

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2006 at 7:10 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 13 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

Regrets: Councillor Lilliemay Matton

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 06/388

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the October 11, 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.: 06/389

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 27, 2006 and the Special Council meeting held October 3, 2006 be adopted as read, circulated by the Clerk and amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Community Policing:

- There has been no police meeting to date, and have not received a response to phone calls.

Public Works:

- Murphy Mill Road has been graded
- Roads at the southern end of Latchford have been upgraded and resurfaced with limestone and presently spreading and grading on the Animinippising Road.
- Roads in town will be resurfaced with "A" gravel where needed by the end of October, if there are no breakdowns or problems.
- All limestone and most of the work is covered by a grant.
- Picnic tables and garbage cans have been collected in preparation for winter season.

Councillor Gerry Remillard

Recreation:

- Recreation Meeting held September 28, 2006
- Family Day – Paid back the \$2,000 to the Town, plus empties and proceeds from the Family Day in the amount of \$527.74 donated back to the Town
- Corn Roast - \$33 given back to the Town
- Halloween Dance for children at the Recreation Centre on Friday October 27th with a DJ – sponsored by the Recreation Committee
- Halloween Dance for adults on October 28th at the Recreation Centre with a DJ sponsored by the Town and Recreation Committee
- Raft at beach and the buoy lines have been brought in for winter storage
- Storage trailer is at the Recreation Centre
- Cooler at the Recreation Centre has been repaired, along with other electrical problems

Councillor Mac Hamilton

Heritage Latchford:

- House of Memories and Loggers Hall of Fame require repairs and require quotations for eaves trough
- Recent cuts from the Federal government has removed funding for heritage summer students and cultural activities. The clerk should verify this information.

Recreation Centre:

- Progress continues on installation of glass panels over the rink boards
- Temporary storage trailer moved to the arena
- Revisions to the main electrical panel should clear up problems with the kitchen outlets and lighting in hall
- Quotations required for outdoor entrance porticos.

Trillium Grant Application:

- Requires a more complete total structural evaluation of the Fred Keenan Centre. Clerk will arrange this.

Greenwood Park:

- Meeting with John Salo, M.N.R., Gord Lomax, and Councillor Hamilton on October 2, 2006.
- Format of a park management plan was presented. Unfortunately the MNR can only advise; therefore work left with Mr. Lomax and Councillor Hamilton. Mr. Lomax will complete this work on Latchford's behalf.

Community Street Signs:

- Current wooden street signs should be replaced
- Input from residents as to what they would suggest for replacement would be appreciated. Please advise the Clerk.

Water/Sewer and Tax Bills:

- Bills mailed out
- These bills represent much preparation and verification work by municipal staff and fulfill the terms of New Provincial Government guidelines and our 2006 municipal budget.

Mayor Peter Davies

- Reviewed the road widening, grading and spreading of the limestone in southern Latchford, and received positive comments.
- There should be a MTO highway sign “Latchford” placed at the new boundary.
- Many lawsuits against the town – five in the last 2 weeks. Ratepayers should be aware of this and the cost to the Town.

Clerk

A brief summary of the last few weeks:

- Forwarded revised “blurb” for the James Bay Frontier Brochure, including copies of trail maps and pictures.
- Completed final details for the crushing of limestone, which is now complete and being spread on roads in southern Latchford – received positive comments from residents.
- Gravel will be spread on streets in “town” soon.
- Taxes were sent out on time, even though we experienced a few glitches in the system; next year things should run more smoothly as USTI will correct the errors in the system.
- Busy with election preparation – you are probably aware there will be two candidates’ nights – October 16th and November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Latchford Community Centre. There will be neutral moderators to ensure time is equal for everyone. Just a heads up – there will be a person greeting you at the door, and asking if you will have a question. If you do, just mark your name on the “ballot” provided, and it will be placed in a box. The moderator will draw names, one at a time, and announce who has the floor to ask their question. There is also a school board election and the candidates for Zone A (us) are posted at the Town Office and the Dam Depot – Bill Brookfield and Nancy Pedersen for District School Board Ontario Northeast.
- Finishing up on final claim forms for Superbuild.
- Will be preparing application for funding for Museum, etc.
- I have been in contact with both the Town insurer and lawyer regarding the many claims served against the Town, or people in connection with the town, etc. I believe, as does the lawyer, these claims are frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the process. These actions by certain parties will result in either the Town being declined by the insurer; the premiums going sky high, or a very large deductible (say \$25,000) being required. Either way, at the end of the day, this frivolous abuse of the system will result in a tax increase, as it is the taxpayers who will be paying for it. The lawyer is working on a strategy to hopefully discontinue this. Records at the Court House, including claims, are open records and available for viewing for a fee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Canadian Citizenship Week

Resolution No. 06/390

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford does hereby declare October 16 – 22, 2006 Canada’s Citizenship Week in the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

2. Jury Duty

Resolution No.: 06/391

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Jury Duty – Leave of Absence from Employment be received and that Section 15.03 from the Town of Iroquois Falls agreement be included in the Employee Policy Manual.

CARRIED

3. Disaster Relief Assistance

Resolution No. 06/392

Moved by: Gerry Remillard

Seconded by: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the resolution passed by the Township of Admaston/Bromley re: Revision of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program Formula be received and supported.

CARRIED

4. Helping Hand Food Bank

Resolution No. 06/393

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Helping Hand Food Bank requesting a \$500 contribution to the heat and hydro at the Firefighter's Museum be received and be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED

5. Breast Cancer Month

Resolution No. 06/394

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford does hereby declare October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

CARRIED

6. Phone System

Resolution No. 06/395

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the quote from NorthernTel for an upgrade to the Town's phone system in the amount of \$2,471.52 be received and accepted pending a quote from ONTERA. If no quote from Ontera is received, NorthernTel is accepted.

CARRIED

7. Procedural By-law

Resolution No. 06/396

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the memo from the clerk re: Procedural by-law be received and be carefully considered.

CARRIED

8. Liability Insurance for Storage Building

Resolution No. 06/397

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Marina Liability Endorsement Policy at an approximate annual cost of \$1,000 be withheld pending further information.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 06/398

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

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

1. MNR re: Workbook submission – Temagami Integrated Planning Project.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant:

Work is almost complete.

2. Recycling:

Some form of recycling is still under review. Staff will be contacting Ms. Beairsto to review various options.

3. Seniors Citizens Action Group

Resolution No. 06/399

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the letter from the Latchford Senior Citizens Action Group requesting assistance to obtain a wheelchair be received and the Clerk will contact local groups to acquire an additional one, and the Seniors' Action Group be so advised;

And further that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Ashlee Dagenais.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Concession Stand Lease**

Resolution No. 06/400

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Lease of the Concession Stand be received and the lease expires November 1, 2006 and will not be renewed.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 752/06

Resolution No. 06/401

Move By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that By-Law No 752/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held October 11, 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. 06/402

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:41 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. 06/403

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 06/404

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Clerk initiate proceedings to close the laneway between Lot 92 and Lot 93 and declare it surplus to settle an encroachment issue.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 06/405

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the old Hydro Building be demolished as it is a fire hazard in a residential area, and the Clerk request the Public Works Foreman to make necessary arrangements.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 06/406

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council has received quotations for plexi-glass sheets for the arena boards as follows:

- (a) Mid-Canada Fiberglass \$390.00 + taxes and FOB Latchford
- (b) Phippen Signs \$389.00 + taxes +\$85 shipping
- (c) Paul Gerber \$350.00 + taxes

And that the quote from Paul Gerber be approved.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 06/407

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:36 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 25th day
of October, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer