

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

Regrets: Councillor Lilliemay Matton

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 26 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Nielsen, Speaker

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 06/455

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the November 22, 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.: 06/456

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 8, 2006 be adopted as read, circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Public Works:

- Old Hydro building is demolished
- No equipment problems
- No complaints

Councillor Gerry Remillard

Miscellaneous:

- Reviewed an article "Municipal councils should get more powers" in the Osprey News Network, with noteworthy items as follows:
 - The Province introduced legislation this summer that would replace existing municipal powers with new broad and permissive authority over local matters;
 - The Province introduced the Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act in June;

- The planned province-wide Municipal Act reform will give local councils:
 - The power to appoint an integrity commissioner, an ombudsman, an auditor general and a lobbyist registrar;
 - The power to establish a municipal service board for any municipal service or activity;
 - Expanded authority to delegate their powers and duties to local bodies;
 - Broad powers to license businesses and broader enforcement abilities, including new powers to suspend licences and shut businesses down;
 - The authority to allow electronic participation in meetings.
- Mayors and heads of council will have more power to oversee the operations their municipalities;
- It is also intended to make local councils more accountable by giving them the power to create codes of conduct for council members and members of municipal boards and put restrictions on closed door meetings.
- Brad Duguid, Parliamentary Assistant to Municipal Affairs Minister John Gerretsen stated “It just makes sense to me with local government being closest to the people that decisions such as this should be left up to them.”

Recreation:

- Monique O’Shaughnessy and students working for volunteer credits stored supplies not needed during the winter months.
- Students also helped to fill the bags of goodies for the Santa train and those to be delivered to the seniors in town.
- Don Dubeau suggested that a hydraulic closure be installed on the door to the rink area.
- Dishes donated to the Recreation Committee by the Altar Society and the McDermid's have been washed and put away.
- The Recreation Centre is ready to be rented out for functions.
- Charles Hallworth purchased a 42 cup coffee pot for the Recreation Centre with money he collected; and also bought a step stool and a microwave for the kitchen.
- \$400 has been donated in Charles’ containers.
- Thank you to all volunteers for your help and hard work. It is much appreciated by Council.

Retirement from Council:

Councillor Remillard stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on council with some very fine people. He noted that this council has accomplished many positive things over the past three years; and has changed the face of politics for Latchford. Rules which council must follow have been put in place.

Councillor Remillard commented that he believes the new council will move forward for a positive future for Latchford, and congratulated the incumbents for their re-election and the new councillors for their election to office.

Councillor Remillard thanked all the staff for the superb job they are doing. He also thanked those people who sent cards of appreciation.

In closing, Councillor Remillard offered best wishes, good luck and sincere thanks.

Councillor Mac Hamilton

Heritage Latchford:

- One quotation for eaves trough installation at the Museum has been received with the project to commence soon.

Recreation Centre:

- Installation of safety netting is complete.

- Waiting for quotations for new front entrances to take advantage of the Bell Sports Grant..

Greenwood Park:

- Gord Lomax is working on the Management Plan with a first draft now completed.
- Coordination with Northern College is progressing.
- Northern College wishes to present a "Park Profile" on December 14, 2006, and Mr. Lomax will check with Northern College to confirm the date.

Finance:

- Noted that it appears all direct deposits that were being made to the T/D Canada Trust Account have now been changed to the Scotiabank, and recommended that the current account balance in the amount of \$135,419.98 be transferred effective December 31, 2006 to a "Flex G.I.C. Account" at the Scotiabank in order to earn interest, and retain municipal accounts in one banking facility. .

Mayor Peter Davies

- Noted the new Municipal Act is scheduled for January 2007 and under the new Act Council must have a code of ethics in place. One item to be included is regarding attendance at council meetings and committee meetings. Unless continued absences from either or both of the above are due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, the councillor will not get paid for that period.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO COUNCILLOR REMILLARD

On behalf of Council and staff, Mrs. Davies made a presentation to Councillor Remillard acknowledging his retirement from council. Mayor Davies thanked Councillor Remillard for his hard work and dedication, stating that Gerry had put his heart and soul into his years on council. Councillor Remillard gave sincere thanks to all.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. County of Prince Edward - MPAC

Resolution No. 06/457

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the resolution from the County of Prince Edward requesting support of their resolution which stated that the County of Prince Edward will freeze payments to MPAC at the 2006 rate until it is determined that MPAC has implemented changes that will result in an improved and strong, functioning system that is fair to all Ontarians, be received and filed.

CARRIED

2. Township of Chisholm - MPAC

Resolution No.: 06/458

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the resolution passed by the Township of Chisholm requesting the Province to freeze the base assessment for Ontario Municipalities at 2005 assessment and that future property assessments increase only upon the sale of a property thus protecting all ratepayers and in particular vulnerable ratepayers from unfair taxation be received and filed.

CARRIED

3. Temiskaming Smallmouth Bass Series

Resolution No. 06/459

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter from Dave LaFontaine requesting a donation to the Temiskaming Smallmouth Bass Series Tournament be received and approved.

CARRIED

4. Maxine Cannon – Recount of Votes

Resolution No. 06/460

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Maxine Cannon requesting a resolution of council to authorize a recount of votes for herself and the sixth councillor position and specifically protesting a ballot that was not checked but did have a mark in the circle and which was not counted, be received and Council authorizes the count pursuant to Section 57(1) of the Municipal Elections Act 1996.

CARRIED

5. City of Niagara Falls – Firefighters and Families Compensation

Resolution No. 06/461

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter and resolution from the City of Niagara Falls re: Bill 111, Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act 2006, requesting the Province to review said Act in order to ensure the firefighters and their families receive fair and timely compensation for illness or disease that is attributable to their work as firefighters be received supported.

CARRIED

6. Accounts for October - November

Resolution No. 06/462

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the General Bills in the amount of \$671,501.72 and Payroll in the amount of \$14,734.09 for the months of October and November 2006 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

7. Latchford Environmental Energy Corporation

Resolution No. 06/463

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the memo from the clerk re: Latchford Environmental Energy Corp. advising that if the Town does not wish to file “nil” returns to the Ministry of Finance, the Charter would have to be closed, be received and the clerk will file a “nil” return.

CARRIED

8. December Council Meetings Rescheduled

Resolution No. 06/464

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled for Monday December 4th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to swear-in the council members for the next term of council and the Clerk will advise the newly elected members of council, invite the press, and post notice of the special meeting;

And further that due to the Christmas season the December 27th, 2006 Regular Council meeting be cancelled, and a notice be posted to advise the public of the cancellation.

CARRIED

9. Consolidation of Lots – Water/Sewer Rates

Resolution No. 06/465

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford advised residents that if they had more than one lot and had said lots consolidated, these residents would pay water/sewer rates for only one lot;

AND WHEREAS there are residents who desired to and applied to MPAC to have their lots consolidated and were not approved because of a laneway running between their lots;

NOW THEREFORE Council agrees that residents who have applied to have lots consolidated but were not approved by MPAC due to a laneway splitting their lots be charged the water/sewer rate for one lot, as the decision was not controlled by the residents..

CARRIED

10. Three Sisters Road Snow Ploughing

Resolution No. 06/466

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk regarding snowploughing of Three Sisters Road be received and will be investigated.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 06/467

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

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

1. St. Cyr & Associates Insurance re: Renewal Analysis of Group Policy.
2. AMO Member Communication re: Standing Committee to Review Bill 130.
3. Email from James Bay Frontier re: 2007 Festivals and Events Guide.
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Timiskaming Board of Health held October 4th and the October Report.
5. Email from OPG requesting entry across Town property and the Clerk's response.
6. Letter from the Timiskaming Health Unit re: Municipal Alcohol Policy.
7. Letter from the Office of the Minister of Transport – response to the Town's letter regarding yearly funding from small communities.
8. MNR Notice re: Minor Amendment Nipissing Forest 2004-2009 Management Plan.
9. Letter from the Ministry of Finance re: Annual Compensation on hydro-electric generating stations.
10. Minutes of the Site Meeting held on October 16, 2006 re: Upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant:

It was noted that the Boil Water Advisory has been extended until at least next week. A valve had to be replaced at an extra cost of approximately \$10,000, which will be included in the grant.

2. Recycling:

The Clerk noted that a notice has been posted asking residents to pick up the flyer at the Town Office, which explains three options for recycling. A Public Meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dump Hours – Request from Residents

Resolution No. 06/468

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Dump Hours be received and be deferred to the new Council for discussion.

CARRIED

2. Council Training

Resolution No. 06/469

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the information from AMO re: Council Training Program 2007 be received and the Clerk will research additional training sessions in the area.

CARRIED

3. Dumping Brush/Garbage – Neighbourhood Trails

Resolution No. 06/470

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Dumping Brush and Garbage Near the Neighbourhood Trails on Murphy Mill Road be received and Council approve the purchase of “No Dumping” signs to be placed at the entrances to the trails; and that the Public Works Department will clean up the brush etc. as time permits, and rocks be placed to restrict access to the trails and that the MNR be advised.

CARRIED

4. Cosens Avenue Extension

Resolution No. 06/71

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Cosens extension be received and Council approve the purchase of approximately 50 loads of pit-run to complete the construction of the roadway to a minimum standard, at a maximum cost of \$5,000.

CARRIED

5. Laneway from Sullivan to the North End of Town

Resolution No. 06/472

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Opening the Laneway from Sullivan to the North End of Town, between King Street and Main Street, be received and be deferred to the new council for discussion.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 758/06

Resolution No. 06/473

Move By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 758/06 being a by-law declare real property to be surplus to municipal needs and requirements with respect to three lots on Murphy Mill Road 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. 759/06

Resolution No. 06/474

Move By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 759/06 being a by-law to adopt a policy with respect to correspondence received by Council 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. 760/06

Resolution No. 06/475

Move By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 7607/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held November 22, 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. 06/476

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:55 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. 06/477

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Gerry Remillard

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 06/478

Moved By: Gerry Remillard

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 13th day
of December, 2006.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer