

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCFORD**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 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.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Staff:** Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

There were approximately 9 members of the public in attendance.

**2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.**

**Resolution No.:** 06/112

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the March 22, 2006 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 March 8, 2006.**

**Resolution No.:** 06/113

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 8, 2006, be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**5. Delegations:**

None.

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councillor Lilliemay Matton**

Councillor Matton thanked the volunteers for their hard work during the winter carnival, and noted there was a very good turnout. All events were well attended and ran smoothly.

**Councillor Mac Hamilton**

1. Heritage Latchford: Meeting with Fednor was held to discuss funding for a three year Heritage Coordinator, but this is not available within the Fednor program. An application for funding for a one year position will be considered.
2. Heritage Funding Seminar: The Heritage Board, including Councillor Hamilton, attended a training seminar in North Bay which was quite informative.
3. Latchford Real Estate: Paperwork is progressing.
4. Recreation Centre: Quotations were received from two suppliers for kitchen cabinets, and a recommendation will be forthcoming from the Recreation Committee.
5. Community Centre: Letters have been sent to four supplies requesting donations toward work at the Community Centre.
6. Trails Development: Gord Lomax has received comments from the MNR, MNM and Council with respect to the Greenwood Park Business Case. A meeting of Council and the Ad-Hoc Committee will be arranged as soon as possible. Council tentatively scheduled a meeting for Wednesday March 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
7. Budget: Two budget meeting have been held - the expenditure budget is almost finalized; the revenue budget is now being reviewed. Information with respect to Gillies Limit has been received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, which will assist in completing the interim taxes.
8. Computer System: Some problems inputting information have occurred, but staff is working diligently to complete all required work in order to get the taxes and utility bills out.

**Councillor Gerry Remillard**

Councillor Remillard made an excellent presentation regarding the high costs for water and sewer to the residents of Latchford. Councillor Remillard noted that Latchford residents are paying 2 to 3 times more than most municipalities and emphasized the importance of working towards solving this critical issue, as it has a definite impact on the economy of Latchford. The Water Treatment Plant has been a financial drain on the town and the residents since its inception.

Attached to the minutes is a copy of Councillor's Remillard's presentation.

**Councillor Larry Anderson**

1. Public Works:
  - Exit signs at the arena are repaired
  - The emergency lighting has also been checked and appears to be working
  - All hydrants are free and clear of snow
  - The Public Works Foreman will be ordering replacement signs to replace a few that are faded
  - There are potholes on streets, but grading must wait until the frost is out of the ground.

2. Community Policing:
  - The next meeting is scheduled for April 4 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Latchford 2007:
  - The next meeting is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

**Mayor Peter Davies**

The Mayor commented on the success of the carnival.

The staff is working to input the required data in the accounting program.

There is a petition being circulated regarding obtaining high speed internet in Latchford and Mayor Davies hopes everyone will sign it.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Action Items**

**1. Persona Community Reinvestment Program**

**Resolution No. 06/114**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Persona re: Persona Community Investment Program – Grant (\$2,500) for community groups, projects and initiatives be received and the Clerk submit an application for the floor of the Logger’s Hall of Fame.

**CARRIED**

**2. OCWA Annual Compliance / Municipal Summary Report**

**Resolution No. 06/115**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the Ontario Clean Water Annual Compliance / Municipal Summary Report for 2006 for the Latchford Water Treatment Plant be received and reviewed by Council;

**And further** that the report be made available for inspection by any member of the public during normal business hours.

**And further** that the Clerk request clarification of the items discussed at the Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. A.M.O. Conference**

**Resolution No.: 06/116**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the registration information from A.M.O. re: 2006 AMO Annual Conference be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**4. Radio Control Club Flying Display**

**Resolution No. 06/117**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the letter from John Smerdon, Our Radio-Control Club (T.A.R.M.A.C.) requesting support to put on a flying display of aircraft over the beach area on the weekend of April 22 and/or 23 be received and Council has no objection, but advise Mr. Smerdon to ensure the Club has contacted all appropriate authorities.

**CARRIED**

**5. Town of Collingwood Resolution re: Water Panel Report**

**Resolution No. 06/118**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the request for support from the Town of Collingwood regarding recommendations of Collingwood Public Utilities Services Board regarding “Watertight, The Case for Change in Ontario’s Water and Wastewater Sector”, Water Panel Report be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**6. Canadian Union of Postal Works – Post Office Closures**

**Resolution No. 06/119**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding their campaign to stop plant and post office closures; to maintain, expand and improve public postal network; and to consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making changes to Canada Post’s network and requesting the Town’s support be received and that Council forward a letter to Canada Post strongly supporting the Post Office in small communities.

**CARRIED**

**7. City of Owen Sound – Provincial Commitment to Ontario Municipalities**

**Resolution No. 06/120**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the resolution from the City of Owen Sound re: Municipal Financial Crisis – requesting Provincial commitment to Ontario’s municipalities in the amount of \$600 million per year for the next five years, be received and supported and a copy be sent to the Honourable David Ramsay MPP.

**CARRIED**

**8. Accounts for March 2006**

**Resolution No. 06/121**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** general bills in the amount of \$21,729.19 and Payroll in the amount of \$5,668.00 for the month of March 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**9. Temfund Grant**

**Resolution No. 06/122**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council approves the Latchford Community Association submission of an application to Temfund for a grant in the amount of ±\$38,000 for playground equipment for the Latchford Beach Playground.

**CARRIED**

**10. Betty Gibson Probationary Period**

**Resolution No. 06/123**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** Council agrees that Betty Gibson has successfully completed her three month probationary period on March 12, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**B. Correspondence – Information Items**

**Resolution No. 06/124**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the following Information Items be noted:

1. David Ramsay re: the Transparency Act in the Public Matters Act – Bill 123.
2. David Ramsay re: Hospitals-In-Common-Lab in New Liskeard.
3. Ontario Clean Water re: Update.

**CARRIED**

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Crusher Grant:

Information was received from NOHFC, to be reviewed by Council.

2. Water Treatment Plant Upgrades:

No further report at this time.

**3. Proposed Changes to the Planning Act – Energy Projects**

**Resolution No. 06/125**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the Background Information re: Proposed Changes to the Planning Act (Bill 51) – Implications for Energy Projects and the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands requesting support of their resolution dated January 9, 2006 be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

1. A draft Building By-law was circulated to council for review and comments. The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy from another municipality for comparison.

**10. BY-LAWS**

***By-law No. 716-06 Execution of MOE Funding Agreement***

**Resolution No. 06/126**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No.716/06 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement with the Ministry of the Environment to establish a Source Protection Pre-Screening Project for the Town of Latchford for the purpose of identifying threats facing residential drinking water systems be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford being a by-law to declare real property to be surplus to municipal needs 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**

***By-law No. 717-06 Execution of Licence Renewal - ONTC***

**Resolution No. 06/127**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 717/06 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Licence Renewal – Occupation of Land with the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) in order that the Town of Latchford may operate a boat launching ramp and access roadway 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**

***By-law No. 718-06 Interim Tax Levy***

**Resolution No. 06/128**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 718/06 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and water, sewage, connection and frontage charges 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**

***By-law No. 719-06 Confirming By-law***

**Resolution No. 06/129**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 719-06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held March 22, 2006 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**11. In camera session.**

**Resolution No. 06/130**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:50 P.M. to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2);

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or board;
- 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. 06/131**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:55 P.M.

**CARRIED**

**12. Adjournment.**

**Resolution No. 06/132**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Second By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 9:56 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of March, 2006.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer