

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 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 18 people in attendance.

**Press:** Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

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

**Resolution No.:** 06/357

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the September 27, 2006 Agenda be adopted as circulated, and amended.

**CARRIED**

*Against: Councillor Lilliemay Matton*

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

NONE

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.:** 06/358

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 29, 2006 and Regular Council meeting held September 13, 2006 be adopted as read, circulated by the Clerk and amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS:**

*Councillor Matton requested that Delegation 2 be removed from the agenda and was asked to table a motion which was not seconded.*

*Councillor Matton advised she had other commitments and left the meeting.*

**1. Michelle Davies:**

Mrs. Davies attended as a delegation to speak to the subject of democracy and addressed concerns of possible subsequence resulting from speaking at Council meetings, as has been allowed by Council. It was noted that there has been threats of and/or actual lawsuits served against resident(s) who have made statements regarding a Notice of Trespass. Mrs. Davies emphasized the working relationship between citizens of Latchford and council and hopes it will not stop. It was noted that community involvement is important not only for Council but for the individuals who contribute so much of their time in a voluntary capacity for the betterment of the Municipality as a whole.

## **2. Maxine Cannon**

Ms. Cannon attended as a delegation to speak to an article "Council backs mayor", which Ms. Cannon noted was a good article but was damaging for council. Ms. Cannon emphasized the importance of councillors working together and supporting each other. Ms. Cannon also commented on a councillor's statements made in above noted article regarding the Latchford ratepayers' opinions of the Mayor and Ms. Cannon queried where these ratepayers were and why they did not attend council meetings. Ms. Cannon stated they should work on getting everyone together and not create rifts within the Town. Ms. Cannon advised that she had not supported a recent petition, although Ms. Cannon noted the circulators of the petition apparently claimed it represented a greater part of the community.

## **3. Pat Underhill, Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Pat Underhill attended to read a letter from DSSAB advising of the donation of a retired ambulance for the use of the Latchford Fire Department as an emergency vehicle for the Town. The Fire Chief thanked Councillor Hamilton for his contribution in working towards obtaining this most worthy donation from the Timiskaming District Social Services Area Board and stated sincere appreciation of this donation from the Fire Department and the Residents, which would be beneficial to the Town of Latchford.

On a different note, the Fire Chief briefly but with sincerity addressed Council and all in attendance in imploring *everyone* to begin working together to move ahead in working towards a better community and not to continue looking back and initiating more friction.

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

### **Councillor Larry Anderson**

Community Policing:

- Community Policing: Councillor Anderson has telephoned the OPP and left messages asking when there will be another meeting but has not received a response.

Public Works:

- The town, except for Murphy Mill Road has been graded. Public Works has installed three culverts and widened a corner on Murphy Mill Road, and the weather has since been too wet to grade. Councillor Anderson thanked the residents on Murphy Mill Road for their patience.

### **Councillor Gerry Remillard**

Miscellaneous:

- Councillor Remillard read an email from Dr. Barry Wellar in response to the letter of thanks for the scholarships Dr. Wellar had made.

### **Councillor Mac Hamilton**

Heritage Latchford:

- Extensive work and expense identified to rectify water seepage in the basement of the Museum, which must be further assessed by Council.

Recreation Centre:

- Through the continued efforts of volunteers, the safety net at the north end of the ice surface is now installed; and the glass panels above the rink boards are 80% completed.
- Please advise Betty if you can volunteer to assist in any way.

Trillium Grant Application:

- Further review of the Report received regarding condition of certain Town buildings, including the Fred Keenan Centre, is required before the application is finally submitted.

Greenwood Park:

- Another meeting with the M.N.R. scheduled for October 2, 2006.
- Gord Lomax is staying on top of this project as a volunteer.

Tax Bills:

- Final instalments for 2006 will go out in early October.

Budget:

- Budget process for 2006 involved a total of seventeen budget meetings; and in addition there were a number of meetings with the auditors.

**Mayor Peter Davies**

Budget:

- Mayor Davies reiterated the lengthy process involved in adopting a budget.

COMRIF Grant Application:

- Mayor Davies advised that an application for funding under Intake 3 of COMRIF, to pave certain streets in town and replace a number of valves, has been submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer, with the much appreciated assistance of professionals. Several calls/email from the Ministry have been received to confirm a couple of details, and the Ministry indicated surprise upon learning the application did not have an engineer's stamp and stated that this was "impressive". (This does not mean the application is successful as this is not yet known.)

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Action Items**

**1. Library Board Appointment**

**Resolution No. 06/359**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** Council approves the appointment of Susan Ryerson to the Latchford Library Board.

**CARRIED**

**2. General Accounts and Payroll August and September**

**Resolution No.: 06/360**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the General Bills in the amount of \$478,122.76 and payroll in the amount of \$10,013.58 for the months of August and September 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**3. Landfill Site Hours Revised**

**Resolution No. 06/361**

**Moved by:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded by:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the Council approves the winter hours for Landfill Site be revised as follows effective September 27, 2006:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday remains 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**4. Contract Lee Ketchabaw**

**Resolution No. 06/362**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council authorizes entering into a contract with Lee Ketchabaw to perform the duties of Public Works Foreman, effective September 27, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**5. Contract Terrance Inglis**

**Resolution No. 06/363**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council authorizes entering into a contract with Terrance Inglis to perform the duties of Public Works Labourer, effective September 27, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**6. Noni Hamilton**

**Resolution No. 06/364**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the letter from Noni Hamilton regarding issues brought forward at Council Meetings be received and a letter was sent to the Seniors' Action Group explaining that they should direct any requests or concerns to the Clerk who will be happy to assist.

**CARRIED**

**7. Township of Carlow/Mayo**

**Resolution No. 06/365**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** the resolution passed by the Township of Carlow/Mayo re: licensing of municipal vehicles and the use of coloured diesel by municipal vehicles be received and supported.

**CARRIED**

**8. Township of McKellar**

**Resolution No. 06/366**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the resolution passed by the Township of McKellar re: Improvements to Emergency Service Provided by Hydro One be received and supported..

**CARRIED**

**9. Water Storage Tank Facility in Latchford**

**Resolution No. 06/367**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be WHEREAS** the Town of Latchford has a population of approximately 350 residents with approximately 160 paying water users' fees;

**AND WHEREAS** the current water/sewage facility was built for a population of 1,500;

**AND WHEREAS** the Latchford Water/Sewage Plant was designed, engineered and built via Provincial Government criteria in 1975 with no municipal leaders “say” in such design and no decision power for the final design;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Water/Sewage Plant as designed under the approval of the Province must depend solely on a permanent supply of electrical power including a high operative cost standby generator of pre-1975 vintage to operate the necessary pressure pumps continually;

**AND WHEREAS** the continual increase in the cost of continuous electrical power is a sever expense to each water/sewage user in our community, even with some contribution to this expense direct from the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the original design of the Latchford Water/Sewage Facility in 1975 contained a water storage tank system and property set aside accordingly for such installation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government did not approve of the water storage tank system in 1975 which has proven detrimental to our Community;

**AND WHEREAS** current Provincial legislation mandates the Town of Latchford to update the existing facility to meet current 2006 water/sewage standards, with extreme additional costs even with some Provincial financial assistance;

**AND WHEREAS** regular low water pressure in the Municipality is being experienced by our users even with the new 2006 updates;

**AND WHEREAS** due to such fluctuating water pressures, this community faces a severe health, safety and security threat:

**AND WHEREAS** the installation of a water storage tank facility would guarantee consistent, safe water pressure in all areas of our municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and other related Ministries as selected to immediately review the current engineering design, and expense and security of such design, with the intent to construct a water storage tank facility and associated support system in our Municipality.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a meeting be convened without undue delay as organized by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with the Council of the Town of Latchford with such responsible Ministries as appointed to resolve this serious water supply issue.

**AND FURTHER THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Gord Tokaryk, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ministry of the Environment; David Ramsay, MPP and the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

**CARRIED**

**10. Hockey – User Fees**

**Resolution No. 06/368**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the memo from the Clerk re: Hockey Out-of-Town User Fees be received and studied further and brought to the table at the second council meeting in October.

**CARRIED**

**11. DSAB Conference**

**Resolution No. 06/369**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the email from AMO re: CRST & DSSAB Annual Conference be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

**B. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 06/370**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

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

1. Minutes of the Timiskaming Board of Health meeting held June 7, 2006.
2. Timiskaming Health Unit – Report June 2006.
3. Memo from the Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Long-standing Service Program for Municipal Officials.
4. AMO Member Communication “Province takes action on AMO’s proposal on LCBO deposit return”.
5. Letter from Dan Dezan Installations re: Letter of Compliance for playground equipment.
1. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Infrastructure Renewal Recommendations

**CARRIED**

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**1. Water Treatment Plant:**

Most work is complete; an extension to the completion date was requested as all work will not be completed by the end of September.

**2. Recycling:**

Some form of recycling is still under review.

**3. Waterfront Improvement:**

All planned work for 2006 is complete.

**4. Town Hall**

**Resolution No. 06/371**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the memo from the Clerk re: Staining the Town Hall be received and Council approve the work to be carried out in the spring of 2007 and request a cost from Greg Huff for the extra work as outlined in the memo.

**CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Staff/Council meetings with individuals with whom Town is in litigation proceedings or proposed litigation**

**Resolution No. 06/372**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council does hereby adopt a policy stating that Town Staff or Council shall not attend meetings with individuals/parties with whom there are litigation proceedings or proposed litigation proceedings;.

**And further that** if it is absolutely necessary that such meeting(s) as noted above be convened, there shall be a second council member and a staff member in attendance.

**CARRIED**

2. Councillor Remillard announced his intention not to run for re-election due to health reasons as noted in a letter from his doctor.
3. Councillor Remillard reviewed a number of significant items that have been accomplished during the three year term of this council, as follows:
  - Required rules, procedures, policies, and by-laws established pursuant to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs review.
  - Forensic Audit completed to clarify if correct and legal procedures were being followed.
  - Annexation of the Unorganized Township of South Gillies.
  - Water and sewer costs decreased substantially.

In closing, Councillor Remillard stated it had been an honour and privilege to serve on Council, and he is leaving with no regrets or guilty conscience as he served the people of Latchford with honesty, integrity, morals and to the very best of his ability.

4. Councillor Remillard read a summary of comments with respect to members of present council, former Mayor Rick Suy, the Recreation Committee, the Fire Department, the Museum Heritage Board, the Medical Clinic and also the Staff.

## 10. BY-LAWS

### **By-Law No. 747/06**

#### **Resolution No. 06/373**

**Move By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 747/06 being a by-law to designate the Mayor to act as the "Head" of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 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. 748/06**

#### **Resolution No. 06/374**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 748/06 being a by-law to delegate the powers and duties granted or vested in the Head to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 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. 749/06**

#### **Resolution No. 06/375**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 749/06 being a by-law to establish a date for the advance vote and the hours during which the voting place shall be open for Municipal Elections 2006 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. 750/06**

**Resolution No. 06/376**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No 750/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held September 27, 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. 06/377**

**Moved By:** Mac Hamilton

**Seconded By:** Gerry Remillard

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:04 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. 06/378**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 06/379**

**Moved By:** Gerry Remillard

**Seconded By:** Mac Hamilton

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 9:44 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of October, 2006.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer