

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 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 Maxine Cannon, Councillor Jim Bennett

Regrets: Councillor Mike Cole, Betty Gibson

Staff: Lise McKeever, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Neilson, Temiskaming Speaker

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 07/469

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the November 26, 2007 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No pecuniary interest/conflict of interest was declared.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 07/470

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 9, 2007 be approved as amended at the direction of Council on November 12, 2007 and that the minutes of the In-Camera and Regular Council Meetings held November 12, 2007 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk as amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

Ministry of Transportation re: Highway 11 Project

Mel Rose, Engineer from Earth Tech and two Ministry of Transportation representatives, an area engineer as well as an environmental planner, were in attendance. Mr. Rose presented two drawings. The project extends from Latchford 12.4 km southerly to south end of last northbound passing lane and will include the area on the "S" curve. There are two components of the project, one being new construction and the other will be resurfacing. Re-alignment of the highway in some sections, essentially on the east side, will be done, as well as resurfacing in areas using the existing highway. Each lane will be 3.75 metre lanes and the shoulders will vary in width between 1 – 3 metres. Also included in the project are drainage and ditching improvements, culvert replacements, cable or steel beam guide rails will be installed, and improvements to the snow-plow turnarounds. All highway will be repaved to current Ministry standards. 2009 is the design completion date with the project to be completed between 2009 and 2011. The total cost is not known yet.

Erosion protection will be addressed between Conroy Cabins and the bridge where side of road is somewhat sliding into the lake. Questions were asked regarding when the road north of Latchford and including Latchford itself will be repaired and they said that a preliminary design study is being done now from Latchford up to Golf Course Road. Councillor Anderson questioned about homes on the main street vibrating and getting cracks in basements as well as other damages caused by transports and MTO replied that they would bring this concern back to the MTO. Councillor Bennett asked if it would be a possibility to have a crossing in town as well, MTO will bring this back to their traffic section.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Mayor Peter Davies:

- The finance committee met last Thursday and reviewed payroll and general accounts payable. The Committee participated in a conference with Robert Blais, Town Auditor regarding a snapshot of the Town's position to date. The 3-Bucket System was discussed and agreed that it was not working very well. We took action on outstanding revenue. Confirmed that office backups were being done on accounting.
- Art and Sharon McClelland's function had a great turn-out and the Latchford Community Association must be thanked.
- Spent today in court, the system does work. Several lawsuits will be dropped. One more year and all should be out of the way.
- Non-announcement – We received a \$78,000 grant from NOHFC for waterfront improvements in August; this will be used for new docks, extension of the boardwalk, rink shack will have showers and washrooms, new bridge. This will not include lighting but hopefully there will be a further phase for lighting.
- Council is operating with one Councillor short but we will have that vacancy filled in January. If members of Council can not make meetings consistently, the Fire Department and Recreation Committee are always looking for donations.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 8, 2007 at the Recreation Centre for the first time.

Councillor Larry Anderson

No Report.

Councillor Maxine Cannon

- Sharon and Art McClelland's moving away party had a good turnout; they will be missed by many.
- It was brought to Councillor Cannon's attention that Council meetings should have a break in the middle to allow for the audience to stretch their legs.
- Looking forward to all who apply for the vacant council seat, one application received so far.
- The Senior's meeting was held November 5, 2007; next regular meeting will be held January 7, 2008 at 1 p.m.

Councillor Mac Hamilton:

- MNR Bunkhouse – Anthony Rota's office has forwarded information pertaining to possible funding avenues for renovations. This information to be reviewed soon.
- Fred Keenan Centre – The successful bidder for the renovations to the Library, Seniors room and the washrooms at the Fred Keenan Centre will start in mid-January, 2008.

- Park Development – Responses to the ad for a Park Development Facilitator are coming in.
- Strategic Plan – attended the Strategic Development Preparation Session on November 17. We now await the draft plan from Andrew Healy for Council's review.

Councillor Jim Bennett:

- Strategic Planning meeting was very informative and believe the money spent to locate this session at Smoothwater Lodge was well spent. Andrew Healy has done a superb job.
- Working with the Mayor and Councillor Hamilton on the budget.
- Will be calling Dr. Hardie to make an appointment, as you can not just walk in.
- There are mice in the Senior's room; Lee will be asked to set traps.
- Lee and Terry are working hard at the old concession booth.
- Art and Sharon McClelland's function went very well last Sunday.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. Council Meeting Rescheduled

Resolution No. 07/471

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council Meetings in December be rescheduled to one council meeting on Monday December 17, 2007 to accommodate the Christmas Holiday and that this meeting be an "Open Forum" and a notice be posted accordingly.

CARRIED

2. Holiday Hours

Resolution No. 07/472

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that on Christmas Eve December 24th and New Year's Eve December 31st, the Municipal Office will close at 12:00 noon, and a notice be posted accordingly.

CARRIED

3. Ministry of Natural Resources

Resolution No. 07/473

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Ministry of Natural Resources letter and information re: 2008 Bear Wise Community Funding be received and filed.

CARRIED

4. Ministry of Northern Development & Mines

Resolution No. 07/474

Moved By: Jim Bennett

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, be received and a letter of support and congratulations be forwarded to all Ministers under the Mayor's signature.

CARRIED

5. Christmas Tree Lighting

Resolution No. 07/475

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that Council approved a \$300 expenditure for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

CARRIED

6. Chamber of Commerce Radio Auction

Resolution No. 07/476

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council approve a \$50 Free Ice Time Certificate for the Radio Auction.

CARRIED

7. Memo from the Clerk Water Treatment Plant

Resolution No. 07/477

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the memo from the Clerk re: Water Treatment Plant and Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation be received and Council approves the recommendation as set out in the memo, specifically that the by-law authorizing the signing of the OIPC loan in the amount of \$300,000 be passed, and that the Municipal portion of the loan be cleared first.

CARRIED

8.FONOM

Resolution No. 07/478

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Whereas the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has represented the 110 municipalities in Northeastern Ontario for the past 48 years;

And Whereas FONOM held a Leadership Summit in Timmins in October 2007 where it was overwhelmingly supported by more than 200 participants as the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario;

And Whereas as a result of that Summit the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities has created the following seven task forces to deal with priorities from the Summit – Natural Resources, Energy, Business, Transportation, Education, Health and Government Services.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Latchford supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities as the unified Voice of Northeastern Ontario and in its creation of these task forces to focus on these priorities;

And Further Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

9. Township of Hilliard

Resolution No. 07/479 as amended

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that the letter and resolution from the Township of Hilliard re: Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport be received and filed.

CARRIED

10. Accounts

Resolution No. 07/480

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the following Payroll in the amount of \$30,789.00 and General Bills in the amount of \$379,749.59 for the period October 17/07 to November 16/07, be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

11. Water Treatment Plant Meeting to be Scheduled

Resolution No. 07/481

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council direct the Clerk to schedule a meeting with Earth Tech, OCWA, Council and our Auditor regarding the final financial status of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and confirm maximum funding commitments for the project.

CARRIED

11. Winter Visitors' Guide

Resolution No. 07/482

Moved By: Jim Bennett

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from Michael Jibb, Temiskaming Speaker re: Winter Visitors' Guide/International Plowing Match outlining available ads and prices be received and a ½ page ad be taken at \$196.00.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 07/483

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

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

1. OGRA re: Tangible Capital Assets Conference..
2. Mary Lomax re: Proposed Use of Murphy Mill road for Forest Harvesting.
3. AMO Member Communication re: Ontario Consultation on the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers Draft Canada-wide Strategy for the management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent.
4. Government of Canada News Release "Government of Canada announces the Creation of a FEDNOR Ministerial Advisory Board".
5. Memo from the Clerk re: Annual Building Report.
6. Letter from the Clerk to Frogs Breath Foundation re: Donation.
7. OGRA Nomination Form.
8. Building Maintenance Check List – November 5/07.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Official Plan Amendment / Zoning By-law

Ongoing. Will take some time.

2. Green Solutions

This ranked second highest on our Strategic Plan.

3. Strategic Plan for the Town of Latchford

This will be discussed at the next meeting when Council has received Mr. Healy's report.

4. Quotes for Lead Sampling

A resolution including the amounts of the quotes will be included on the next meeting agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Cannon mentioned that taking a break in the middle of a Council Meeting would be a good idea. Mayor Davies agreed to try taking a 10 minute break during the meeting and to supply coffee and donuts for the audience.
2. Sue Neilson asked how many kids from Latchford went to Cobalt Public School; she is asking for Latchford's support to keep the school open and Council agreed to write a letter of support. The next meeting is December 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Sue remarked that the more people that attend, the better.

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 836/07

Resolution No. 07/484

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 836/07 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (OIPC) and the Town of Latchford for financing to a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$300,000 for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed by the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 837/07

Resolution No. 07/485

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that By-Law No 837/ being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and the Town of Latchford for funding the Waterfront Improvement Project #950249 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. 838/07

Resolution No. 07/486

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No 838/07 being a by-law to stop up, close and declare surplus the portion of the laneway at the rear of Lot 250, Parcel 19125 SST PT; Lots 264 and 278, Parcels 23444 and 24614 SST; Lots 291 and 304, Parcel 6260 SST PT; Lot 317, Parcel 18029 SST; Lots 330 and 343, Parcel 19075 SST; Lot 356, Parcel 19993 SST; Lots 369, 382, and 394, Parcel 19828 SST PT, Lot 407, Parcel 21770 SST, Lot 420, Parcel 22042 SST PT, Lot 433, Parcel 14351 SST, and Lot 445, Parcel 14351 SST Plan M57NB, fronting on Hillview Street in 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. 839/07

Resolution No. 07/487

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No 839/07 being a by-law to declare real property to be surplus to municipal needs and requirements 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. 840/07

Resolution No. 07/488

Moved By: Jim Bennett

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that By-Law No 840/07 being a by-law to establish name unnamed roads and to change the names of the roads within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the purposes of establishing E 9-1-1 service in the former unorganized Township of South Gillies be taken 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. 841/07

Resolution No. 07/489

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 841/07 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the Council Meeting held November 26, 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, as amended.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED MEETING

There was no requirement for a closed session. The Town is interested in purchasing property.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 07/490

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 17th day
of December, 2007.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

Notes:

Betty: you need to schedule and meeting with Pat Underhill re the high lift pumps and that there is no need for the Fire Dept. to go down to the water plant to turn them on anymore.

The purchase of MS Office for Andrew's computer: Andrew said they could not attain the software in New Liskeard. Why did we end up paying \$500.00 + instead of quoted prices of the \$300.00 range? Ask Betty or Andrew about this. Betty to report at the next meeting.