

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY January 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Deputy Mayor Gerry Remillard called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Note: Due to weather conditions the Mayor and Councillor Matton arrived late.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies (arrived at 7:30 p.m. and resumed the Chair), Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Mac Hamilton, Councillor LillieMay Matton (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), Councillor Gerry Remillard

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

There were approximately 5 people in attendance.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Resolution No.: 06/01

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the January 11, 2006 Agenda and Supplementary Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council held on December 14th, 2005.

Resolution No.: 06/02

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 14, 2005 and the Special Council Meeting held December 21, 2005 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. Delegations:

1. Sue Scott attended to advise Council of her concerns regarding dogs at large in Latchford, and the threat they pose to smaller dogs and people.

Ms. Scott advised that her small dog had been attacked again and the owners were present at the time. Ms. Scott stated that she does not believe she should be responsible for veterinary bills resulting from attacks by dogs which are not controlled by the owners.

Ms. Scott asked the status of the animal control by-law and was informed the Ministry of the Attorney General is reviewing it as it must be approved by the Ministry.

Councillors Hamilton and Remillard assured Ms. Scott that Council would address this matter, and that Council is also concerned with the problem of dogs running loose.

Ms. Scott asked if there would be a by-law passed controlling cats running loose and Councillor Hamilton advised that this will be reviewed.

Mayor Peter Davies arrived at 7:30 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Larry Anderson

Councillor Anderson advised he was still working on the Crusher Project, and had no further report.

Councillor Gerry Remillard

(1) Medial Clinic Contract:

The contract from Dr. Hardie was signed and provided to the Town. It will be reviewed and placed on the next regular agenda for an authorizing by-law.

(2) Meeting with Russ Johnston, Office of the Fire Marshall:

Councillor Remillard circulated the notes taken at a meeting with Russ Johnson, Fire Protection Advisor, Office of the Fire Marshall. Councillor Remillard reviewed the notes in detail.

Mayor Davies noted that the by-law to regulate the Fire Department will be specific with respect to "limited rescue and fire suppression". Mayor Davies requested the Clerk to coordinate a meeting with the Fire Department and Council.

Councillor Mac Hamilton

(1) Gillies Limit (South) Annexation:

- Councillor Hamilton confirmed the Annexation of Gillies Limit to the Town of Latchford, and thanked all volunteers who had assisted in this regard.

(2) Development:

- A list of available lots for sale in Latchford is being reviewed.

(3) Municipal Building Inventory:

- Quotations have been received to carry out the maintenance of a number of municipal buildings.

(4) Recreation Centre:

- C.I.A.F. Grant for \$10,069 had been approved
- Glass arena board panels will be purchased from Temiskaming Shores for \$300, and will be installed on top of arena boards later in the spring.

(5) Latchford Dam:

- A letter has been forwarded to Public Works Canada requesting their progress as to the replacement of the current dam, and response to our request for a vehicle conveyance across the dam.

(6) Heritage Building Renovations:

- Quotations were received to upgrade the condition and appearance of the Logger Hall of Fame building, the Bunkhouse, and the Fred Keenan Centre. Also minor repairs to the outside of the Fire Hall are included in this application.

(7) Heritage:

- An application for funding to employ a Heritage Intern for one year is being prepared.

(8) Accounting System:

- Councillor Hamilton noted that the staff had completed the required preparation for the new accounting system, and that training is scheduled for February.

(9) Neighbourhood Trails (Mr. Lomax):

- Councillor Hamilton invited Mr. Lomax to read a letter received from a visitor to Latchford. Pat Campbell from Kamloops, B.C. wrote that she and her husband had enjoyed walking the trails and it had made their two week stay “beyond wonderful”. Pat Campbell included a donation in her letter – “something for the birds to help out” - Ms. Campbell sent money to pay for seed for the feeders along the trails, and she also replaced all the flags along the trails with new ones.

Sincere thanks from Council to Pat Campbell.

Mayor Peter Davies

- Mayor Davies noted that the thermostat and tap units had been replaced at the Fred Keenan Centre.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Temiskaming Shores – Intervener Status

Resolution No.: 06/03

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the copy of the letter and resolution from the City of Temiskaming Shores re: Request to the M.N.R. for the City of Temiskaming Shores to have intervener status regarding the Temagami Integrated Planning Project be deferred to the next regular council meeting, and the Clerk request additional information.

CARRIED

2. 2006 MPAC Assessment Values

Resolution No.: 06/04

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the resolutions from the City of Sarnia and the Town of Halton Hills re: 2006 MPAC Assessment Values be received and filed.

CARRIED

3. Canadian Heritage Museums

Resolution No.: 06/05

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Township of Severn re: Canadian Heritage Museums – Tax Classes be received and filed.

CARRIED

4. Timiskaming Health Unit – Standing Water

Resolution No.: 06/06

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from the Timiskaming Health Unit re: Proposed Standing Water By-law be received and the Clerk be directed to respond to the Health Unit that the Town of Latchford will not be passing such a by-law as they are not overseeing a larger urban population.

CARRIED

5. Municipal Liability Insurance

Resolution No.: 06/07

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the resolution passed by the Town of Essex re: Municipal Liability Insurance be received and the Clerk forward a letter of support to the Premier of Ontario.

CARRIED

6. AMO Alert – Transparency in Public Matters

Resolution No.: 06/08

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the AMO Alert dated December 7, 2005 re: Bill 123 – The Transparency in Public Matters be received and the Clerk forward a letter to David Ramsay, MPP requesting that he not support this legislation, and he advise us accordingly of his concurrence.

CARRIED

7. Northeastern Fire Education Conference

Resolution No.: 06/09

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the information on the Northeastern Fire Education Conference – March 23 – 26, 2006 be received and the information be forwarded to the Fire Chief.

CARRIED

8. Water Strategy Expert Panel

Resolution No.: 06/10

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake re: Report of the Water Strategy Expert Panel be received and that the Clerk contact Niagara-On-The Lake to request a copy of Report PW-05-062.

CARRIED

9. Community Laboratory Services in New Liskeard

Resolution No.: 06/11

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the resolution from the City of Temiskaming Shores re: Community Laboratory Services in New Liskeard be received and the Clerk forward a letter of support of this resolution to David Ramsay, MPP.

CARRIED

10. Municipal Water and Wastewater Rates

Resolution No.: 06/12

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes re: Municipal Water and Wastewater Rates be received and filed.

CARRIED

11. Royal Canadian Legion – Snow Removal

Resolution No.: 06/13

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from the Royal Canadian Legion re: Snow Removal be received and Council agree to provide snow removal for the parking lot at the Legion for the remainder of this winter, and the Clerk request the Legion to sign a waiver for liability.

CARRIED

12. Train-the-Trainer Course

Resolution No.: 06/14

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department re: Basic Emergency Management Train-the-Trainer Course on February 28 – March 2, 2006 be received and Mayor Davies and Lee Ketchabaw will endeavour to attend the course.

CARRIED

13. Accounts for December 2005

Resolution No.: 06/15

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the general bills in the amount of \$198,257.29 and payroll in the amount of \$16,246.00 for the month of December 2005, as listed, be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

14. James Bay Frontier Advertising

Resolution No.: 06/16

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from James Bay Frontier re: Ontario Out of Doors Advertising Opportunity be received and filed.

CARRIED

15. Ontario's Volunteer Program

Resolution No.: 06/017

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re: Ontario's volunteer recognition programs for 2006 be received and forwarded to the Recreation Committee for their consideration, and the letter be posted.

CARRIED

16. Current Value Assessment

Resolution No.: 06/18

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Township of South Algonquin re: Review of the Current Value Assessment System be received and filed.

CARRIED

17. Special Bussing for Residents

Resolution No.: 06/19

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the memorandum from Mayor Davies re: special bussing for Seniors/Youths be received and the Mayor's recommendation be accepted by Council, and the Mayor will have further discussions with the Legion.

CARRIED

18. Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution No.: 06/20

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from Pat Underhill, Fire Chief re: Resignation of Min Bigras as Deputy Fire Chief and Appointment of Bill Vanderhoogan as the new Deputy Fire Chief be received and a by-law to appoint Bill Vanderoogan as Deputy Fire Chief will be passed, and the Mayor forward a letter of thanks to Min Bigras.

CARRIED

19. Glass Panels at the Arena

Resolution No.: 06/21

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase of glass panels for the Arena from the City of Temiskaming Shores at a cost of \$300.00.

CARRIED

20. Heritage Intern – NOHFC Grant Application

Resolution No.: 06/22

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council authorize the application to NOHFC for a grant to employ a Heritage Intern at the Museum for a term of one year.

CARRIED

21. Upgrades – NOHFC Grant Application

Resolution No.: 06/23

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council authorize the application to NOHFC for a grant for upgrades to the Logging Hall of Fame; the Fred Keenan Centre; the Heritage Bunk House and the exterior of the Fire Hall.

CARRIED

22. Fire Hall

Resolution No.: 06/24

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the quote from Comfort Heating re: furnace at the Fire Hall be received and the clerk advise Comfort Heating that their quote is not accepted; and other local suppliers be contacted and requested for a quote.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

The following information items were reviewed by Council:

1. Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held November 2, 2005.
2. AMO Communications:
 - Government Introduces Source Protection Bill
 - Provincial Auditor Release Report on Land Ambulance
3. Government of Ontario – Local Services Realignment “2006 Annual Estimate.
4. Ministry of Northern Development News Release “Ontario Government Gives Northern Youth New Opportunities”.

5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing re: Strong City of Toronto for a Stronger Ontario Act.
6. Ministry of Labour News Release “Countdown Begins to end of Mandatory Retirement in Ontario”.
7. Ministry of Health re: Communities in Action Fund 2005-2006.

8. **BY-LAWS**

By-law No. 700/06 Authorizing Execution of Documents - Griese

Resolution No.: 06/25

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved By-law No.700-06 being a by-law to authorize the execution of required documents with respect to the sale of land to Marie Lisianne Sylvie Griese be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 701/06 Authorizing Execution of Documents - McRae

Resolution No.: 06/26

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No.701-06 being a by-law to authorize the execution of required documents with respect to the sale of land to James McRae and Teresa McRae be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 702/06 Borrowing By-law

Resolution No.: 06/27

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that By-law No.702-06 being a Borrowing By-law authorizing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk to borrow on behalf of the Corporation from the Bank of Nova Scotia from time to time be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 703/06 Elections Canada Contract

Resolution No.: 06/28

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-law No.703-06 being a by-law to enter into a standard contract of lease with Elections Canada be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 704-06 MPAC Licence

Resolution No.: 06/29

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No.704-06 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for the purpose of MPAC providing a licence to use Municipal Connect be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 705-06 Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution No.: 06/30

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that By-law No.705-06 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief for the Town of Latchford Fire Department be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-law No. 706-06 Confirming By-law

Resolution No.: 06/31

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-law No.706-06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held January 11, 2006 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

9. In camera session.

Resolution No.: 06/32

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:50 P.M. to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2);

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

Councillor Gerry Remillard declared a Conflict of Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting, returning after the area under discussion was concluded.

Res. No.: 06/33

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting @ 11:25 P.M.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

Resolution No.: 06/34

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Second By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 11:26 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 11th day
of January, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer