

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 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 Mike Cole, Councillor Maxine Cannon

Regrets: Councillor Jim Bennett

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

Press: None

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/52

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the February 14, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/53

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 24, 2007 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk and amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson:

Pubic Works:

- 8 streetlights are out and Campsall Electric has been called twice and will repair the lights as soon as possible;
- Resolution is on the agenda to authorize Public Works to purchase material and build the swing set at a substantial savings;
- Clean up week will be May 14 – 18, 2007;
- Work will begin soon on the corner of Mitchell and Sullivan to trim the cedar to ensure the safety of those entering the intersection. Thank you Mr. Corner for your cooperation.

Centennial Committee:

- Plans are moving forward and the next meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 7:00 p.m. Mike Jibb will attend to show the Committee sample souvenirs.

Councillor Mac Hamilton:

Economic Development:

- Greenwood Park – RFP for a Project Facilitator has been placed in the newspaper, but will be filled subject to approved funding. A press release was circulated. Application for funding has been forwarded to the Shell Environmental Fund, and pursuant to total project cost analysis, further applications will be submitted, along with meetings with various funding sources.
- Loggers Hall of Fame – application for funding has been submitted.
- Fred Keenan Centre – applications for funding have been submitted; several meetings have also been held with contractors and funding agencies.
- Waterfront Improvements – A letter from Department of Oceans and Fishers has been received advising that a representative will be contacting the Town.
- Streetscape – a budget is being prepared to replace the current municipal street signs, and will be included in the 2007 budget for consideration.
- Latchford Tourism Brochures – quotes have been received for budget purposes to update and reprint the Latchford Brochure.
- View to the future – The list of approaches for a stronger, self-sustaining community continues to be updated and Council would appreciate the Public's input.

Councillor Maxine Cannon:

Recreation:

- Communities in Action Fund – The Recreation Committee submitted several suggestions of items/programs to be funded by the CIAF, including: bussing for the teens to New Liskeard to attend various activities i.e. the theatre; bus for seniors to travel to the Polar Bear Exhibit in Cochrane; bus for a one day shopping trip to North Bay; a media projector and screen for movie night etc.; tae chi classes for seniors or anyone who may be interested; bus to New Liskeard for various swimming programs; craft clinic; low impact dancercise or exercise classes; drug and alcohol or gambling clinic program
- Budget Requests as follows: pantry for kitchen in the Recreation Centre; shelves in Rink Manager's Room; stereo system for dances and also for the rink; clocks for the rink area and in the hallway.
- Seniors: Council was asked if the seniors could still use the Recreation Centre if they wished, and this was confirmed.

Councillor Gord Lomax

Tourism:

- Resolutions on the agenda for approval to reprint the two key Latchford tourism publications
- Inaugural meeting of volunteers to implement the Dam Rapids project is scheduled for February 20th at 6:00 pm. at the Town Office/Information Centre.
- Approval requested to repaint the museum highway signs and suggested attaching a Centennial Year sign to the signs already on highway. Costs will be confirmed.

Greenwood Park:

- Resolutions on agenda for approval of the WJB Greenwood Park Draft Management Plan; submission of funding applications; and circulation of press release.
- Northern College Partnership is strong; received a letter of support from the President of Northern College, Timmins campus.
- Canadore College Partners – a meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2007.

- Facilitator Position: The ad was published and interested parties have contacted the Town.
- Invitation to Sod Turning will be mailed soon.

Mayor's Report

- The Recreation Committee has done an excellent job of putting together LATCHFORD'S FROSTY FROLIC for the 16th, 17th, and 18th.
- Centennial preparations are going well. The letterhead has been chosen and letters will go out to former residents shortly. None of this would have been possible without the numerous hours dedicated by Latchford volunteers.
- It does not matter whether it is the Recreation Committee, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Library Board, the Heritage Board or any of the many other jobs that are completed with volunteer help, our Town can not function without them. That is why I was particularly distressed this week when I learned that our volunteer editor of the Moose Call, Diane Remillard, had been sued for libel, along with the Moose Call. Two new lawsuits to add to the list, and if this was not enough it was followed by an anonymous mailing to everyone's mailbox in Latchford challenging the Town to sue the Co-Op Board if they could not back up the content of the flyer. My name was mentioned several times in the flyer although I noted that none of the Board members names were. The contents of the flyer are untrue; however the Town does not conduct its operations by litigation. The Suite against Diane Remillard is also complete nonsense. The thought of hard earned and scarce Co-Op dollars being used to attack a woman who has not only devoted thousands of volunteer hours to the town but also to the Co-Op sickens me. What is wrong with these people, she did not write the article. I wrote the article with the history attached in an attempt to resolve the issues once and for all. If they had taken the time to read the article they would see that this was clearly sated. In the Flyer written by the anonymous Board they refer to me as a coward, well as they will see I am not; conversely who are THEY? I am proud that I attempt to resolve longstanding problems within our town. You cannot solve a problem by throwing lawsuits every time there is an effort to solve a problem.
- On a lighter note I, along with many council members and some community minded residents attended a meeting of the Ratepayers Association. There is a \$5.00 charge to join and for that they will keep you updated on what goes on at council meeting or bring your concerns to council. It seems to me the best way to accurately find out what council does is to attend council meetings. If you cannot attend, ask one of the twenty or so residents that do attend. Failing that phone one of your six councillors or me. And finally you could pick up a copy of the minutes at the town office or download them from our website over the Internet also, at no cost. Ratepayers Associations can be an asset to a community. I personally was a little disappointed as we were told at the meeting that they wanted members and they definitely wanted issues, but to be credible the association must operate under elected board not self appointees. It must operate according to its own constitution and it must address all issues brought forward not just selected ones. I fail to see how this will benefit Latchford. I will continue to attend to represent the Town of Latchford.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. DTSSAB – Letter from Thornloe

Resolution No. 07/54

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the resolution passed by the Village of Thornloe requesting the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board to cut costs and refrain from sending Christmas Cards be received and filed.

CARRIED

2. Greenwood Park Terms of Reference

Resolution No.: 07/55

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Approval of the Terms of Reference, Background Information and Preliminary Management Plan for the W.J.B. Greenwood Park Project.

CARRIED

3. Support of Volunteer Diane Remillard

Resolution No. 07/56

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council fully supports Diane Remillard in the position of editor of the Moose Call and extend our thanks for her years of dedication and effort on the community's behalf.

CARRIED

4. Swings at Beach Park

Resolution No. 07/57

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Public Works Foreman to purchase the necessary materials to a maximum of \$1,400 to build the swing set for the Beach Park, at a cost saving of approximately \$1,600 if purchased from a supplier.

CARRIED

5. Greenwood Park Project Funding Applications

Resolution No. 07/58

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Council authorizes the Development Committee to submit funding applications to various funding agencies for the Greenwood Provincial Park Project.

CARRIED

6. Airport Joint Municipal Service Board

Resolution No. 07/59

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport requesting the Town of Latchford to join the Joint Municipal Services Board and appoint a representative to the Board be received and will join and seek a representative.

CARRIED

7. Off Road Vehicles

Resolution No. 07/60

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Township of Lanark Highlands re: Regulations regarding the use of Off-Road Vehicles be received and filed.

CARRIED

8. T.A.R.M.A.C. Aircraft Flying display

Resolution No. 07/61

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the letter from John Smerdon, T.A.R.M.A.C. requesting approval to put on a flying display of aircraft at the beach area on March 4, 2007 be received and approved.

CARRIED

9. Permanent Part-time Pay Increase

Resolution No. 07/62

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council approves the increase to Pay Grade 3 for the permanent part-time staff, retroactive to January 1, 2007.

CARRIED

10. Celebrate Canada Program

Resolution No. 07/63

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to submit a financial request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the "Celebrate Canada" Program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day, in the amount of \$13,975.

CARRIED

11. JEPP FUNDING PROGRAM

Resolution No. 07/64

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the resolution passed by the Township of Scugog re: Funding Formula and application process for the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program be received and supported.

CARRIED

12. 2007 FONOM/MMAH Conference Registration

Resolution No. 07/65

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the registration forms for the 2007 FONOM/MMAH Municipal Conference be received and registration be approved.

CARRIED

13. Accounts for January 17 – February 8, 2007

Resolution No. 07/66

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the general bills in the amount of \$92,527.14 and payroll in the amount of \$16,206.76 for the period January 17, 2007 to February 8, 2007 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

14. Latchford Area Trails Brochure

Resolution No. 07/67

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council approves a \$1,000 budget for Latchford Area Trails Booklets to replenish the supply as they are a popular item.

CARRIED

15. Latchford Tourism Brochure

Resolution No. 07/68

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that Council approves the sale of ads and soliciting of funds to update the Latchford Tourism Brochure and further that JR Printing will print the brochure, upon assurance of funding, as they have the artwork which will be a cost saving for the Town.

CARRIED

16. Greenwood Provincial Park Press Release

Resolution No. 07/69

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council approves the circulation of a Greenwood Provincial Park press release to various media, ministries, organizations and interested parties.

CARRIED

17. Reschedule Council Meeting of Feb. 28/07

Resolution No. 07/70

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 28, 2007 be rescheduled to Thursday March 1, 2007 and that this meeting be the first quarterly "Open Public Meeting" and a notice be posted at the usual locations and mailed.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/71

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

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

1. South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation minutes and financial statements.
2. Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection - seminar information.
3. Ministry of Transportation re: Parking on Hwy. 11.
4. FONOM News Release re: FONOM Elects New Leadership.
5. AMO re: Annual Conference August 19 – 22, 2007.
6. Animal Control Report for January.
7. Town of Minto resolution re: Royal Canadian Legion Should be Exempt from School Board Taxes.
8. Town of Minto resolution re: Engineering Costs for COMRIF Applications.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant:

The project is in its final stage.

2. Recycling

Resolution No. 07/72

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that a Request for Quotations for a recycling program in Latchford based on bi-weekly curb side pick-up was advertised in the Temiskaming Speaker and the following two quotations were received:

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| 1. | Mel's Recycling | \$5.00 per household bi-weekly |
| 2. | ECO-LOGIX | \$5.02 per household bi-weekly |

And further that Mel's Recycling will not provide additional bins free of charge;

And further that ECO-LOGIX advised they will share any profits made with the Town;

Now therefore ECO-LOGIX'S proposal of \$5.02 per household with bi-weekly pickup is the successful bid; and the proposal will be circulated to the residents of Latchford for their information with an explanatory letter to clarify the recycling program and the shared costs and how the billing will occur.

CARRIED

3. Microphones

Resolution No. 07/73

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council approve the purchase of four more microphones.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 770/07

Resolution No. 07/74

Move By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that By-Law No No.770/07 being a by-law to appoint a Municipal Auditor for the Town of Latchford 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. 771/07

Resolution No. 07/75

Move By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No 771/07 being a by-law to establish rental fees for use of space in the Latchford Community Recreation 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. 772/07

Resolution No. 07/76

Move By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that By-Law No No.772/07 being a by-law to designate persons authorized to sign cheques issued by the Corporation of the Town of Latchford 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. 773/07

Resolution No. 07/77

Move By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No.773/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the funding Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs under Intake Three of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) with respect to the paving of streets, replacement of culverts and replacement of watermain valves 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. 774/07

Resolution No. 07/78

Move By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 774/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held February 14, 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

11. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 07/79

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 8:55 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;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or board;
- Labour elations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 07/80

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:34 p.m.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 07/81

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

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 1st day
of March, 2007.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer