does request a copy of the above noted record under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and pays the required fee, the record shall be provided to the requester, providing written approval from the municipal lawyer dealing with the civil suits has been received.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED)

A. Action Items

10. Water/Sewer Rates – Review in 2007

Resolution No. 06/421

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the memo from Councillor Larry Anderson re: Water and Sewer Rates by received and Council will revisit the water and sewer rates in 2007.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 06/422

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the following Information Items be noted and filed:

1. Ministry of Transportation re: Latchford Highway sign on Hwy. 11.
2. Timiskaming Board of Health – minutes of Sept. 6th meeting and September report.
3. Anthony rota re: NEOnet – Timiskaming District Broadband Project.
4. Ministry of Natural Resources re: Burning Logging Debris Slash Piles in Brigstocke and Best Townships.
5. NOHFC – Infrastructure and Community Development Program.
6. OCWA re: Capital Planning Service to meet the sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act 2002.
7. NOHFC re: Reactivate Project #950008 – Recreation/Community Centre.
8. Letter from the Clerk to COMRIF Management Committee.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant:

Although work will soon be complete, the project is behind schedule. As noted earlier there will be a Boil Water Advisory beginning November 8th for approximately two weeks.

2. Recycling:

Staff has not yet contacted Ms. Beirsto to review various options, and will do so when time permits and report to Council at that time.

3. Town Hall Improvements

Pressure washing/sanding/scraping and staining of the Town Hall will be carried out in the spring of 2007, as soon as weather permits, and in accordance with the tender already approved by council.

4. Telephone System

Council requested more information regarding the increase in price from the original estimate.

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 753/06

Resolution No. 06/423

Move By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that By-Law No 753/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held October 25, 2006 be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 06/424

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:27 p.m. to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2);

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 06/425

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 06/426

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:51 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 8th day
of November, 2006.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer