

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

Mayor Davies welcomed everyone and commented that this special meeting was open to the public and urged them to speak up regarding Grant's logging on Murphy Mill Road during the day. Councillor Cole had a family commitment tonight and sends his regrets as does Betty Gibson. Mayor Davies commented that there have been a large number of complaints regarding the last few Council meetings being dysfunctional. Each Councillor will speak once per resolution; if there is a conflict of interest, the Councillor must leave the room. Rules must be followed from now on, if not, that person will be asked to leave.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies, Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Mac Hamilton, Councillor Maxine Cannon, Councillor Jim Bennett, Councillor Rick Suy

Regrets: Councillor Mike Cole

Staff: Lise McKeever, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

Press: Sue Neilson, Temiskaming Speaker

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 08/122

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the March 3, 2008 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Bennett declared a conflict and will leave the room when Al Legros from Grant Forest Products begins to speak.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 08/123

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jim Bennett

Be it resolved that the minutes of the February 28, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be deferred to the next scheduled Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Grant Forest Log Hauling on Murphy Mill Road

Mr. Allan Legros thanked everyone for coming and apologized for Grant's additional request to haul during the day but because Grant's was taking a break for two to three weeks they had to request flexibility in the hauling hours. There will only be one loader unloading rather than three which would cut back the amount of loads being hauled out of Murphy Mill Road in a day and if they want to stick to the original agreement of two weeks, then more hauling hours are required in a 24 hour period. Mr. Legros stated that there would be no hauling during school bus hours; as well as when people are leaving or returning from work. An escort would travel ahead of all vehicles going in and out of Murphy Mill Road which will keep speeds to a minimum (15 – 20 km/hour) as well as alert log trucks of any oncoming vehicles and give the log trucks more time to react.

The main concerns from residents and Councillors were the blind corner at Waddell's creating a problem as well as the safety of all residents who may be walking or driving as well as the March break being next week.. Several residents asked what would be in it for the Town of Latchford, what compensation Grant's would give the Town to amend the original agreement. Another concern was the new road that was put in on Coleman Township property; would the road be disabled at the end of the haul? The answer from Mr. Legros was no because it was not a standard practice to close roads because it is on Crown land. Mr. Legros suggested that the Town of Latchford should meet with Coleman Township and perhaps contact Jim Sanderson of the MNR.

Mr. Legros also commented that if additional signage was needed, just to let them know, and they would be more than happy to add them where needed.

Resolution No.: 08/124

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS Grant Forest Products requested Council to consider extending the hours of hauling logs through Latchford to hours during the day with the exception of the bus times;

AND WHEREAS Grant Forest Products has had serious cutbacks at the Plant which has limited the loader operations;

AND WHEREAS it would expedite the hauling process to haul during daytime hours;

AND WHEREAS Council circulated a notice to residents advising of the Special Meeting to ascertain the residents concerns regarding the request;

AND WHEREAS a number of residents attended the Special Meeting;

AND WHEREAS the residents in attendance voiced some concerns with the request to extend the hours.

NOW THEREFORE Council approves the extension of the hauling to include hours during the day from 9 am to 3 pm and from 7 pm until 7 am. During the hours from 9 am and 3 pm and from 7 pm until 9 pm an escort will be provided. Sanding will be the responsibility of Grant Forest Products. Grant Forest Products will provide five loads of "A" gravel for Murphy Mill road. No hauling will occur during weekends and that it be understood the logging trucks hauling during the day be escorted by Grant's service vehicles.

CARRIED

8. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 863/08

Resolution No. 08/125

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that By-Law No 863/08 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the Council Meeting held March 3, 2008 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

9. IN CAMERA

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 08/126

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:29 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 10th day
of March, 2008.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer