

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies, Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Maxine Cannon, Councillor Ruby Shortt, Councillor Theo Cull, Councillor Mike Cole and Councillor Scott Green

Regrets: Betty Gibson, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Staff: Lise Remillard, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Public: Three members of public

Press: No Press

1. Resolution 09/007 - Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mike Cole

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the April 9, 2009 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of pecuniary interest/conflict of interest

None

3. SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLOR SCOTT GREEN

4. Draft By-law – Annual Maintenance of Distribution system Valves and Hydrants:

Council reviewed the draft by-law and revisions were noted in the draft.

5. Draft By-law – Information Access Security Policy:

Council reviewed the draft by-law and revisions were noted on the “requirements” page.

5. Draft By-law – Building Canada Fund Agreement:

Council discussed the agreement, which will be placed on the April 23rd agenda.

6. Employee Policy Manual:

Council reviewed the policy and revisions were noted on page 11.

7. Emergency Generator Hook-up:

It was noted that there is no hook-up on the Community Centre exterior for the generator; this electrical work will be paid from the Emergency Management budget.

8. Fire Pumper Truck:

Council agreed that \$1,000 will be paid from the Emergency Management budget; the remainder of the cost will be raised by fundraising i.e. donation jars. The Fire Chief advised that he will wash the streets with the truck.

9. Auditor's Presentation of the 2008 Audit:

Council confirmed that May 28th, 2009 is fine and the Auditor will be advised.

10. DTSSAB Budget Increase:

It was noted that the Town will have to find over \$40,000 in the budget due to the increase in the DTSSAB Budget. A meeting will be arranged for the week of April 13th with the heads of council to discuss DTSSAB council representation.

11. 2009 Budget:

As requested, a 2% increase in taxes was calculated which will raise approximately one half of the DTSSAB increase of approximately \$40,000.

A couple of suggestions to decrease expenses in order to cover the remainder of the DTSSAB increase were:

- Decrease Council attendance at conferences
- Decrease Public Works budget

A budget meeting will be scheduled shortly.

12. Ongoing / Unfinished Projects:

1. Seniors Housing;

CGV Contractors will provide a floor plan for a two story seniors building – 10 – 12 – 14 units and the cost.

2. Recreation Centre Expansion/Porch:

A quote to do additional work as requested by Council was provided. The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer provided a report, including recommendations. Council stated they want the kitchen moved.

3. Waterfront Development

Council requested a report on the Waterfront Development Project Grant of \$78,000 i.e. over or under budget. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will print the account balance to date.

4. Greenwood Park

It was noted that the MNR funding in the amount of \$24,500 has not yet been received.

5. Hydro Compensation / Project (*ongoing meetings with private enterprise and government officials – progressing satisfactorily*)

13. New Business:

1. International Plowing Match:

Mayor Davies and Councillor Cannon attended a meeting and the following information was provided:

- cost for a booth will be approximately \$1,000.00 for a 20' x 30' display area;
- Town's attendance and displays will promote tourism in our area;
- Require promotional material i.e. pens, brochures;
- Latchford's donation could be:
 - a lot to raffle (would then collected taxes on this lot)
 - a weeks holiday in the area – Marten River / Temagami 2 nights, Latchford 1 night; and Cobalt 1 or 2 nights.
 - Bags made up with all the websites on it (may be a grant available)

2. **Easter Hunt:** Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

3. **Hwy. 11 Reconstruction**

It was noted that office space is required by the contractor and engineering firm. Also trailer park with hook-ups will be required (Bay Lake Campground).

4. **Council Remuneration** was discussed. Council agreed that \$20.00 per pay cheque will go towards the fire pumper truck purchase until the end of 2009. A motion will be placed on the April 23rd agenda.

14. **In-Camera:**

PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Ruby Shortt declared a pecuniary interest on Item 2 of the In-Camera Agenda and left the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Resolution No. 09/098

Move By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Ruby Shortt

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:51 p.m. to discuss surplus lands and personnel.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 09/099

Move By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council arise from Closed Session at 9:34 p.m. with no report.

CARRIED

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 09/100

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council adjourn at 10:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 23rd day
of April, 2009.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer