

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Peter Davies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davies welcomed Gord Tokaryk, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer
Lee Ketchabaw, Public Works Foreman

There were approximately 6 people in attendance.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Resolution No.: 06/58

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the February 8, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 25, 2006

Resolution No.: 06/59

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 25, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. Delegations: NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Councillor Anderson and Lee Ketchabaw, Public Works Foreman carried out a Roads and Facility check, with no specific problems recorded.

Mr. Ketchabaw did voice possible concerns during a very large snowfall.

Councillor Anderson trusts that taxpayers will bear with the Public Works during times of extremely large snowfalls.

Councillor Gerry Remillard

Councillor Remillard advised a special meeting with the Fire Department was held on February 7th, and various matters were discussed and resolved.

Councillor Remillard noted that the by-law to regulate the operations of the Fire Department would be revised, with both Council and the Fire Department reviewing the draft before passing said by-law.

Councillor Remillard extended Council's gratitude to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Councillor Mac Hamilton

1. Annexation

All requirements with respect to the annexation are being carried out.

2. Heritage Building Maintenance

Material, labour etc. to repair the Loggers' Hall of Fame, the MNR Bunkhouse and the Fred Keenan Centre is estimated at \$127,510 in total. Discussions have been held with Heritage Ontario, FedNor, NOHFC and HRDC to coordinate a partnership contribution package.

3. Heritage Latchford

A meeting was held with FedNor to employ a Heritage coordinator for a 3 year period.

4. Frog's Breath Foundation

The application for \$2,400 for materials at the Recreation Center has been received for consideration.

5. Community-In-Action Grant

A meeting was held with the Recreation Committee to make a presentation on the distribution of the \$8,500 grant received in January.

6. Latchford Real Estate

A resolution is on the agenda to start the process to make specific serviced lots available for sale.

7. Area Trails

A coordination meeting was held with Nastawgan Trails Group to consolidate plans to develop an area trails centre concept in Latchford.

8. Gillies Limit South

Some development ventures are in the initial planning stage, and are positive plans for the stability of our town.

9. Accounting System

Training is scheduled for February 13 – 16 in London, Ontario.

10. Recreation Centre

Grant or donation requests are being prepared to finance the kitchen cabinets.

Councillor Lilliemay Matton

Councillor Matton reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation/Community Association Meeting held February 6, 2006, with highlights as follows:

- Councillor Hamilton's presentation on the grant;

- Grant is to cover capital purchases such as tables and chairs, and training;
- Health Unit will be making a special presentation on various subjects, including nutrition courses; Smoking 101, injury prevention in seniors; physical activities and diabetes clinics; crafts good for the mind; health, heart and seniors wellness clinics;
- Skating and swim programs will be covered by a special grant;
- Looking into playground equipment for the beach, and will contact Anne Marie Leroy with respect to possible funding;
- Heather Ryerson was hired as the new rink attendant;
- Figure skating and power skating will start on February 16th;
- Hall rental fees was discussed;
- Valentine Skate is scheduled for Saturday February 11th;
- Winter carnival is coming up with many plans on the go;
- Frog's Breath application is at Stage 2.

Clerk's Report on Post Annexation Status

The following action subsequent to the annexation of Gillies Limit has been completed:

1. Letter forwarded to all residents of the Town of Latchford.
2. Letters forwarded to the following Ministries and organizations:
 - Ministry of Transportation
 - Ministry of Northern Development & Mines
 - Ministry of Natural Resources
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Planning Department
 - Gord Tokaryk, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing. (copies of all letters)
 - MPAC
 - Ontario Provincial Police
 - Town's insurance provider
 - Timiskaming District Social Services Administration Board.
 - Timiskaming Health Unit
 - ONTC
3. Received the supplemental assessment roll from MPAC for the properties within the boundaries of Gillies Limit.
4. Meeting with the Latchford Fire Department which included discussions on the "level of service provided".
5. Employed a temporary Special Project Officer to carry out various matters with respect to post annexation requirements as set out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at the meeting held December 21, 2005.

Mayor Peter Davies

A meeting with the Nastawgan Trails Group was held. The town will provide the group with office space and space for a kiosk – this is a joint effort on "area trails".

Mayor Davies asked Mr. Lomax to provide a brief update with respect to Greenwood Park. Mr. Lomax advised that the first draft of the business plan for Greenwood Park is close to completion and will be ready for Council's review next week. John Salo, MNR will also review the draft, after Council has made any required amendments. A meeting with Minister Ramsay will be arranged.

Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Lomax for his presentation.

The Mayor advised of a meeting with Ontario Power Generation regarding Hound Chutes Dam, and the reconstruction of a new dam at this site, which is scheduled for 2007. This will be a positive development for the area.

Mayor Davies also noted the article in the Toronto Star regarding diamond explorations in Latchford.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. FONOM Conference

Resolution No.: 06/60

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the notice and registration forms for the 2006 FONOM / MMAH Municipal Conference to be held in Blind River from May 10 – 12, 2006 be received and that the Mayor and two councillors to be named later be authorized to attend with accommodations to be reserved accordingly.

CARRIED

2. Town of Cobalt – Shared Economic Development

Resolution No.: 06/61

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter from Steph Palmateer, Town of Cobalt re: Concept Paper – Shared Economic Development be received and the clerk forward a response that council is not interested.

Against: Gerry Remillard

CARRIED

3. Pitch-In Ontario

Resolution No.: 06/62

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Pitch-In Ontario re: 2006 Pitch-In Week Program be received and Council does hereby proclaim April 24 – 30, 2006 as “Pitch-In Canada Week” and a notice be placed in the usual locations.

CARRIED

4. Accounts for the month of January, 2006

Resolution No.: 06/63

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the general bills in the amount of \$36,117.18 and payroll in the amount of \$14,206.70 for the month of January 2006, be passed and paid on behalf of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

5. Special Projects Officer

Resolution No.: 06/64

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council engage Ken Boal as a temporary Special Project Officer to carry out “Post Annexation” requirements as set out by the Ministry of Municipal affairs and Housing, with the cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 unless previously authorized by Council.

CARRIED

6. Extension of Employment

Resolution No.: 06/65

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council authorize the extension of Mary Ann Bennett's employment until such time as the new accounting program is fully operation, with all data input into the ASYST system.

CARRIED

7. Surplus Properties

Resolution No.: 06/66

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council will table a by-law at the February 22nd, 2006 council meeting to declare the following properties surplus:

- Hillview Street, East Side – Lots 291, 304, 330, 343, 369, 394, 420, 433, 445
- Hillview Street, West Side – Lots 263, 277, 290
- Empire Street, East Side - Lot 392
- Empire Street, West Side - Lots 275, 288
- Main Street, East Side - Lots 98 and 108
- Main Street, West Side - Lots 30 and 245
- Mitchell Street, West Side - Lots 26 and 38
- Proulx Street, East Side - Lots 1, 13 and 37

And further that a notice announcing the passing of said by-law be posted at the Town Office, the Post Office, the Dam Depot, and B.J.'s Variety Store, in accordance with the Town of Latchford's By-law No. 677/05 and By-law No. 604/04.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence – Information Items

Resolution No.: 06/67

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

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

1. Timiskaming Board of Health – minutes of meeting held Dec. 7, 2006.
2. Ontario Provincial Police re: Equitable Treatment of Non Contract Municipalities.
3. Ministry of Culture re: Amended Heritage Act.
4. Niagara Region re: Minimum Capital Program Funding – Request for Support of resolution.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Crusher Grant:

The Clerk will contact NOHFC to review the funding requirements.

3. Water Treatment Plant Upgrades:

The Consultant will assist in preparing a letter to the ratepayers, explaining the project and informing of any possible occurrences during the upgrades.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. A map indicating the extension of the boardwalk to the new bridge over the creek should be ready for the next meeting.

2. Accounts for the month of February 2006

Resolution No.: 06/68

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the general bills in the amount of \$24,894.17 for the month of February 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

By-law No. 707/06 OMERS

Resolution No.: 06/69

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved By-law No.707-06 being a by-law to authorize participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) in respect of the employees of the Town of Latchford 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. 711-06 Confirming By-law

Resolution No.: 06/70

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No. 711-06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held February 8, 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.: 06/71

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:24 P.M. to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2);

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- 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

Res. No.: 06/72

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting @ 8:59 P.M.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

Resolution No.: 06/73

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Second By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Minutes of Council Meeting held February 8, 2006

Dated at Latchford this 8th day
of February, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer