

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2006 at 7:02 p.m.**

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

**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 26 people in attendance.

**Press:** Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

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

**Resolution No.:** 06/316

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the August 23, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

**CARRIED**

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

NONE

**4. Adoption of the minutes**

**Resolution No.:** 06/317

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the minutes held July 26, 2006 be adopted as read and circulated by the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS:**

1. Mayor Davies made a presentation to Jenelle Suy and Bill O'Shaughnessy on behalf of Dr. Barry Wellar. Dr. Wellar was born in Latchford in 1940 and attended the Latchford Public School and resided in Latchford until 1959. He attended Queens University and then went on to graduate school at Northwestern University in Illinois. Dr. Wellar was named to the TDSS Wall of Fame and gave a graduation address. Dr. Wellar has established the Wellar Consulting Inc. Scholarship to recognize students from Latchford who graduate from TDSS, and to encourage them to continue their studies. This scholarship is intended to be ongoing each year.

2. Belinda Beirsto of ECO-LOGIX, Hassle Free Recycling, gave an overview of a proposal for a curbside recycling collection service. Ms. Beirsto noted that she understands money is an issue, and this proposal is negotiable and can also be revised to fit whatever is appropriate for Latchford. Ms. Beirsto highlighted the following points of the proposal:

- offer curbside recycling collection on garbage day
- provide clean bins
- no sorting or peeling, etc. required as they do this at their home base
- seniors or disabled are offered service at the door
- delivered to waste management depot
- charge depends on level of service - \$20.50/household per month for weekly service
- each resident will get a guide with description of what is recyclable
- if municipalities are serious about recycling, curbside will result in everyone participating.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Beirsto and advised that Council would give the proposal consideration as it also lengthens life of dump.

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

**Councillor Larry Anderson**

- Police Meeting scheduled for September.
- Public Works: A resolution will be tabled under Ongoing Business regarding the inspection of some town buildings.
- Crusher Grant will also be dealt with under Ongoing Business.

**Councillor Gerry Remillard**

The Annual Jack Hunt Memorial/Family Day weekend was held on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> weekend. The day began with the Ball Tournament which 7 teams entered, as well as the kids' games held at the beachfront. The Firemen held their annual barbeque at the Pavilion. Mike Beaupré had his tasty "Funnel Cakes" which are always a success. Thanks to Mike for his \$50.00 donation to Park and Recreation from his good profits. The Royal Canadian Legion held a wonderful supper and apparently turned over a \$550.00 profit. The Latchford Community Association held their annual dance which featured "Club 60" and was a great success. Although all calculations are not final, the Latchford Community Association hope to donate from \$550.00 - \$600.00 to the Town to go towards the additional costs incurred for the installation of the new "Playground Equipment". Fun was had by all and we hope to see more out next summer!

**Councillor Lilliemay Matton**

No report.

Councillor Matton noted that she had no report but wished to comment on the last meeting, at which time the Mayor requested Councillor Matton to table a motion of non confidence. Councillor Matton noted that this was not correctly requested. Councillor Matton then spoke to the petition which had been presented previously and noted that each page had been initialled by the OPP Police, indicating that the OPP concluded the document was an original, with no inserts.

Council members reminded Councillor Matton that the original document had never been presented to Council, as is appropriate and therefore such document is not recognized.

Councillor Hamilton noted that a number of residents stated they had not signed the petition, which copy was presented to council and these individuals stated that a copy of a resolution on a separate sheet was handed to them to read and then the petition was presented for signing. One individual advised Councillor Hamilton that they had insisted on reading the paragraph at the top of the actual petition sheet, and they did not read anything about supporting a request for the Mayor's resignation.

Councillor Matton said there are 138 signatures and asked if Council would rescind the resolution approving to support the Mayor in any legal fees concerning the claim against him concerning the use of funds administered by the Town. Council stated they would not; and the Mayor noted that he is paying his own legal fees.

Councillor Matton then asked why Public Works staff was working on a weekend at time and a half.

The Mayor advised he would explain that in his Committee Report.

### **Councillor Mac Hamilton**

Councillor Hamilton emphasized the difficulty in volunteers and council keeping positive spirits and working towards a positive future when there is constant negativity brought to Council. Councillor Hamilton reiterated on the many “good things” that are happening in Latchford, with the help of committed volunteers and how much more good results could be seen if all of Council worked as a team.

Councillor Hamilton then continued with his Committee Report.

1. Heritage Latchford
  - Quotations are to be requested to install eave troughs at the House of Memories.
  - Necessary basement work will be planned after the closure for the season.
  - Outside landscaping to direct water away from the building is planned as well.
  - Two blue spruce trees were planted from the Jim Keenan Memorial Fund at the House of Memories’ property.
2. Recreation Center
  - The walkway behind the rink boards is completed, to the point that the donated lumber and wafer board would permit.
  - A special “thank you” to the usual, consistent volunteers that provided their labour over the 4 week period.
  - Special entrance design will be submitted to Council, dependent on the Special Sports Fund Grant; something will be done this fall.
3. Trillium Grant Application
  - Will be finalized for the Fred Keenan Building as soon as Building Condition report received. Another application will be prepared for the “Loggers Hall of Fame and the former MR bunkhouse.
4. Greenwood Park
  - The Inventory of the forest, fauna and special items of interest is 95% complete as provided by a special student hired by the MNR. This inventory will be used by the MNR to produce a park management plan as part of their administration process. Thanks again to Gord Lomax for his volunteer leadership on this project.
5. Temex Mining Company
  - Temex has announced a large drilling program in their search for diamonds in the Latchford/Temagami area.
  - We are hopeful that this will bring some economical benefits and jobs to this community and area.
6. Latchford Real Estate
  - As you are aware, some real estate moves are taking place in our community and to expedite this goal Council is reviewing an incentive plan to bring new citizens and new construction to our town.
7. Area Tourism
  - The numbers of tourists stopping at several area tourism drop-in centers, museums, etc. are down approximately 27% from 2005.

- Tourists indicate the high cost of gasoline is a major surprise to them as the travel northward. Some tourists feel that they should somehow be made aware of these major expenses as compared to travelling around Southern Ontario. Their feelings do not bode well for tourism in 2007 in Northern Ontario unless the province acts positively.

8. Finance

- Year-end 2005 – the 2005 Financial Statement for Latchford was received late last week. The Clerk will speak to this.
- Budget/2006 = Progressing favourably, and our objective is for completion by next Council Meeting.

**Clerk's Report**

- Received the Preliminary List of Electors to be reviewed and revised, if necessary, and returned to MPAC for the Final List.
- Submitted an application to Service Canada for a "Partnership Program", but have not heard back as yet, except with a request for further clarification and information.
- There is a possibility of further funding for the Community Centre – I was asked to provide information, which took some time to find, but was able to give them what they needed for now. This is just in the beginning stage and we will know more on this later.
- Participated in a lengthy meeting with insurance representatives.
- Attended a luncheon with Kaytlin hosted by the Youth Centre, with a short presentation on their program.
- Received about \$89,589 from the Ministry of Finance, being the annual compensation with respect to Ragged Chutes Hydro Electric Generating Station. Hound Chutes is still not confirmed.
- I am still dealing with an insurance claim that has been ongoing for some time and is becoming rather frustrating, but understand from my last (of many) telephone conversations that I can expect some help from our broker and the head company to get things moving more quickly.
- A budget meeting will be scheduled for next week to finalize the 2006 budget and you can expect to see a notice advising of the adoption of the 2006 budget and a by-law to set the tax rates at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- Contact North have visited and confirmed the space we can provide is just fine, and Northern Telephone has hooked up the phone line. I have a phone call to return tomorrow and expect they will let us know when they are starting.
- This is the students' last week and I must say I enjoyed having Kaytlin and Trevor here at the Town Office. Although they are funded through James Bay Frontier, they were always willing to help, where they could. I am sure Bill, Jenn and Gabe were also much appreciated.
- Please make a note that agendas, minutes and notices will be posted at the Town Hall and the Dam Depot from now on.

**Mayor Peter Davies**

- grass and trees are planted and growing at the front
- many good comments from tourists stopping at the park, which compliments Latchford
- Bass Tournament – 17 boats participated. This is a growing annual event. At this time the Mayor explained why the Public Works staff were called in, as fences had been installed which impeded vehicles trying to put their boats in from turning around. The Public Works staff had to remove all the fences.

- Summerfest was a great success with the firemen's barbecue, the Legion supper, kids' events sponsored by the recreation Committee, etc. There was also a problem with parking but this was circumvented.
- Noted that in a meeting with NEOnet, it was confirmed that Latchford should have high speed in about 18 months; also if there is a business that wants satellite NEOnet will pay a portion.
- AMO Conference – The conference was quite worthwhile to attend, with the Mayor attending as a delegation, with the following Ministers:
  - ❖ Minister Gerretsen, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, together with the Deputy Minister and a number of aids, to discuss the water and sewer costs and annexation.
  - ❖ Minister Broten, Ministry of the Environment and aids to discuss water and sewer costs.
  - ❖ Minister David Ramsay, Ministry of Northern Development & Mines to discuss the Greenwood Park and other items.
  - ❖ Mayor Davies noted these were all very positive contacts.
  - ❖ The Mayor also attended a session regarding available funding for alternative heating in municipal buildings, and suggested this shall be researched with respect to the Fred Keenan Centre and the Public Works Garage.
  - ❖ Changes in the Municipal Act 2007 were reviewed, and one in particular was that each municipality will prepared a “code of ethics” by the end of September which must be followed or there will be consequences.
- Mayor Davies noted that at this time Council is not looking at any net increase in property taxes.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Action Items

#### 1. Township of Woolwich

##### Resolution No. 06/318

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the resolution from the Township of Woolwich requesting support of their resolution requesting the Province to include volunteer firefighters in Bill 111, an amendment to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997, be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Ontario Prospectors Letter

##### Resolution No.: 06/319

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Ontario Prospectors Association re: Ontario Exploration & Geosciences Symposium be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. City of Greater Sudbury Letter

##### Resolution No. 06/320

Moved by: Lilliemay Matton

Seconded by: Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the letter from the City of Greater Sudbury re: 2006 NeORA Conference be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**4. AMO Alert**

**Resolution No. 06/321**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the AMO Alert re: Regulatory Amendments to EPA and EAA – draft regulations to facilitate efforts of municipalities, waste generators and waste managers to divert more wastes from disposal and to better manage residual waste be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**5. Gordon Cosens Survival Group Letter**

**Resolution No. 06/322**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Gordon Cosens Survival Group re: Forest Management – a strategy to adopt in order to ensure the future of Northern Ontario Forest Industry, be received and supported with amendments.

**CARRIED**

**6. General Bills, Payroll**

**Resolution No. 06/323**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** General Bills in the amount of \$205,009.50 and Payroll in the amount of \$18,143.76 for the months of July & August 2006, be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**7. Thornloe Cheese**

**Resolution No. 06/324**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that**

**Whereas** Thornloe Cheese is a regional brand that is recognized throughout Northern Ontario for its quality and taste;

**And Whereas** it is a local landmark and tourist attraction for the area;

**And Whereas** Thornloe Cheese employs 19 people creating economic spin off that is beneficial to the local economy;

**And Whereas** the loss of the Thornloe Cheese Factory will create extra milk transportation for the industry as 15% of the milk produced in Temiskaming was processed there, and will now need to be trucked to Southern Ontario,

**And Whereas** the strong agricultural base in Temiskaming is reliant upon local production and processing and the availability of agricultural infrastructure in the North and Thornloe Cheese is a strong part of the infrastructure, a component that the farm community does not want to lose.

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford strongly urges Dairy Farmers of Ontario to ensure that the processing quota attached to the Thornloe Cheese Factory be kept in Northeastern Ontario and encourages Parmalat Canada to continue operations in Thornloe or sell its Thornloe operations as an ongoing operation.

**CARRIED**

**8. 911 Ontario Advisory Letter**

**Resolution No. 06/325**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the letter from the 911 Ontario Advisory board requesting financial assistance be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**9. Natural Resources Canada**

**Resolution No. 06/326**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the Natural Resources Canada “Heads Up Energy Efficiency Newsletter” re: Financial Incentives from the Office of Energy Efficiency – Funding Confirmed for Existing Buildings be received and the Clerk be directed to research this program, and submit an application if applicable to the Town’s buildings.

**CARRIED**

**10. 2005 Financial Statements**

**Resolution No. 06/327**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the 2005 Financial Statements of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford as prepared by Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be accepted as submitted.

**CARRIED**

**11. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 06/328**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

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

1. AMO Alert re: Standing Committee Submission on Bill 51.
2. South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation – Town of Smith Falls re: Review of Market Value Assessment System.
3. Minutes of meeting held July 20, 2006. (Airport)
4. Municipality of Powassan re: Lottery Licensing Procedures.
5. Chief Doug Jelly, Temiskaming Shore Police Service re: Disbandment of Temiskaming Shores Police and Dispatch Centre.
6. NEOnet News August 2006.

And Item No. 2 be supported.

**CARRIED**

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Quotations re: Crushed Limestone**

**Resolution No. 06/329**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** quotations were received to load and haul crushed limestone to various locations within the Town of Latchford, as follows:

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ron Paige Trucking              | \$20,334.51, including GST |
| 2. James Lathem Excavating Limited | \$22,773.04, including GST |
| 3. Alvin Caldwell Sand & Gravel    | \$26,996.08, including GST |

And Council accepts the low bid in the amount of \$20,334.51, including GST, from Ron Paige Trucking.

**CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Case 580 Backhoe/Loader**

**Resolution No. 06/330**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Be it resolved that** the offers for the Case 580 Backhoe/Loader were received as follows:

Wyatt Jefferey	-	\$8,000.00
Ralph Duby	-	\$10,000.00

And Council accepts the offer of \$10,000.00 from Ralph Duby.

**CARRIED**

**Building Inspection**

**Resolution No. 06/331**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** Council authorize the Clerk to request Monty Cumming, Chief Building Official/Building Inspector to carry out a qualified building inspection of the Fred Keenan Centre in order to confirm the work required to bring the said buildings up to standard.

**CARRIED**

**10. BY-LAWS**

**By-Law No. 738/06**

**Resolution No. 06/332**

**Move By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 738/06 being a by-law to adopt a Municipal Alcohol Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford 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. 739/06**

**Resolution No. 06/333**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 739/06 being a by-law to adopt and Agreement of Sale for lots within the Town of Latchford declared surplus by By-Law No. 713/06 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. 740/06**

**Resolution No. 06/334**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 740/06 being a by-law to regulate owners of dogs and cats; enforcing such owners to remove (stoop and scoop) excrement left behind by the dog or cat anywhere in the Town of Latchford 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. 741/06**

**Resolution No. 06/335**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 741/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held August 23, 2006 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**

**11. CLOSED MEETING**

**Resolution No. 06/336**

**Moved By:** Lilliemay Matton

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:06 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**

*Councillor Lilliemay Matton declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding an item in the Closed Session and left the meeting during discussion of that item.*

**Resolution No. 06/337**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 10.24 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 06/338**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** Council directs the Clerk to obtain a Court Order to direct Latchford Enterprises Co-Operative Ltd. to remove the chain link fence from town property, to remove the trailer from town property, to have the boats removed from the public docks, and to deny access to Lot 179 from Lot 185, and that this be completed within seven days of the Court Order being served.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Lilliemay Matton declared a Pecuniary Interest and abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question.*

**12. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 06/339**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 10.26 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

**Dated at Latchford this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 2006.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk-Treasurer**