

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY MARCH 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies, Councillors Larry Anderson, Mac Hamilton, Maxine Cannon, and Rick Suy

Regrets: Councillors Jim Bennett and Mike Cole

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: There were approximately 8 people in attendance.

Press: None

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 08/147

Moved By: Maxine Canon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the March 26, 2008 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 08/148

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular and In-Camera Council meetings of March 10, 2008; and Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 27, 2008 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk, and amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Davies introduced Allan Legros, Grant Forest Products, to speak as part of his report.

Allan Legros, Grant Forest Products updated Council and the Public as to the status of the log haul. Mr. Legros commented that in general the residents were supportive; the traffic was slow and he had heard of no close calls. Mr. Legros noted that it was the first time they had used escorts and the drivers thought it was good to have this assistance. There would be a few floats moving equipment out and also an excavator in to the site to slash pile. Limestone would be placed at the crossings to stabilize them and ensure no runoff from the road into any streams occurred. A berm would be placed at the junction of Murphy Mill Road and the logging road to eliminate, or reduce, passenger vehicles on the road as a safety measure. Mr. Legros thanked council and the citizens of Latchford for their support and cooperation and noted it was very much appreciated.

Mr. Legros commented that when Granit Forest Products is working in a municipality they try to purchase various items locally to stimulate the economy i.e. food, gas, accommodation if required.

In response to a query regarding the replanting of trees, Mr. Legros advised that 160,000 trees will be planted throughout the cut and also natural regenerating of certain species will take place. Free to grow surveys will be done to confirm which types of trees are not regenerating and these species of trees will be planted.

Allan Legros thanked everyone again for their cooperation.

Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Legros for attending and made the following announcements:

- encouraged residents to participate in “Earth Hour” on March 29th from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- A Green Solutions Board will be set up;
- Budget meeting next week.

Councillor Anderson:

- Public Works meeting will be held the first Wednesday of each month
- A depot will be set up at the Public Works Garage – a pallet and barrel to collect batteries; both car batteries and small batteries i.e. AAA, AA etc. This will be posted on website.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Action Items

1. AMO Municipal Energy Workshop

Resolution No.: 08/149

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the AMO information sheet re: 2008 AMO/LAS Municipal energy Management Workshops be received and filed.

CARRIED

2. Canadian Troops

Resolution No.: 08/150

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that the letter and resolution from the Town of Petawawa requesting a supporting resolution to recognize the work and efforts carried out by Canadian Troops in all their missions be received and the Corporation of the Town of Latchford fully recognizes and supports the Canadian Troops for their commitment, courage and exemplary work and efforts in all their missions.

CARRIED

3. OSUM Conference

Resolution No. 08/151

Moved By: Rick Suy

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the letter and registration information from the Town of Collingwood re: 2008 OSUM Conference and Trade Show be received and filed.

CARRIED

4. Township of Coleman Meeting

Resolution No. 08/152

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Township of Coleman regarding a meeting in late April or May be received and the Clerk advise the Township of Coleman a date in April is preferred, requesting Coleman to confirm which of the dates is convenient for Coleman Council.

CARRIED

5. CLTS Walkathon

Resolution No. 08/153

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the letter from the Community Living Temiskaming South requesting a corporate donation for the 39th Annual Walkathon be received and referred to the Budget File for review.

CARRIED

6. Heritage Community Recognition Program

Resolution No. 08/154

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Ontario Heritage Trust inviting Council to participate in the 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program be received and Council nominates Diane Remillard to the Heritage Community Recognition Program:

CARRIED

7. Greenwood Park Budget

Resolution No. 08/155

Moved By: Rick Suy

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that the memo from Julie Robinson re: 2008 Budget Allocation be received and be referred to the Budget File and the budget approval process be expedited.

CARRIED

8. Earth Hour

Resolution No. 08/156

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that email from Julie Robinson re: Earth Hour March 29th be received and Council authorize Julie Robinson to circulate posters etc. inviting the residents of Latchford to participate in this event.

CARRIED

9. Telephone Service

Resolution No. 08/157

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS the Town is now using a number of telephone service providers for the requirements of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to research more cost efficient telephone service packages.

CARRIED

10. Budget Savings

Resolution No. 08/158

Moved By: Rick Suy

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS at the March 10th Regular Council Meeting it was stated that the Office was over budget for 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk-Treasurer submitted a report to Council with respect to the 2007 Actual versus 2007 Budget for General Government which includes the office expenses;

AND WHEREAS it is noted by Council that the actual costs of certain "office" expenditures in 2007 are less than budgeted due to proper management and practices i.e. light/ heat \$1,000 less; interest charges \$5,000 less;

AND WHEREAS it is noted by Council that the actual costs for 2007 of certain "office" expenditures are more than budgeted due to budgeting low and the cost of most of these items is not controlled by Staff i.e. OMERS, property tax rebate, website expense/domain;

AND WHEREAS it is noted by Council that a number of items included in the General Government budget were originally placed in capital i.e. staining of the Town Hall, Centennial Costs, Greenwood Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Staff will endeavour to cut costs in the office as much as possible.

CARRIED

11. Accounts for Feb. 21 to March 18, 2008

Resolution No. 08/159

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the payroll in the amount of \$20,312.30 and general bills in the amount of \$69,803.56 for the period February 21, 2008 to March 18, 2008 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

12. Purchase Tables

Resolution No. 08/160

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase of 40 tables at \$45.00 totalling \$1,800.00, plus tax from Costco to be included in the Recreation Budget

CARRIED

13. Tools

Resolution No. 08/161

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase of the replacement tools as listed on the quote from Acklands.

CARRIED

B. Information Items

Resolution No. 08/162

Moved By: Rick Suy

Seconded By: Maxine Canon

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

1. Building Maintenance Report March 4, 2008.
2. Industry Canada re: New Federal Program to assist with incurred increased costs as a result of changes to the Ontario Drinking Water Systems regulations.
3. AMO Communications: Feb.25/08 Additional Infrastructure Funding for Municipalities; March 12/08 Proposed Bill would Direct 2007/08 Provincial Budget Surplus to Municipal Infrastructure; March 18/08 Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Funding Update.
4. Ministry of Natural Resources re: Temagami Crown Forest Management Unit.
5. Ministry of Natural Resources Approved 2008-2009 Annual Works Schedule Timiskaming Forest.
6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs re: Surplus for infrastructure needs.
7. OCWA 2008 Annual Statement of Charges Payable.
8. Hon. Steve Peters, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly re: 400th anniversary of Quebec City.
9. SRQ re: Open House March 27, 2008.
10. Ministry of Finance re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations 2008.
11. Ontario's Near North Lake Temiskaming March 5th Meeting Minutes.
12. Clerk-Treasurer re: Auditor's Monthly Fees.

CARRIED

8. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Official Plan Amendment/Zoning By-law. Ongoing
2. Green Solutions:
 - Looking into funding
 - Green Solutions “Board” to be formed
3. Lead Sampling:
 - Looking into training for staff
4. Budget:
 - Budget Meeting March 31, 2008
5. Forestry Road:
 - Follow-up.
6. Incomplete Capital Projects:
 - Loggers’ Hall of Fame (meeting to be coordinated with Heritage Board to confirm work) (Frogs Breath Funding);
 - Fred Keenan Centre – in progress (Trillium Funding and NOHFC);
 - Washrooms at Veterans Park – summer 2008 (MTO Funding);
 - Entrance at Recreation Centre – work to be done in conjunction with expansion project (BELL Funding);
 - Recreation Centre Expansion – awaiting response to additional funding application to confirm the extent of project (Rural Infrastructure Funding);
 - Paving / Valve Replacement – Consultant putting out to tender within the next two weeks (COMRIF);
 - Waterfront Development – in progress (NOHFC);
 - Greenwood Park – in progress (FEDNOR, Shell, awaiting response to funding application);
 - Asset Management – Clerk researching most cost efficient method which will work best for the Town (COMRIF)
 - Health Promotion Programs – in progress (Communities in Action Funding)

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 865/08

Resolution No. 08/163

Move By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that By-Law No 865/08 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held March 26, 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

11. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 08/164

Move By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the following matters as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* Section 239 (2);

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or board;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

CARRIED

Resolution No. 08/165

Move By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting at 9:10 p.m. with no report.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 08/166

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 14th day
of April 2008.**

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer