

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Peter Davies called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked if there was any representation from the Ratepayers' Association, but there was none.

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated.

Resolution No.: 06/227

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the June 14, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Councillor Remillard stated he would not attend the In-Camera Session.

Councillor Lilliemay Matton declared a possible conflict of interest with respect to an item in the In-Camera Session.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Council held on June 14, 2006

Resolution No.: 06/228

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 31, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: None

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

1. The Community Policing meeting scheduled for June 6, 2006 was not held as the Police representative did not attend. A phone call to the OPP was placed and the OPP indicated there were no problems at this time. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

Councillor Mac Hamilton

1. Heritage Latchford: A student position "Museum Attendant" has been approved through HRDC, and the position is now posted.
2. Four other student positions have been approved for the summer – Parks/ Recreation/Program Coordinator; Public Works Helper; and two Tourism Counsellors.
3. Recreation Centre: All materials to install walkways behind the arena boards have been received, and work will be completed as soon as possible.
4. Greenwood Park Development: Gord Lomax will present a report this evening.
5. Recreation Grant: A grant has been approved to fund handicapped access improvements at the Community Centre.
6. Computer/Accounting Progress: The transfer of data is progressing.
7. Budget 2006: Final touches to revenue, expense and capital are required. A budget meeting will be scheduled for next week.
8. Tem Fund – Councillor Hamilton attended the Annual Meeting last week to represent the Town of Latchford. Thanks were passed on for the \$38,681 grant for the Latchford Playground Equipment. Business and Municipal representatives were very supportive and encouraging of Latchford's community and development efforts.
9. Media Support: John Hunt, North Bay Nugget had an encouraging article regarding the approval of a Contact North location in Latchford, and further that the Latchford community is taking steps in the right direction.
10. Temex: A Temex report of June 6, 2006 indicates a massive program to field check 35 top ranked mineralization targets prior to diamond drilling. The prospects appear favourable.
11. On a final note and from a Community morale perspective - the only limit and restriction of development and growth for tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let's promote our community together – negativism takes us nowhere!

Councillor Gerry Remillard

Misc. Items:

1. The Ministry of Transportation checked the ditch that runs in front of Carmody's and hopefully they will start work on it shortly.
2. Councillor Hamilton informed me that Roger Tiessen from Camp Bailey would like a crash course on operating the boat in Gillies Limit and Pat Underhill has offered to give Roger training.
3. The emergency door Council has discussed should be constructed as soon as possible, in order to have a separate entry directly into Council Chambers.

Recreation:

There are a lot of events planned for August 12, 2006 and all are welcome. Following are a few of the highlights:

- Jack Hunt Memorial Baseball Tournament all weekend.
- Saturday morning a Latchford Family Day Event.
- Canoe and Kayak races from Mowat's Landing to Latchford, beginning at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday night, there will be a dance at the Community Recreation Centre, featuring Club 60 as our entertainment.

Councillor Lilliemay Matton

1. Library:
A Library Board meeting was held on June 6, 2006. The Library received a Provincial grant in the amount of \$10,500, and also CAP funding in the amount of \$3,600. The Board is waiting to receive their financial audited statement, which is prepared by the Town's auditor. The Board sent a letter to the Minister of

Culture advising they would forward the financial statement to them by July 1, 2006.

The Book Sale was a great success raising \$185.80, plus receiving a \$200.00 credit from the Highway Bookshop. Thank you to all volunteers!

The Library is in desperate need of repairs/renovations i.e. heating, windows, etc.

Volunteers are very welcome, as the Library is operated by volunteers.

The next meeting is September 5, 2006.

2. CIA Recreation Grant/Seniors:

Councillor Matton attended the Seniors meeting on June 12, 2006 to follow-up on the programs that are available to the seniors. Diana McLellan is willing to come to Latchford if we have at least 5 people interested in foot care. Ms. McLellan charges \$25 for half hour and \$35 for a full hour; if anyone is interested, I have offered to post a sheet in the Town Office to sign up and I can organize this.

The Seniors are interested in a winter aquatic exercise program.

I also spoke to the Seniors about a once a month walk on our trails. A sheet will be posted at the Town Office, Post Office, BJ Variety and The Dam Depot.

The Seniors do not meet until September 5, 2006.

At this point, Mayor Davies introduced Gord Lomax to read a Progress Report on the Greenwood Park Business Case. Mr. Lomax advised that he and the Mayor attended a meeting with David Ramsay, MPP which he felt went very well. Mr. Ramsay took a good look at the Business Case, and expressed his interest and agreed to nudge the proposal along. I noted that a response to the Clerk's letter to Paul Bewick, forwarding a complete package of the Business Case, had not yet been received.

I have now received news that a letter from Mr. Bewick is in the mail. When this letter is received by the Town, Mr. Lomax would like to be advised as a meeting will be scheduled with Mr Bewick and others to discuss the next steps.

Clerk

Following is a summary of the past few weeks' activities in the Municipal Office; not counting of course the day to day activities of a municipal office, such as discussions with Council on a number of various matters, usually resulting in additional correspondence, phone calls, email, etc., visits/phone calls from the Public (which are always most welcome), tourists stopping requiring information and to chat a bit about the area etc., the usual Ministry "business", and providing information to consultants, contractors, organizations, etc. regarding various matters, follow-up correspondence; agenda preparation:

1. The Town received five students, including two through James Bay Frontier. After HRDC had turned us down, the Clerk faxed Anthony Rota and it was a pleasant surprise to receive a call approving two students. The Town also received a student through MNDM – Summer Jobs Service Program.
2. Audit: The Auditor attended at the Office today, and again there was a fair bit of information they required, but the audit should be complete soon.

3. Lise has been very busy entering all cash receipts, invoices etc. into the new system. The Auditor was surprised Lise was the only one enteringbut as we know, a small municipal office has much of the same work to complete, only with less staff. In this regard - Thank God for Mary Ann!
4. Water Treatment Plant Upgrades: Mike Delmonte stopped in and brought me up to date on the project – electrician began working to upgrade electrical, shoring work complete in clear wells, and a tentative date for the arrival of filters is the end of June. The project is pretty much on target.
5. The Animal Control Officer began working for Latchford and has been in Town a few times patrolling the street, and also stopped in the office to check on any complaints and dropped off a standard complaint form.
6. Budget: The Budget Committee will be scheduling a budget meeting soon. I did work on it over the weekend and I think we are very close to having a balanced budget. Of course, some figures are “estimates” since the Ministry of Finance has not yet provided Latchford’s ratio, but according to the Ministry we are in the ball park.
7. Funding is in place for the backhoe.
8. Lise and I will be attending an election seminar next week in Sudbury.
9. I am still working on a number of outstanding issues, which have been outstanding for quite a while, as I understand. I would like everyone to know I am doing my best to complete all municipal business as required by legislation, and will try to get to everyone’s requests/concerns as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Mayor Peter Davies

1. The Mayor attended a “Pandemic Meeting” with the Timiskaming Health Unit, which was quite informative. Every municipality must have a separate contingency plan, which a Committee is now working on.
2. The Mayor attended the Grand Opening of the HRDC Centre on Friday June 9th.
3. The Mayor and Mr. Lomax attended a meeting with David Ramsay on Friday June 9th to review the W.J.B. Greenwood Park Business Case and also the trails system. This meeting went very well, and Mr. Ramsay was quite supportive of these projects. Also discussed at the meeting was the high cost of water in small municipalities and a letter is to be forwarded to David Ramsay in this regard. The Town residents may expect to have lower water costs by September or October.
4. The Town hired a part-time temporary Parks Attendant to cut grass for the month of June, as Lee is on vacation and the students are not yet out of school.
5. June is Seniors’ Month, and the Town hopes a special trip can be planned for all seniors. The Recreation Committee will be approached to organize something.
6. The Mayor gave an update on the events to be held on August 12th.
7. The Mayor made a statement regarding his responsibility as Mayor to keep Council on track and functioning and noted this was difficult when a councillor chooses to make accusations about other members of council. Mayor Davies emphasized that the divulging of details discussed in-camera has to stop. It was also noted that everyone has a right to their privacy and should not have to worry about being taped. Mayor Davies then requested that Councillor Lilliemay Matton turn off the recorder which she had turned on as he did not feel this was in the best interest of anyone in the room.

Councillor Matton refused. The Mayor requested the Clerk to bring the by-law regarding the prohibiting of recording devices, etc. in Council Meeting, unless authorized by Council, forward on the agenda.

Amendment of the Agenda

Resolution No.: 06/229

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Agenda be amended to bring forward By-law No. 729-06 to be read and considered before the Action Items.

CARRIED

Against: Councillor Lilliemay Matton

By-law No. 728/06 to Prohibit Sound Recording Devices etc. at Council Meetings

Resolution No. 06/230

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No. 729/06 being a by-law a by-law to prohibit sound recording devices and moving picture devices at Council Meetings, unless authorized by Council be read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Against: Councillor Lilliemay Matton

7. The Mayor continued with his statement with respect to concerns he had, and again noted that some matters are definitely confidential in nature and the residents involved should trust that such matters remain that way.

Even if certain members do not agree, the business of the Town should not be disrupted.

At the last meeting Councillor Remillard read an excellent article on Ethics in Politics.

There were accusations that proper procedures were not followed to sell surplus lots and the Mayor set out the steps the Town had taken, and offered the Public/Press present to review a package which contained copies of the required by-law, resolution, realtor agreement, etc.

It came to the attention of Council, by way of a call from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, that Councillor Matton had written a letter to David Ramsay, asking that it be passed on to the Minister. The Ministry advised the Town that the letter was regarding acts of council.

Mayor Davies stated that Councillor Remillard always declares a conflict of interest if there is to be any discussion about the Post Office or any other matter that he decides he may have a conflict.

Mayor Davies stated that most of council is working hard for the advancement of Latchford. Latchford is moving forward in leaps and bounds and it is disheartening to have to expend time and energy on such matters that are driven by only a few individuals.

Mayor Davies advised there will be a Special Open Meeting of Council scheduled for June 27th at 6:30 p.m. with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Advisor to review ethics and confidentiality, and other matters of interest.

The Mayor has requested the OPP to do a presentation on privacy, taping of conversations and phone calls and how to protect yourself against this.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Electricity Development – Request for Support

Resolution No. 06/231

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from the City of Sault Ste. Marie requesting support of their request to the Ontario Government to develop Northern Ontario before committing to the purchase of electricity from new developments in Manitoba, Quebec and Newfoundland be received and supported.

CARRIED

2. Willing Host for Garbage

Resolution No. 06/232

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Town of Greater Napanee requesting support of their resolution stating that no municipality should be required to take garbage from across the Province if they are not a *willing host* to such a proposal be received and supported.

CARRIED

3. Meeting for Funding Shortfall – Water/Waste Water Projects

Resolution No.: 06/233

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Town of Greater Napanee requesting support of their resolution stating that no municipality should be required to take garbage from across the Province if they are not a *willing host* to such a proposal be received and filed.

CARRIED

4. Tax Inequity

Resolution No. 06/234

Moved by: Mac Hamilton

Seconded by: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Town of New Tecumseh re: Realty Tax Reform (Tax Inequity) be received and filed.

CARRIED

5. Forestry Industry in Ontario (F.O.N.O.M. Request for Support)

Resolution No. 06/235

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from F.O.N.O.M. requesting support of their resolution re: Forestry Industry in Ontario be received and supported.

CARRIED

6. Cobalt Century of Memories 2006 Centennial - Parade

Resolution No. 06/236

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Cobalt Century of Memories 2006 Centennial Committee inviting Latchford to participate in their parade be received and the Clerk will advise Cobalt that Latchford will participate.

CARRIED

7. Smytty Memorial Scramble

Resolution No. 06/237

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the letter from the Smytty Memorial Scramble requesting either a donation towards this worthwhile event or a prize contribution be received and referred to the Budget File.

CARRIED

8. Timiskaming Abitibi Trail Association

Resolution No. 06/238

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter from Timiskaming Abitibi Trail Association re: Advertising in their publication be received and filed.

CARRIED

9. Family Physician Shortage

Resolution No. 06/239

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Regional Municipality of York re: Family Physician Shortage, requesting support of their resolution be received and supported.

CARRIED

10. MOE Provincial Order – OCWA Cost

Resolution No. 06/240

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from OCWA regarding the work that must be completed and advising the cost will be \$8,497.17 in order to comply with the MOE Provincial Order be received and OCWA be authorized to complete the work as soon as possible in order to be in compliance by July 15, 2006.

CARRIED

11. ONR Crossings in Gillies Limit

Resolution No. 06/241

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: ONR Crossing in Gillies Limit be received and the Clerk request Public Works to confirm the railway crossings which are the Town's responsibility.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

1. Information Items Noted

Resolution No. 06/242

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the following Information Items be noted.

1. Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal affairs re: Progress of the Temagami Land Claim Negotiations.
2. South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation minutes of the Earlton-Temiskaming Regional airport Joint Municipal Services Board and Financial Statements 2006.
3. Ontario Prospectors Association Minutes and Newsletter (on file).
4. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario – update on improving access to family physicians in Ontario

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:
4. Town Hall Improvements
Councillor Remillard noted that the direct access to Council Chambers should be constructed as soon as possible, and the following resolution was passed.

Town Hall Improvement – Access to Council Chambers

Resolution No. 06/243

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council request the clerk to advertise for quotes to construct an outside entrance to the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

5. Crusher Grant:
Another meeting is required as Miller will not lower their price to crush the limestone.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Seminar in Sudbury

Resolution No. 06/244

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council authorize Betty Gibson and Lise McKeever to attend the Election Training in Sudbury on June 22nd, expenses paid;

And further that Council authorize the rental of a car at an approximate cost of \$200.00.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

***By-law No. 726/06 Partnership Agreement with Contact North
Resolution No. 06/245***

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that By-law No.726/06 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Partnership Agreement between Contact North/Contact Nord and the Corporation of the Town of Latchford to establish a Contact North/Contact Nord Centre in 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. 727/06 Establish Rental Fees for Community Recreation Centre
Resolution No. 06/246***

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No.727/06 being a by-law to establish rental fees for use of space in the Latchford Community Recreation Centre 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. 729/06 Confirming By-law
Resolution No. 06/247***

Moved By: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-law No. 729/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held June 14, 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. 06/248

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 9:08 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. 06/249

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 10:23 P.M.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 06/250

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that the request from Robert Miller to have his mobile home (trailer) hooked into his new septic system be approved and advise the Temiskaming Health Unit that Council has no objection because the trailer was already situated on the property and that a letter explaining this be forwarded to Mr. Miller. MPAC be advised of this action.

CARRIED

Against: Councillor Mac Hamilton

12. Adjournment.

Resolution No. 06/251

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Second By: Lilliemay Matton

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 10:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 14th day
of June, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer