

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY MARCH 1, 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, Councillor Jim Bennett

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 24 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/91

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the March 1, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated, and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/92

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 14, 2007 and the Special Meeting held February 20, 2007 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk and amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS: NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS: NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Larry Wiwchar - TIP

Resolution No. 07/93

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that the email from Larry Wiwchar requesting support of his submission to the Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources regarding the Temagami Integrated Planning be received and supported.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/94

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

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

1. Letter from the M.T.O. re: Hwy. 11 Pavement Rehabilitation.

2. Board of Health minutes and report.

3. Far Northeast Training Board letter and attached report (on file).

And with respect to Item 1, the Clerk be directed to forward a letter of response to the M.T.O. emphasizing Council's displeasure with the action offered.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 776/07

Resolution No. 07/95

Move By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that By-Law No No.776/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Joint Municipal Services Board and Funding Agreement 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. 777/07

Resolution No. 07/96

Move By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 777/07 being a by-law to establish a Committee of Council identified as the "Park/Trail Committee" to deal with matters relating to parks and trails within the boundaries 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. 778/07

Resolution No. 07/97

Move By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No No.778/07 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. 779/07

Resolution No. 07/98

Move By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 779/06 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held March 1, 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

NONE

At this point, there was an open forum for the public to ask questions and voice concerns or suggestions.

Following is a brief summary of significant items discussed:

- Parking sign was removed from the west sign of Hwy. 11 at the corner of Hwy. 11 and Cosens and will be put back.
- Ditching along the highway by Carmody's slopes away from the culvert and continues to cause a problem with drainage. The Clerk will forward a letter to the Ministry.
- Council members were asked if they had read the Forensic Audit and two councillors advised they had not.
- It was suggested that all residents should endeavour to clean up messy yards, especially in view of the Centennial Celebrations this summer. The Town will be having their usual clean-up week in May and will take anything from old clothes to old cars, trucks, bikes etc. The Property Standards By-law is being reviewed and will be passed as soon as possible which will limit the number of old unlicensed vehicles allowed to remain on a person's property. Such old vehicles that are not licensed are considered derelict and will not be allowed to remain on a property. A suggestion was also made that individuals with an unusual amount of "items" on their property should construct an *aesthetic* fence around their property. These suggestions will be considered in the review of the Property Standards By-law which shall remain under "Ongoing Business" until the by-law is passed and a Committee is in place. A resident suggested that Council send a letter to all residents imploring them to clean up their property of unnecessary derelict vehicles, garbage, etc. It was stated that Latchford is a lovely town we all should be proud of.
- The possible expansion of the rink was discussed, with some against the expansion and some considering it a good idea in order for the youths to have room to play hockey, etc. It was noted that this project will be done only if the Town is successful in receiving the grant which was applied for. It was also noted that the only "fit" for this particular grant at this time was the expansion of the arena.
- Policing was discussed, with all in attendance agreeing there should be a community policing meeting once a month. It was also suggested that the OPP representative should attend at the Community Recreation Centre to visit with the children and youths to discuss/review various subjects of importance i.e. alcohol, drugs, social behaviour, etc.
- The idea of having a Seniors' Home in Latchford was reviewed, with most in attendance agreeing that this would be an excellent project for the future.
- A fish hatchery located in Latchford was another idea, which was presented as it could result in increasing the number of fishermen in the Bay Lake area, resulting in a spin-off to local businesses.

- Council advised they were considering searching for a used 11 – 15 passenger van to use for residents travelling to various functions in the surrounding municipalities. The van would be for all age groups, and could also be used to transport teens to the high school dances and other activities. Staff is researching insurance costs, etc. It was noted that the cost to purchase a 2nd hand vehicle would be less expensive over the long run.
- The need for a restaurant in Latchford was emphasized, and this is being researched.
- The possibility of using the Chip Stand to sell pop, chips, chocolate bars, etc was reviewed. It was suggested that this may result in summer student employment.
- The plans for waterfront development were briefly reviewed.
- The old cemetery needs to be cleaned up. It was noted that if a group of residents got together on a Saturday it could be completed in a day. A sign-up sheet for this “work project” may be forthcoming.

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 07/99

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 14TH day
of March, 2007.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer