

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 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.

**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 56 people in attendance.

**Press:** Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

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

**Resolution No.:** 06/281

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the July 12, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

None

**4. Adoption of the minutes of the meetings of Council held on June 27, June 28, and June 30, 2006**

**Resolution No.:** 06/282

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 28 2006, and the Special Council meetings held June 27, 2006 and June 30, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk, and amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS:**

Kevin Labonte attended to ask questions regarding procedures of council with respect to passing by-laws, resolutions and notices. The Clerk responded to the questions, as follows:

What has this council deemed an adequate notice, and where can a citizen find these notices?

*Agendas for council meetings, which include by-laws to be tabled at the meeting, are posted on the Friday prior to the council meeting at the Town Office and the Post Office. Unless required under the Municipal Act, this is sufficient notice for passing of by-laws.*

Does approval of the subject matter require a vote? And where can one find the minutes of that meeting?

*A resolution is prepared for every by-law and council must vote on it before the by-law is passed. The by-laws are circulated to council in their Agenda Package on the Friday prior to each council meeting for their review. Council is then prepared to vote on the by-law at that meeting. After the minutes of the meeting are approved by Council at the*

*following regular council meeting, the said minutes are posted at the Town Office and the Post Office. If someone wishes a copy, they may ask for one and pay a fee for the photocopying of same.*

At the last open meeting, the Permanent trailer by-law was said to be read three times. If it was not at that meeting, what meeting can a citizen find the recording of the first and second reading of that by-law?

*Unless otherwise legislated (under the Municipal or another Act), a by-law is taken as read a first, second and third time at the meeting which it is tabled at. The resolution is read aloud and Council then votes on the resolution. If a majority votes in favour, the by-law is passed. An example of a by-law that must be read a first and second time at one meeting, and then a third time at a following meeting, is a Zoning By-law. Most by-laws receive all three readings at the one meeting.*

Mr. Labonte requested clarification on a resolution regarding Council's support of the Mayor concerning a claim against him, as Council determined it was a municipal issue. Mr. Labonte was told that this item had not been included in his delegation material, but did confirm that the resolution was passed by Council at the previous meeting.

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

### **Councillor Gerry Remillard**

#### **1. Recreation**

A Recreation Committee meeting was held on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and following is a summary of items discussed:

- The kitchen cupboards will be ready soon, and items stored in the kitchen must be taken out in order to install the cupboards. Most of this work will take place in the evening, so the children's programs will not be disrupted.
- Items on the ice surface must be removed to allow space for the children to participate in games, etc.
- July 22, 2006 - free boat tour on the Chief Commanda in North Bay for seniors over 50, sponsored by the Town and Recreation Committee.
- Bass Tournament on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Family Day is scheduled for August 12, 2006, which will include a pancake breakfast, barbecue, possibly a supper at the Legion (not yet confirmed), and a dance at the Recreation Centre with Club 60 providing entertainment (Proof of age of majority will be required.) Admittance is \$10 per person. Jack Hunt Memorial Baseball Tournament will be held all weekend.
- Canoe/Kayak Race on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Councillor Larry Anderson**

#### **1. Public Works:**

- New backhoe/loader arrived.
- Suggested that Finance look into a capital plan to eventually replace the Town truck.
- The wooden climbing structure and merry-go-round were moved from the new playground area and Public Works will be excavating for the new playground shortly.
- The Town will be checking into a bylaw to resolve the problem with shrubs, bushes, etc. restricting vision at intersections.
- Material is in to make supports for the rink boards and provide a better walkway/viewing from the sides.
- The dump employee building requires a new front door due to a bear breaking in. Please use caution when dumping as these bears are not afraid of people.

### **Councillor Lilliemay Matton**

Councillor Matton advised she had no Committee Reports at this time.

Councillor Matton addressed Mayor Davies stating she felt the Mayor would not let her speak and it was a councillor's duty to speak out.

Councillor Matton then presented a petition which she read aloud. This petition, in summary, referred to a resolution of council approving payment of possible legal fees concerning a claim served to Mayor Davies by Latchford Enterprises Co-operative, and requesting that Council rescind the resolution; and also requesting for the immediate resignation of Mayor Davies.

The Mayor stated he would deal with this after his report, and requested the petition which had been presented. Councillor Matton advised she just had the one copy.

### **Councillor Mac Hamilton**

Prior to giving his Committee Report, Councillor Hamilton voiced his concern over what appeared to be a "cat fight". Councillor Hamilton reminded those present of a Ministry of Municipal Affairs presentation a few weeks ago regarding pecuniary interest and the role of council (working together), and suggested that it was unfortunate more people had not attended this presentation. Councillor Hamilton also remarked on the number of grants that Latchford has received recently and that grants do not come easily, but take a lot of hard work. Also volunteers worked very hard towards acquiring playground equipment grant; new kitchen cupboards for the Community Centre (money raised from donations), the WJB Greenwood Provincial Park, installing boards at the area, etc. and although he did not know for sure if those individuals initiating petitions etc. do volunteer, he suggested that they start to volunteer on these worthwhile projects. Councillor Hamilton remarked on a comment made that night to the affect that Council should smarten up and do something; and noted that these numerous grants and positive additions to the Town would not happen if Council was not working hard towards a better future for Latchford.

#### Heritage Latchford:

- The summer student is engaged;
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the tourism greetings at the House of Memories – contact Diane Remillard or Michelle Davies.
- The House of Memories requires evestrough to prevent seepage into the building and a resolution will be discussed at tonight's meeting to request quotations to do the work.

#### Recreation Centre:

- Awaiting special brackets to be made by Public Works in order to commence volunteer work to install walkways behind the boards.
- The final ideas for entrance modifications to the Recreation Centre Building are required in order to obtain construction quotations.

#### Trillium Foundation Grant Application:

- Loggers' Hall of Fame / MNR Bunkhouse Application – at least two quotations to repair the exterior of these 2 buildings required to complete the fund application. The Clerk to arrange.
- Fred Keenan Centre – A complete building condition report is required from top to bottom, inside and out, for council review, prior to submission for repair quotation and fund application. Public Works will arrange. The examination should be conducted in cooperation with the Library, Seniors Club and Medical Office in order to get all input regarding the condition and comforts of this building.

Greenwood Park Development:

- A perimeter exploratory walk was held July 5, 2006 with the MNR and Gord Lomax to assess the locations and potentials for campsite and facility locations. The information will be of value to develop the Park Management Plan. An overview/presentation by the MNR is scheduled for a council meeting in the near future.

Budget 2006:

- A budget meeting will be held soon to work towards the finalization of the 2006 budget.
- A special finance meeting was held last Friday evening to challenge the preliminary Provincial revenue numbers, and Council believes they were successful. A letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance in this regard.

**Mayor Peter Davies**

- More good news – due to the hard work of Council, Staff and Charles Hallworth, the M.T.O. have committed \$500 for a ramp at the Bridge Park.
- The playground equipment is being installed.
- A Seniors trip to North Bay for a cruise on the Commanda is planned for Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is for “seniors” of 50 years and over and is free of charge. Sign-up sheets are available at the Post Office and Town Office.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Bass tournament sponsored by the Town and the Recreation Committee. Please come out and enjoy this event, even if you do not fish.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> is Family Day, and includes the Canoe/Kayak race, and a dance with Club 60 playing which is sponsored by the Latchford Community Association.
- The easement on Proulx street has reached the stage where the survey can be done, following which the legal documents will be filed.

Following the Mayor’s report, he asked Councillor Matton for the petition again and Councillor Matton stated she would provide a copy.

Mayor Davies read a summary of events that have taken place with respect to Latchford Enterprises Co-operative. The Mayor then gave an overview of litigation and potential litigation that the Town has dealt with during this term of office.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Action Items**

**1. Municipality of Brockton – Child-Care**

**Resolution No. 06/283**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the resolution from the Municipality of Brockton requesting support of their resolution regarding child-care needs being met by a nationally funded public system be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**2. Township of Leeds – Watertight Report**

**Resolution No. 06/284**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the resolution from the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands re: Watertight Panel Report requesting the Provincial Government not implement the recommendation of the Watertight Report to create an Ontario Water Board or transfer jurisdiction of water and wastewater to Regional Municipalities be received and more information be requested.

**CARRIED**

**3. Municipality of Clarington – Ontario Clean Water Act - Funding**

**Resolution No.: 06/285**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the resolution from the Municipality of Clarington re: Ontario Clean Water Act, requesting the Provincial Government to provide adequate funding under the Clean Water Act to land owners; review the implementation strategy with and to the satisfaction of the commodity groups and AMO before it is included in the regulations; and transfer adequate funds to the municipalities for the implementation, be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**4. Earth Tech – SCADA System / Sewage Plant Control Replacement**

**Resolution No. 06/286**

**Moved by:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded by:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Earth Tech and attached quotation from Pedersen Construction to carry out extra work as follows:

1. Water Plant Control System Upgrade – Installation of a supplementary SCADA system which would collect and store data electronically to allow for easy production of reports for the MOE at an approximate cost of \$25,000 which may be eligible for subsidization under the OSTAR program; and
2. Sewage Plant Control Replacement – replacement of relay control panel with new electronic control panel at an approximate cost of \$20,000 and would not be eligible for subsidization under the OSTAR program;

be received and regarding #1 – apply for subsidy and #2 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. Lots for a New Fire Hall**

**Resolution No. 06/287**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the memo from the Clerk regarding a request from the Fire Department to begin clearing the lots set aside for a future fire hall and posting notice to residents that the cleared trees is available for fire wood be received and be deferred to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**6. Accounts for June and July, 2006**

**Resolution No. 06/288**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the general bills in the amount of \$366,598.24 and Payroll in the amount of \$7,941.10 for the months of June and July 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**7. Cobalt 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition**

**Resolution No. 06/289**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the information from the Speaker for advertising in the Cobalt Rocks and also the Cobalt 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition be received and a \$65 ad be approved for the Anniversary Edition.

**CARRIED**

**8. AMO Alert – Blue Box**

**Resolution No. 06/290**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the AMO Alert regarding the AMO Position on Improving the Efficiency of the Blue Box and requesting support be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**9. Mileage Remuneration**

**Resolution No. 06/291**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the mileage remuneration for Council and Town Staff be increased to 40 cents per kilometre effective July 13, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**B. Information Items**

**1. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 06/292**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

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

1. Timiskaming Health Unit – minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the Health Report.
2. Office of the Minister of Transport – response regarding funding for small municipal water systems.
3. Ministry of Health – response re: Northern Physician Retention Initiative.
4. Ministry of the Environment re: Communication between government agencies and organizations.
5. Dalton McGuinty – response re: electricity supply mix, forest sector competitiveness and physician availability.
6. AMO Alert re: OMERS Sponsors Corporation.

**CARRIED**

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Water Treatment Plant.  
The upgrades are on schedule.
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 trees for the front have not yet arrived.
5. Crusher Grant:  
Councillor Anderson hopes to report on this soon.
6. Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship  
There were no nominations received from the Public and Council will discuss this in the Closed Session, so the award can be a surprise for the nominee, if successful.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Property Standards By-law:

Council agreed to review the previous by-law and make recommendations of amendments/revisions to the Clerk as soon as possible.

**2. Purchase of Transit**

**Resolution No. 06/293**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council approves the purchase of a transit in the amount of \$600.00.

**CARRIED**

**3. Repairs to the House of Memories**

**Resolution No. 06/294**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council authorizes repairs to the House of Memories, as described in the letter from the Latchford Heritage Board, and install eaves troughs.

**And that** the Clerk request quotations for the above noted work.

**CARRIED**

**4. Circulation of Council Meeting Information**

**Resolution No. 06/295**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** council meeting information will not be distributed to the Public until the minutes containing said information have been approved by Council at the following meeting.

**CARRIED**

**10. BY-LAWS**

*By-law No. 735/06 Confirming By-law*

**Resolution No. 06/296**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** By-law No. 735/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held July 12, 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. 06/297**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:12 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; and
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 06/298**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 10:00 P.M.

**CARRIED**

**12. Adjournment.**

**Resolution No. 06/299**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Second By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 10:01 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Minutes of the Meeting held July 12, 2006

Clerk-Treasurer