

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15, 2007 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 Gordon Lomax, Councillor Maxine Cannon, Councillor Mike Cole

Regrets: Councillor Jim Bennett

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 22 people in attendance.

Press: None

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/309

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the August 15th, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated, and amended
CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Mayor Davies declared a possible conflict of interest with respect to an item on the In-Camera Session.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/310

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the minutes of the In-Camera and Regular Council Meetings held July 24th, 2007 be adopted.
CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

1. Gerry Remillard attended to talk to his concerns regarding the budget and pay rate of Town Staff.

Mr. Remillard noted that Council should be cautious with spending as they were elected and are accountable to the ratepayers. He noted they must put in place proper rules, regulations, procedures with respect to all issues, including salaries and wages.

Mr. Remillard emphasized that all members of council must follow the same criteria and all members must have their say, and come to an agreeable consensus.

Mr. Remillard stated he had never been an advocate of In-Camera Sessions and believes that residents should have access to records in Town, i.e. accounting, payroll should be open to the Public.

Council should be taking a good look at the revenues and where the money is being spent. Mr. Remillard advised he had made several calls to other local municipalities regarding budget and also payroll. Mr. Remillard announced that Latchford is paying too much and no employee should make more than \$50,000.

Mr. Remillard stated that present and former Council should be ashamed for leaving an employee for over 17 years before paying him what he deserves. Council should be fair to all employees and the years of service and seniority should be considered. Also benefits, vacation, and all policies should be followed by all employees. Employees work for the Town of Latchford and the Town's revenues are not that huge. Reserves must be taken care of. Salaries and benefits should not be an amount that they can not pay.

Lawsuits are also a big cost and something has to be done. Council has to clean up the mess now and not allow people to do whatever they want, whether or not it is right.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Public Works:

- Public Works has been busy with Centennial cleanup and assisting with the increasing use of the Recreation Centre.
- The Recreation Centre was a central location for the Centennial celebrations and also hosted a wedding for the first time on July 28th.
- A successful benefit was held on August 11th, along with the Jack Hunt Memorial Ball Tournament.
- It is very encouraging to see people working together for such events and to see the Recreation Centre getting so much use.

Centennial:

- Final bills are in and thanks to Lise for getting the numbers together.
- Total expenses were \$27,923.51; total revenue \$13,781.86 plus a \$600 donation from the Special Events Committee. The final cost to the Town is \$13,541.65.
- There are still Centennial souvenirs to sell worth \$6,623.00, which will be promoted and sold. These future sales will reduce the cost of the Centennial.
- Congratulations to all the people of Latchford for supporting the Centennial Celebrations.

Councillor Mike Cole

Protection to Persons & Property:

- First Response Team very busy over past few months; on the Centennial weekend alone they were called out twice on Friday and twice on Sunday.
- Fire response has been quiet with no call outs over the past few months. Activities as follow:
 - One fire call and six medical calls in the last 4 months
 - Fire Chief Underhill is planning an auto extrication course using their basic tools and coordinating this with Coleman Fire Department; this may take place in September.
 - Purchased one jack all; 2 car safety stands; 1-20 ton hydraulic jack; 14 mini flashlights; 14 mounting brackets to mount lights on the firemen's helmets; 2 flashing green lights;
 - Membership is 13 members on the Fire Department and 5 on first response;

- Latchford Volunteer Fire Fighters raised and donated \$823.60 plus 30 bags of food to the local food bank from funds made during the Centennial;
- As of August 15, Timmins is testing the fire pagers and as of September 3 all fire dispatch calls will be done from Timmins. Coleman is going with Timmins for both fire and E 9-1-1 and Cobalt is going with Timmins for fire and the OPP for E 9-1-1. September 3rd is the unofficial day the OPP take over Temiskaming Shores and Timmins takes over the fire dispatch.
- The Fire Chief continues to ensure the equipment, supplies and material remain up to date and functioning and a lot of work is done behind the scene that many of us take for granted. Thanks to Pat Underhill for his commitment to Latchford.
- Long term needs continue to be a new fire hall and long term capital planning for such a facility must occur as part of future budget meetings.
- A new offer has been made from Timmins to cover dispatch and E 9-1-1 service that appears to be under the cost of the OPP. Betty has been asked to investigate these numbers to determine if it should come back to council.

By-Law and Animal Control:

- Betty has been asked to convene a meeting with the by-law officer with respect to animal control. A recommendation will then be made.
- Garret Hunting has been asked to follow up with some comments and action items.

Councillor Maxine Cannon

- No report as out of town

Councillor Mac Hamilton:

- Last two weeks spent on funding applications; administration review, budget – in response to Mr. Remillard's comments, Councillor Hamilton emphasized that Council is working very hard at all issues.
- Possible new funding for white-water park, Greenwood Park – Good news from NOHFC that in-kind will be accepted as Town share.
- Emphasized that Council does work together and although members speak their mind, they then continue to work together.
- The legal and insurance costs have increased the difficulty in balancing the budget; noted this is the result of the actions of three or four individuals.

Councillor Gord Lomax:

Greenwood Park

- Logs donated from Finlayson are being cut by South Wabi after work by Andrew and Gord with a metal detector to find nails
- First Greenwood Park newsletter, The Greenwood Trailblazer, to hit the street in early September. Newsletter will invite people to become a Friend of Greenwood Park. Andrew, working with staff from Ontario Parks, will be establishing a non-profit corporation to help with the fundraising for the park.
- Greenwood management plans are in draft form and are being reviewed in detail by Ontario Parks' staff. They will be released to the public for formal consultation in September.

Waterfront Improvement

- NOHFC application: MNDM have changed their minds and will now accept staff labour as our in-kind contribution and will send the application to the last Board Meeting before the provincial election.
- Temporary docks will be installed shortly, as soon as hardware arrives.

White-water Park

- McLaughlin White-water Design Group has reviewed the proposal and believes the Town has a good site for a white-water park.
- Two water park specialist consultants have given quotes on obtaining a preliminary design concept for the white-water park. This first phase of the project will cost roughly \$10K.
- Applications to FedNor will be made for this stage once Strategic Plan is complete.

Strategic Plan

- The first strategic planning meeting will be held Tuesday August 28 at the Town Office at 6:30 PM. During this meeting Andrew Healey, Mayor and Council and staff will determine a course of action to complete the plan based on Andrew's research and recommendations.

Temagami Integrated Plan

- Minister Ramsay, MNR, has signed off and released Management Plans for Temagami Parks, Conservation Reserves and Crown Land.
<ontarioparks.com/planning>

AMO Ottawa Conference 19-22 Aug '07

- Confirmed appointments with Ministers Ramsay, MNR, & Bradley, Tourism.
- Bill Mauro, PA, MNDM. Anne-Marie called Betty to confirm subject matter.
- Premier McGuinty and Minister Sorbara, Finance is unconfirmed.
- Topics – improve tourism support organization, rationalize funding programs and instigate provincial government insurance for trail volunteers.

Mayor Peter Davies:

- Noted that illegal acts must be dealt with by the police and entreated residents not to take things into their own hands. The Town will try to look after things in an orderly fashion, even though it may take longer.
- Beginning in September the council meetings will take place on the second and fourth **Monday** of the month.
- NOHFC has committed \$58,000 to the Fred Keenan Centre upgrades.
- The Trillium Foundation has also committed \$13,500 to the Fred Keenan Centre.
- The Municipal Office will be painted soon, with funds from the Latchford Tourism Booklet paying for the stain.
- The Family Day, in conjunction with the John Hunt Memorial Baseball tournament and the Rick Suy Benefit supper and Dance was a success. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Suy Family.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Accounts

Resolution No. 07/311

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the payroll in the amount of \$23,115.36 and General Bills in the amount of \$31,860.01 for the period July 26, 2007 to August 9, 2007 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

2. Town of Kingsville – Volunteer Firefighters

Resolution No. 07/312

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that resolution from the Town of Kingsville re: Bill 221, Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act with respect to Firefighters be received and Council supports the resolution.

CARRIED

3. Northeastern Ontario Municipal Planning Authority Workshop

Resolution No. 07/313

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Northeastern Ontario Municipal Planning Authority Technical Workshop be received and filed.

CARRIED

4. Sue Scott - Notices

Resolution No. 07/314

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the letter from Sue Scott regarding the notices posted for rescheduled council meetings be received and meetings will now be regularly on Mondays and posted in the usual places.

CARRIED

5. Stain for Municipal Office

Resolution No. 07/315

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the paint for the Latchford Municipal Building be ordered in accordance with the previous consensus of Council from Canadian Tire Corporation at the reduced price of 25% for the approximate cost of \$825.00;

And further that the funding for the purchase be obtained from the Latchford Brochure Promotional project at no cost to the municipality.

CARRIED

6. Parkland Designation

Resolution No. 07/316

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the memo and draft bylaw to designate certain areas within the boundaries of the Town of Latchford as parkland and parkland development use be received and Council will consider the by-law for passing at the August 15th Council meeting.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/317

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

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

1. Town of Erin resolution re: Impact of large scale water taking from Ontario's aquifers by commercial bottlers.
2. STCFDC information on NDP's Meeting.
3. Timiskaming Health Unit email re: Growth Plan for North Launched.
4. A.M.O. Electricity News Flash re: New Electricity bulk Purchasing Program.
5. STCFDC minutes and financial statement (on file).
6. Latchford Senior Citizens' Action Group re: Collection of empty toner and ink jet cartridges.
7. Letter from STOCK re: rate increase.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Official Plan Amendment / Zoning By-law

Ongoing.

2. Dispatch Service

Council announced their intention to choose Timmins Police Dispatch for Fire Dispatch and OPP for E 9-1-1. A by-law authorizing the execution of agreements must be prepared.

3. Green Solutions

Mayor Davies will be providing a report.

4. Strategic Plan

Andrew Healey is working on the Strategic Plan and a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

5. Audit of Business Equipment, Programs etc.

Councillor Bennett, Chair of General Government is carrying out an audit of all office equipment, programs, etc.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Advertising in Speaker Maps

Resolution No. 07/318

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council approves the \$395 ad in the tourism map which will be circulated throughout the Province be paid for from the profits from the Brochure advertising.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 803/07

Resolution No. 07/319

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 803/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Funding Agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation with respect to renovations at the Fred Keenan Centre 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. 807/07

Resolution No. 07/320

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No 807/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Offer to Purchase Agreement with respect to the Latchford Enterprise Co-Operative Ltd. property described as Coleman, Con. 1, Pt. Lot 17, Plan M57NB, Lots 185, 190, Parcels 24064, 24727 SST, Latchford, District of Timiskaming 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. 808/07

Resolution No. 07/321

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 808/07 being a by-law to designate areas within the Town of Latchford for use as public parkland and parkland development use as determined by Council be taken as read a first and second time.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 809/07

Resolution No. 07/322

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 809/07 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held August 15, 2007 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

10. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 07/323

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:20 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; and
- Labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 07/324

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:35 p.m., and passed the following resolutions.

CARRIED

Staff Pay

Resolution No. 07/325

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole present the offer discussed August 15th to the staff and that these figures be entered into the budget for consideration.

CARRIED

Latchford Enterprises Co-Operative

Resolution No. 07/326

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford will comply with requests from the Latchford Enterprises Co-Operative Ltd.

CARRIED

Mayor Davies declared a conflict of interest and abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question.

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 07/327

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 10th day
of September, 2007.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer