

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to order and mayoral comments.**

Mayor Peter Davies called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**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 25 people in attendance, with members of the Ratepayers' Association in attendance.

**Press:** Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

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

**Resolution No.:** 06/254

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the June 28, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Remillard declared a possible pecuniary interest with respect to an item in the In-Camera Session.

Councillor Lilliemay Matton declared a pecuniary 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.:** 06/255

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 14, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS:**

**Presentation:**

Mr. Gaetan Lacoursiere, representing Bell Canada, attended and made a special presentation of a \$5,000 Bell Community Sport Fund grant. Mr. Lacoursiere congratulated the Town of Latchford Recreation Committee on being awarded this grant, which will be used to purchase materials to expand use of the community's natural ice surface used for hockey in winter and ball hockey in summer. The funds will help construct ramps to provide wheelchair access and purchase fuses, wiring and other electrical materials. Mr. Lacoursiere presented Mayor Davies with their official Bell Community Sport Fund Recipient sign. On behalf of the Town of Latchford, Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Lacoursiere.

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:**

**Councillor Larry Anderson**

1. Public Works:

Councillor Anderson reported that Councillor Matton and himself had toured the Town and noted some blind corners because of shrubs and trees that require trimming. There are also STOP signs installed on telephone poles which should be installed properly, and Councillor Anderson will discuss this with the Mr. Ketchabaw.

It was also emphasized that in order to run a smooth operation, all requests from Council for Public Works should be directed to the Clerk, who will advise the Public Works Foreman.

Councillor Anderson advised there is still standing water in the ditch, and although the M.T.O. did apparently look at the ditch, nothing has been done to date to rectify this problem.

2. Community Policing:

Councillor Anderson reported that he had spoken with Sergeant Murphy and was advised that there are no issues at this time. There is no meeting scheduled until September.

3. Recreation:

Maintenance is being completed at the Beach area, with the “noodle” line being replaced and additional noodles purchased to ensure safety. The raft has been located and anchored, but the ladder requires repairs. The Playground equipment arrived and installation will begin when Mr. Ketchabaw returns from vacation. The canoe race signs are being posted as far north as Timmins, Cochrane and Kapuskasing. The Latchford 2007 Committee met on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the same few people attending. Councillor Anderson stated that perhaps people think it is too early to begin preparations, which is not the case as the Golden Helmets and Snow Birds must be booked a year in advance, and sub-committees should be formed now to take on the many tasks required to organize a successful Centennial Celebration. Councillor Anderson advised that he will not be scheduling meetings until he hears positive feedback from more of the residents, indicating their interest in this important and historical event. Councillor Anderson stated that he can be called at home in the evenings.

**Councillor Gerry Remillard**

Recreation:

Councillor Remillard gave a brief summary of the meeting with Laurier Gadoury, Ministry of Health Promotion. Mr. Gadoury gave an update on the status of the CIF grant, which has been extended to September.

Councillor Remillard advised Council that Oval and Rita McDirmid donated some of Mrs. Toots McDirmid’s dishes etc. to the Community Centre and also items to the Museum. This is very much appreciated.

Medical Clinic:

Councillor Remillard advised he had received a call from Mayor Belanger regarding Dr. Hanley’s retirement, which will result in a heavier case load for Doctors Hardie and Sears, who are already very busy. Doctors Hardie and Sears advised they will try to accommodate these patients, but it may be necessary for them to go to emergency.

### **Councillor Mac Hamilton**

#### Heritage Latchford:

The summer student posting is out. The Museum/Loggers Hall of Fame is open.

#### Recreation Centre:

All materials in place to install walkways behind the arena boards and the Public Works will manufacture supporting brackets. A proposal is being considered for the design of a front entrance for protected ramp entrance. Upon final decisions, the plan will be sent out for tenders to construct. This is part of the grant recently received from Bell Community Sport Fund.

#### Greenwood Park Development:

Correspondence favourable to this development has been received and further coordination to be commenced with John Salo (Ontario Park Superintendent). A meeting with the MNR and Council will be scheduled.

#### Grant Applications:

Trillium grant applications have been revised for 2006. As a result, one application to repair the Loggers Hall of Fame and the former MNR Bunkhouse will be prepared, and another application strictly for the Fred Keenan Centre/Library will be prepared as soon as a "total building condition report" is received by Council. If successful, the work may not be carried out until 2007.

#### Budget 2006:

Revenues and Expenditures related to the total Latchford community are approximately 95% complete. The tax ratios, provided by the Ministry of Finance, have just been received and Council will give further consideration to the ratios provided.

#### Dam Replacement:

It has been confirmed that the dam will be replaced over a two year period. A Public Meeting in the fall will be scheduled for more information.

### **Councillor Lilliemay Matton**

#### Library:

There will be no Library Board meetings scheduled for the summer. The Library Board is asking for quotes for repairs.

#### **Clerk**

The Clerk stated that the past couple of weeks have been quite busy, with more tourists dropping in for information.

Following is a summary of significant items that may be of interest:

1. Additional ASYST Program training (included in original cost) by telephone was provided (cash receipts, accounts payable, payroll).
2. Lise and I attended an Election Seminar in Sudbury which was quite informative.
3. Another OSTAR claim has been submitted.
4. The trees are still not planted at the front of the Town Office and the last advisement was they should be in by the end of this week.

5. The Town received five summer student applications. The five students have been interviewed and placed in positions which were felt to be best suited for the individual. Recreation has been contacted, and I will call the Heritage Board, Public Works, and James Frontier.
6. On Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Town finally received the tax ratios from the Ministry of Finance. OPTA was very helpful in assisting to determine various scenarios, in order to finalize a tax rate as soon as possible. Further correspondence and conversations have resulted and the Town will be contacting the Ministry of Finance in this regard.
7. On June 27<sup>th</sup> I attended the Ministry of Municipal Affairs presentation on Conflict of Interest, Staff/Council relations, etc., presented by Gord Tokaryk, Latchford's Municipal Advisor, which I found was quite interesting and informative.
8. I attended a Site Meeting for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades. The project is on schedule, with the filters expected to arrive July 10<sup>th</sup> or earlier. All the work in the clear well is complete and ready to install filters. The Consultant is satisfied with the work to date. The Consultant will provide minutes of this meeting.

#### **Mayor Peter Davies**

1. A meeting took place with Laurier Gadoury, Ministry of Health Promotion, and confirmed that the remainder of the grant can be spent on various equipment.
2. Park Management: Ontario Parks forwarded a letter supporting and commending God Lomax for the work preparing the Business Case for W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park. Ontario Parks advised that they have to ensure that the park management plan addresses all proposed infrastructure and site improvements. They suggest that Mr. Lomax continue to work with John Salo, Park Superintendent, Temagami Area, and M.N.R. on this proposal. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review all requirements.
3. The Mayor commented on the two year project for a new dam, and announced this is a \$15M to \$20M project, and noted it will be in the same place and should not affect the water level. The Ministry is being pursued to construct a one lane walkway across the new dam.
4. Sale of Surplus Property: It was emphasized that Century 21 is looking after the town lots that are for sale, and noted there are not signs on every lot. Any person can put an offer on a lot at any time, and the Town will always maximize the dollars received by the Town.
5. The tax ratios were received on June 26<sup>th</sup> and a by-law should be passed prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Town did receive verbal confirmation for an extension from the Ministry.
6. COMRIF: This funding program covers projects such as culverts, roads, bridges, etc. The Clerk/Treasurer will be researching this funding program to confirm the best project to apply for; one which would be the most likely to be successful in obtaining funds for.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Action Items

#### 1. Town Office – Quotes for Pressure Washing and Staining

##### Resolution No. 06/256

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the memo from the Clerk and attached quotations for the pressure washing and staining of the Town Hall be received as follows:

- Gregg Huff \$5,400.63
- A.J. McClelland \$6,270.47

And the low bid from Gregg Huff in the amount of \$5,400.63 be accepted by Council, pending 2006 Budget approval.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. 2006 Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship

##### Resolution No. 06/257

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re: 2006 Ontario Medal for Good citizenship be received and posted with nominations being accepted until the first Council Meeting in July.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Frog's Breath Foundation

##### Resolution No.: 06/258

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Frog's Breath Foundation re: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Social inviting the Mayor to participate in the golf tournament and/or the Town to be a corporate sponsor, attend the social and casino/silent auction night, be received and. Referred to the 2006 Budget file.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Accounts

##### Resolution No. 06/259

**Moved by:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded by:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the General Bills in the amount of \$182,419.78 and Payroll in the amount of \$25,419.42 for the months of May and June 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. July 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday

##### Resolution No. 06/260

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the memo from the Clerk re: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Stat Holiday be received and Council approve the closure of the Town Office and Public Works on Monday July 3rd, 2006 in lieu of the July 1<sup>st</sup> Statutory Holiday;

**And further that** garbage pick-up be carried out on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**And further that** hours at Landfill Site for the July 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday shall be as usual.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMRIF “Intake Three”**

**Resolution No. 06/261**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the AMO Alert re: Canada and Ontario launch COMRIF “Intake Three” and attached information be received and the Clerk be directed to follow-up on submitting an application.

**CARRIED**

**B. Information Items**

**1. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 06/262**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

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

1. AMO Alert re: Province Introduces Changes to the Municipal Act.
2. Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing “Working with Municipalities”.
3. Ontario Parks re: W.J.B. Greenwood Provincial Park.
4. South Temiskaming Community Futures Development – minutes and Financial Statements. (on file)
5. Timiskaming Health Unit – Audited Financial Statement (on file).

**CARRIED**

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Water Treatment Plant.  
The upgrades are on schedule, per the Clerk’s report.
2. Recycling:  
The Town has not yet received the cost for recycling bins and are considering other options.
3. Waterfront Improvement:
4. Town Hall Improvements  
The landscaping is almost complete, per the Clerk’s report.
5. Crusher Grant:  
A meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Canoe/Kayak Race**

**Resolution No. 06/263**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** that Council authorize an expenditure of approximately \$250.00 to purchase a trophy and host a barbecue for the Canoe/Kayak Race.

**CARRIED**

**10. BY-LAWS**

***By-law No. 730/06 Prohibit Permanent Trailers***

**Resolution No. 06/264**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 730 being a by-law to prohibit permanent trailers within the boundaries of the Town of Latchford, with the exception of the former unorganized Township of South Gillies, after the passing of this by-law, 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. 731/06 Confirming By-law***

**Resolution No. 06/265**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 731/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held June 28, 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. 06/266**

**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 8:40 P.M. to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2);

- 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. 06/267**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:36 P.M., and a resolution be tabled, following discussion.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 06/268**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** regarding the litigation against Mayor Davies pertaining to accounts of Latchford Enterprises Co-operative, and previously maintained by the Town, Council agrees that this is a municipal issue and litigation costs will be covered by the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

***Mayor Davies and Councillor Lilliemay Matton declared a Pecuniary Conflict and did not participate in discussions or vote on this matter.***

**12. Adjournment.**

**Resolution No. 06/269**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Second By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 9:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 2006.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer