

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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 Mike Cole

Regrets: Councillors Gordon Lomax, Maxine Cannon and Jim Bennett

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 16 people in attendance.

Press: None

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/404

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the October 9th, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/405

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the minutes of the In-Camera and Regular Council Meetings held September 24, 2007 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

1. Sue Ryerson attended to speak to the “lawsuits and goings-on” in town.

2. Debra Smith and Aurele St. Jean, D J S & Associates Inc. attended to review their proposal for the implementation of E 9-1-1 service in the former unorganized Township of South Gillies and respond to questions from Council.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Public Works:

- Fall clean-up is underway this week.

Recreation:

- Buoys and benches are removed;
- Public Works will construct new heavy duty benches during winter, as time permits;
- Requested quotes for additional light at Veteran’s Park, but not yet received.

Police:

- Meeting scheduled for October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

Councillor Mike Cole

Fire Department:

- Extended thanks to Fire Chief Underhill for agreeing to look at other locations for proposed new fire hall; noted that Council is committed to providing a good location.
- New member joined the Fire Department.
- A member attended a training session and observed that it was an excellent course.

Animal Control:

- Motion on agenda regarding the animal control contract; noted the difficulty in a quick response if required and suggested the funds expended for the present contract may be put to a better use.
- A different option will be put in place; a fine process will be initiated.

Safety Issue:

- Motion on agenda to request the O.N.R. to clear the brush along the rail line north of the dump road as it is impairing vision for vehicles exiting the road.

Councillor Mac Hamilton:

Medical Office Renovations:

- Met with staff from Dr. Hardies' office to confirm upgrades.
- Waiting for Miron Construction to confirm their quote and the Clerk will follow up on this.

Councillor Gord Lomax:

The Clerk read Councillor Lomax's report.

Waterfront Park:

- September 27th - Councillors Hamilton and Lomax, Andrew Healy and Lee Ketchabaw reviewed the plans for the Waterfront Park, prepared by Mr. Healy.
- Walked the park to refine the plans.
- Electrician is providing recommendations for lighting and outlets.

Greenwood Park:

- Natural Resources Students from Northern College assisting in inventorying parts of Greenwood Park.
- Andrew Healy is marking trails with GPS.
- Park Management Plan updated based on comments from Ontario Parks, and forwarded to their head office for comments. It is being made ready for public meeting; 45 day comment period.
- South Wabi Saw Mill has completed making the lumber from the Finlayson Park old growth windfalls.

General Government/Finance:

- Attended a meeting with Office Staff to get up to speed.
- Town Auditor will be working with staff online on a monthly basis to ensure the ASYST accounting program is now directing amounts to proper GL accounts and also assist with any additional accounting issues.
- Finance Committee will be working on a 15 month budget forecast;
- Completing entries in the ASYST Budget Worksheet which will allow for easier comparison of budget estimates to actuals.
- Website maintenance training is planned as soon as possible.
- A 2008 Preliminary Budget Meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 22 when the Budget Worksheet will be completed.

Mayor Peter Davies:

Royal Canadian Legion:

- The Legion is a self sustaining, non profit organization with over half a million members across Canada and around the world; it is a grand organization and we are indeed lucky to have a branch in our Town.
- I want to make one thing crystal clear. All council supports the principals of the Legion and is extremely appreciative of the work that its members do, the money that is raised and the benefits that our residents receive.
- It is indeed a shame that someone, working in the background, sees fit to repeatedly bring up comments from a council meeting five months ago to cause friction between the council and the Legion members. It surfaced in the Nugget three months after the fact, then again in October in the Voice. It is a shame because both the council and Branch 629 of the Royal Canadian legion are working for the good of the community.
- The last newspaper headline could not have been more off the mark. Councillor Lomax was angry at the way a few groups have been meeting at the Legion Hall and denying access of up to twenty percent of our residents. The Legion is a cornerstone of our democratic way of life. He was angry at those groups not the Legion.
- No one would suggest that Councillor Lomax did not support the Legion if they had seen him and Councillor Hamilton repairing the vandalism to the fencing in Veteran's Park; not once but twice during the summer. Nor would any say that Councillor Lomax did not support the Legion if they had seen him donating his time throughout the summer to weed the flower beds in Veteran's Park.
- Councillor Lomax does support the legion. This council supports our Legion and I support the Legion. We are all working for the good of the community.
- Mayor Davies read a letter of apology from Councillor Lomax, who was out of town, which clearly stated Councillor Lomax would never under any circumstances denigrate our armed forces, who he supports at home and abroad and supports the Legion cause. Councillor Lomax stated that his grandfather was in the First World War, as was an uncle who died, and also his wife's father was in World War 1. He explained that he and his wife have a history of supporting our troops. Councillor Lomax stated that what he was trying to convey was that there is a group of people who are doing everything they can to bring the Town down and these people are using the Legion building. Councillor Lomax stated that if he used strong language it is because he feels passionate about Latchford and that he was truly sorry for using words that could be taken out of context and misconstrued.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Dexynl Tax Arrears (Scandia Inn)

Resolution No. 07/406

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Mike Cole

WHEREAS the District School Board Ontario Northeast contacted the Town of Latchford to advise that if a resolution was passed by Council writing off the tax arrears for the Dexynl Property located in the former unorganized Township of Gillies Limit South the School Board would not be obliged to continue invoicing the Town for the Board Tax Arrears;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has not rectified this issue to date although the Town's Solicitor has had ongoing conversation and correspondence with the Government

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the taxes in the amount of \$85,500.00 for the “Dexynl” property; Legal Description: Gillies Limit, BLK 97 PT; RP 54R1163 Part 1; PCL 16993, 17891 SST, be written off as the noted property is vested in the name of the Federal Government..

CARRIED

2. Contract John French to Remove Old Stain

Resolution No. 07/407

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council approves the hiring of John French to remove the remaining stain from the exterior of the Town Office at \$14.00 per hour.

CARRIED

3. Recreation Funds

Resolution No. 07/408

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council approves funds of \$100.00 for a new Santa suite and \$250 for Halloween parties for the children to be charged to the Recreation “Promotional” account.

CARRIED

4. Speeding on Murphy Mill Road

Resolution No. 07/409

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Mary Lomax re: Safety of Pedestrians on Murphy Mill Road and the email from the Clerk to the OPP and Staff Sgt. Ivanov’s email be received and action be taken.

CARRIED

5. Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Week

Resolution No. 07/410

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS high quality child care for young children promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents;

AND WHEREAS earlier research and recent studies confirms the many benefits of trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT October 24, 2007 be designated the 7th annual “Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in recognition of the influence, dedication and commitment of child care works to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

CARRIED

6. ONR Brush Clearing

Resolution No. 07/411

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Clerk be directed to request Ontario Northland to clear the brush along the rail line north of the Dump Road.

CARRIED

7. Animal Control Contract

Resolution No. 07/412

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council directs the Clerk to advise the Animal Control Officer that the contract will not be renewed, providing alternate arrangements are made.

CARRIED

8. Hydro One: Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program

Resolution No. 07/413

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that a letter from Hydro One re: Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program – Rebates for your energy Efficiency Projects be received and the Clerk will research the program and apply by the December 31, 2007 deadline.

CARRIED

9. OCWA – Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Resolution No. 07/414

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the letter from Mike Del Monte, OCWA regarding the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and recommended revisions to the High Lift Pump be received and Council direct the Clerk to request Earth Tech to instruct Stromma to modify the logic within the PLC to allow for the selection and order of the high lift pumps, pursuant to the recommendations contained in the letter, at no cost to the Town.

CARRIED

10. Waste Reduction Week

Resolution No. 07/415

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 15 – 21, 2007 as Waste Reduction Week in the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/416

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

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

1. Building Maintenance Report Sept. 28/07.
2. Ministry of Community Safety and Correction Services re: Freedom of Information.
3. Timiskaming Board of Health minutes of June 6th, 2007 meeting and September Financial Report.
4. Ministry of Finance re: Hydro-electric Generating Stations Compensation.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Official Plan Amendment / Zoning By-law** - Ongoing

2. **Green Solutions** - Ongoing

3. **Strategic Plan**

Mayor Davies presented Mr. Healy's update on the Strategic Plan. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Centre. These meetings are open to the Public.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of GPS Unit

Resolution No. 07/417

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the memo from Andrew Healy re: Purchase of GPS Unit be received and the Garmin 76scx @ \$500.00 from the Source be approve for purchase in 2007, to be paid from the Greenwood Park Budget @ 50% and Public Works Budget @ 50%.

CARRIED

2. No Trespass Order

Resolution No. 07/418

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that letter dated February 15,, 2007 issuing a “No Trespass Order” is rescinded effective October 10, 2007.

CARRIED

3. Siemens Article on Latchford Water Treatment Plant:

Council authorized Siemens to prepare an article on the Latchford Water Treatment Plant to be placed in the Canadian publication of the Environmental Science and Engineering magazine.

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 831/07

Resolution No. 07/419

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 831/07 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held October 9, 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. 07/420

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 8:55 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;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations; and
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 07/421

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED

The following resolution was passed resulting from the In-Camera Session:

911 Implementation in South Gillies

Resolution No. 07/422

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the quote from DJS & Associates in the amount of \$13,000.00 be accepted by Council.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 07/423

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

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 22nd day
of October, 2007.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer