

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY May 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Peter Davies called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 25 people in attendance.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Resolution No.: 06/211

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the May 31, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Councillor Remillard declared a conflict of interest regarding the In-Camera Session.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council held on May 17, 2006

Resolution No.: 06/212

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 17, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk, and amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: None

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

1. Community Policing – June 6, Tuesday at 7:00 pm Latchford Town Office
2. Walkathon – Saturday June 3rd
3. Playground is being shipped today; should be here in a week
4. Public Works - New employee Terry Inglis. New backhoe should arrive next week
5. Meeting for the Latchford Canoe Race, Thursday June 8th, 7:00pm Rec. Centre.
6. Meeting for Latchford 2007, June 19th at 6:30pm at the Rec. Centre.

Councillor Gerry Remillard

1. Walkathon starting at 10:00 am at the pavilion at beach, we are accepting any donations to the recreation committee.
2. As soon as blueprints arrive for playground equipment, employees can prepare the land for the arrival of the equipment.
3. Medical Clinic – We received our copy of Dr. Hardie contract from Ministry of Health.
4. Code of Ethics newspaper article and comments from Mr Remillard re: code of ethics, morals, honesty, confidentiality and trustworthiness. Mr. Remillard is holding to his previous decision to withdraw from “In-Camera” sessions until the situation with Councillors is rectified.

Councillor Mac Hamilton

1. Heritage Latchford - Floor in Loggers hall of Fame has been repaired for \$2,963. There was no contribution from the LMRPHS.
2. Recreation Centre – Sound proofing panels were installed. Planning in progress to install walkways behind the rink boards.
3. Greenwood Park Development – No response as of yet to the business case proposal.
4. Highway Park – completed with exception of washroom facilities.
5. Heritage Latchford Yard Sale – Poor weather during the yard sale, despite that \$300 was raised for heritage budget purposes. Thank you to our volunteers.
6. C.I.A.F. Development Grant – Committee is planning the use of the funds for the seniors and youth population. Seniors are requested to advise Clerk or Recreation Members of any interest....otherwise the funds will be distributed elsewhere.
7. Finance - Computers - 50% of transfer from old computer to new system is complete. Budget 2006 – still continuing, meeting held last week and another to be held next week.
8. Miscellaneous - Clerk to come up with rental rates etc...for the Recreation Centre Hall and Ice Rink.

Councillor Lilliemay Matton

A statement was read with respect to the following topics, recorded as accurately as possible:

1. Freedom of Information and the rights of a democratic society were outlined;
2. It was stated that lots that were for sale some months ago were under a “sealed bid” process but information had been passed on regarding amounts offered on properties.
3. A request for an oral motion in the in-camera session was put forth and a request to play a tape at the Council meeting. (Mayor ruled this out of order.)
4. Comments with respect to letter(s) received from Larry Matton at the In-Camera session were made;
5. Advised that at no time did Councillor Lilliemay Matton discuss In-Camera items outside the meeting;
6. It was emphasized that the last Latchford Enterprise Co-operative meeting was not called by Councillor Lilliemay Matton, but she attended as the secretary.

Mayor Peter Davies

The following items were covered:

1. It was clarified that the sale of property now and previously was looked after by Century 21 and were not under a “sealed bid” process.
2. A letter from the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department requesting the Town to set aside lots for a future Fire Hall was read, and Mr. Hallsworth confirmed the lots in question.
3. Councillor Hamilton was asked to comment on his letter to Northern Telephone regarding Latchford being unable to access high speed internet; and the affect this has on development.
4. A reminder of the August 12, 06 Family Day, which will include a Canoe/Kayak Race; and hopefully a Club 60 Dance (they are not booked yet.)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Senior Achievement Awards

Resolution No. 06/213

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors re: Senior Achievement Awards be received and referred to the Seniors Group in our community for a nomination of a deserving senior by the end of June, 2006 by advising the Clerk

CARRIED

2. Temiskaming Health Unit

Resolution No. 06/214

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from the Temiskaming Health Unit re: Pandemic Planning Meeting be received and the CEMC will attend and LFD member if they wish.

CARRIED

3. Karen Wareing - Postcards

Resolution No.: 06/215

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Karen Wareing requesting the Town's support in selling her postcards of scenes of Latchford at the Town Office be received and supported

CARRIED

4. James Bay Frontier Membership Invoice

Resolution No. 06/216

Moved by: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded by: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from James Bay Frontier advising that a policy by which students will only be allocated to those communities who support the association through membership and an invoice for membership in the amount of \$65.34 be received and the invoice be approved for payment.

CARRIED

5. Transferring Funds

Resolution No. 06/217

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the Council approve amount of \$1,502.17 be transferred from the fire truck reserve to the Capital Fund and \$23,373.08 be transferred from Recreation Reserve to the Capital Fund.

CARRIED

6. Latchford Canoe Race

Resolution No. 06/218

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Latchford Canoe and Kayak Race Official 2006 Entry Form be received and approved.

CARRIED

7. Scanner Purchase

Resolution No. 06/219

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the memo from Betty Gibson re: Purchase of Flatbed Scanner and recommending the Hewlett Packard 7650 Document Flatbed Scanner be received and Council approves the purchase of the HP 7650 Document Flatbed from TigerDirect.com for \$544.99.

CARRIED

8. Special Assistance Grant Report

Resolution No. 06/220

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Costs Incurred for Special Assistance Grant Report in the amount of \$32,270.89, dated May 4, 2006 and the Auditor's Report of same be received and approved by Council.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

1. Information Items Noted

Resolution No. 06/221

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the following Information Items be noted.

1. Municipality of Leamington re: COMRIF.
2. Timiskaming Board of Health – minutes of meeting held April 5, 2006 and April Health Report.
3. Township of Essa re: Exempt Road Service Vehicles from Section 69 of the Highway Traffic Act.
4. Township of Essa re: Financial Support for Ontario Farmers.
5. Hydro One re: Increases.
6. Notice of Application of Consent – Township of Coleman.

And further that Council support items #1 and #3.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Water Treatment Plant.
The upgrades are ongoing.
2. Recycling:
The Town has not yet received the cost for recycling bins.
3. Waterfront Improvement:
The landscaping in the Bridge Park Area is complete, with the exception of the washrooms.
4. Town Hall Improvements
The paving in the Town Office parking area is complete. Trees at the front will be planted soon
5. Crusher Grant:
A meeting is scheduled to review the options further.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. HRSDC Summer Student Program:

A letter was received from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada in response to the Town's applications for a number of students. Latchford was advised that HRSDC was unable to provide even one student to the Town of Latchford, even though the Town's application "met initiative criteria", "other proposals ranked higher in priority". The Clerk has contacted the HRSDC office but has not, to date, received a response and will contact them again.

10. BY-LAWS

***By-law No. 724/06 Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits
Resolution No. 06/222***

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that By-law No. 724/06 being a by-law respecting construction, demolition, Change of Use Permits and Inspections be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

Division Vote

FOR

Mac Hamilton
Gerry Remillard
Peter Davies

AGAINST

Larry Anderson
Lilliemay Matton

CARRIED

***By-law No. 725/06 Confirming By-law
Resolution No. 06/223***

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No. 725/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held May 31, 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. 06/224

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 8:56 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. 06/225

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 10:18 P.M.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment.

Resolution No. 06/226

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Second By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 10:19 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 31st day
of May, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer