

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 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, Councillors Gordon Lomax, Councillor Maxine Cannon

Regrets: Councillor Jim Bennett

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 23 people in attendance.

Press: None

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/424

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the October 22nd, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/425

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the In-Camera and Regular Council Meetings held October 9th, 2007 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

1. **Allan Legros, Grant Forest Products**, attended to outline the harvest plan for blocks within Coleman Township and blocks owned by Coleman located within the Town of Latchford. Mr. Legros explained that the first option to access a number of the blocks would be Murphy Mill Road. He provided detailed information and asked for Council's consideration in authorizing Grant Forest Products to use Murphy Mill Road, but noted that Grant Forest would respect whatever decision Council made and thanked Council for their time. The Mayor informed Mr. Legros that Council would discuss this issue and thanked him for attending.

2. **Linda Miller, Miller Realty Group**, attended to review their proposal to market the Town's surplus lots, and advised they would contact the Town regarding the commission rate.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Larry Anderson

Public Works:

- Grading complete on Murphy Mill Road;
- Costing side brushing for Murphy Mill Road and Anniminip Road;
- Watermain break at the end of Mowatt Avenue;
- Constructing an outdoor "kiosk" for posting notices outside Town Office;
- Fall cleanup was well participated.

Police:

- Meeting took place on October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre;
- OPP will be patrolling Murphy Mill Road and possibly placing a radar speed notice machine;
- Next meeting dates as follows: January 8, 2008, April 8, 2008, June 24, 2008 and September 9, 2008.

Councillor Mac Hamilton:

Economic Development:

- Latchford Rock Display sign is installed by the Rock/Walk organization in Haileybury in recognition of the history of the rock and promoting Latchford involvement, at no cost to Latchford.
- Nastawgan Trails Kiosk has been installed adjacent the Ontario Heritage sign by the Town Office, at no cost to the Town.
- There has been vandalism on Nastawgan Trails.
- MNR Bunkhouse – funding for renovations is being sought.
- Fred Kennan Centre – Administration is contacting the successful contractor and Council hopes this work will be completed soon.
- Latchford Heritage Plaque – The Heritage Board advises that the Ontario Heritage has accepted submission and will confirm delivery in the spring.

Councillor Maxine Cannon:

Seniors' Activity Group:

- Seniors' meeting held Monday October 1 – election for directors was held.
- Ham supper Oct 21;
- Christmas party planned for December 2nd;
- Submitted quilting blocks for the International Plow Match in Earleton – any donations of unused paint would be much appreciated;
- Suggestion of a drop-in centre.

Recreation:

- Halloween Dance for Youths on Friday October 26th;
- Halloween Dance for Adults on Saturday October 27th;
- Outside plug-in installed at the Recreation Centre for the tree lighting this year as there was good participation and not enough room at the Town Hall.

Councillor Gord Lomax:

Tourism/Greenwood Park:

- Thanks to Lee, Terry, Mac, Jim and Andrew for moving the lumber to storage location for future use in Greenwood Park.
- Ontario Parks has not yet provided comments on the Greenwood Park Management Plan which Andrew submitted last month.
- Andrew is obtaining quotes for the Waterfront Park Development.
- Assisted Murray Muir to build and install Nastawgan Trails Information Kiosk in Veterans' Park.
- Thanks to volunteers Carolyn MacArthur and Teresa McRea and the Heritage Board for participating in the Quilt Block program which is being organized by the Beautification Committee, a sub committee of the International Plow Match Committee; because of their time Latchford will be part of the tour in 2009.

General Government/Finance:

- Attended a meeting to review expenditures for this month.

Mayor Peter Davies:

- Noted the Town has received two offers on lots.
- The newsletter will be sent out soon.
- Every year or so a “poison pen letter” is circulated and recently such a letter concerning the Mayor and Councillor Bennett has been circulated to council and various organizations. If someone is trying to place a wedge between members of council, they definitely will not be successful.

At this point, members of council stated their opinion about this type of letter. Councillor Hamilton advised that unsigned “poison pen letters” are not to be considered as council business and should be destroyed with no time wasted on them. Councillor Anderson noted that tenders went out for purchase of computers and of the approximately \$30,000 grant, a large portion was used to purchase the accounting software, but also commented that letters like this do not deserve air time. Councillor Cole stated that it is always good to disagree on matters and this should not be mistaken as dislike. Councillor Cannon noted that all matters of council are recorded.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Forest Access on Murphy Mill Road

Resolution No. 07/426

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the correspondence from Ted McCullough, Coleman Twp. Resident, Russ Johnston, Coleman Twp. Resident, and Greg Boyce, Latchford resident re: Use of Murphy Mill Road for Forest Access to Harvest Blocks owned by Coleman Township be received and a letter of response sent.

CARRIED

2. Brocton Resolution

Resolution No. 07/427

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Municipality of Brockton re: Conservation Authorities Funding and Mandate be received and filed.

CARRIED

3. Speed Limit on Murphy Mill Road

Resolution No. 07/428

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Mary Lomax, Latchford Resident re: Speed Limit and Sight Lines on Murphy Mill Road be received and the OPP will be asked to provide an appropriate speed limit for all streets in Latchford and the Clerk will contact Coleman regarding brushing Murphy Mill Road.

CARRIED

4. Accounts

Resolution No. 07/429

Moved By: Gord Lomax

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the payroll in the amount of \$21,007.92 and general bills in the amount of \$91,611.77 for the period September 2007 to October 11, 2007 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

5. OCWA Letter re: Installing Solenoid at Water Treatment Plant

Resolution No. 07/430

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter from Michael Del Monte, OCWA recommending that Earth Tech be instructed to direct a contractor to install a solenoid valve on the raw water sample line and to configure it to close when the plant is not in operation in order to protect the Town's investment be received and Council concur with OCWA's recommendation; and that it be confirmed the work is included in the contract price and at no additional cost to the Town.

CARRIED

6. Legion Letter re: Veterans' Park Maintenance

Resolution No. 07/431

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the letter from George Lefebvre, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 629 re: Assistance in the Maintenance of Veterans' Park be received and Council direct the Clerk to respond explaining that there is no financial support requested, but volunteers to assist in the planting and maintenance of flower beds to help ensure that Veterans' Park continues to be a park to be proud of;

And further that the Clerk will ask Mr. Lefebvre for more information with respect to a bank account for the park.

CARRIED

7. Council Committee Meetings

Resolution No. 07/432

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the Clerk will email a list of various meetings requesting each councillor to choose a specific meeting as their responsibility.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/433

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

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

1. South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation minutes and Financial Statements.
2. Derek Barley, M.T.O. re: Attendance at Nov. 5th Council Meeting – Update on Hwy. 11th Project.
3. Area Food Bank Annual General Meeting Oct. 24.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

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

2. Green Solutions

Mayor Davies requested that a report be prepared for the next council meeting on "passive solar walls", including the cost. A report is also requested on "active solar panels" and the possibility of selling the energy back to Hydro One.

3. Strategic Plan

There will be a full day Strategic Planning workshop in Saturday November 17, 2007. Council noted that Lee Ketchabaw and Lise McKeever should also attend.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Unsigned Poison Pen Letter

Resolution No. 07/434

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS Council does not normally respond to unsigned correspondence deemed to be in the form of a “poison pen letter”;

AND WHEREAS Council, along with a number of government organizations, received such a letter which contained inaccurate and false statements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, for the record, states that the subject letter does contain inaccurate and false information and considers there is no basis for the comments made in this writing, and amend our Procedural By-law accordingly.

CARRIED

2. Fred Keenan Centre

Resolution No. 07/435

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

WHEREAS Council received three quotations for renovations to the Fred Keenan Centre as follows:

Menard Contracting	\$31,914
Hearn Construction	\$34,500
Rivard Bros. Ltd.,	\$51,472

AND WHEREAS Council directed the Clerk to contact Menard Contracting to confirm their quotation for the work and if it was unchanged to offer Menard Contracting the job;

AND WHEREAS after forwarding a fax and making numerous telephone calls, a response from Menard Contracting has not been received to date;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the quotation from Hearn Construction and the Clerk be directed to confirm their quotation and if it is unchanged Hearn Construction be offered the job.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 832/07

Resolution No. 07/436

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that By-Law No 832/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with D J S & Associates for the completion and provision of all requirements to implement PERS 9-1-1 in South Gillies Limit 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. 833/07

Resolution No. 07/437

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No 833/07 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held October 22, 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. 07/438

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 9:26 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; and
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 07/439

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Gord Lomax

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:59 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Lawsuit

Resolution No. 07/440

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

WHEREAS Bob Biladeau initiated a lawsuit against Peter Davies;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Davies attended Court on October 22, 2007 and the Court advised Mr. Biladeau that he could not sue Peter Davies as the matter had been decided under the Town's Licensing By-law and approved by Council;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Biladeau refused to stop the proceedings against Mayor Davies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves any legal fees resulting from this lawsuit be paid by the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 07/441

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 10:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 12th day
of November, 2007.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer