

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Peter Davies, Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Rick Suy, Councillor Maxine Cannon, Councillor Mac Hamilton, Councillor Mike Cole

Regrets: Councillor Jim Bennett,

Staff: Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

Public: None

Press: None

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Davies called the meeting to order.

2. **Resolution - Adoption of the agenda** as circulated

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Rick Suy

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Declaration of pecuniary interest/conflict of interest**

None

4. **Fred Keenan Centre Renovations:**

Council reviewed a summary of the total costs and funding for the renovations to the Fred Keenan as provided by the Clerk-Treasurer; Council approved the extra costs on the quotation from the Contractor and directed the Clerk to advise the Contractor. A resolution will be tabled at the next regular council meeting on April 14th, 2008 approving the total costs.

5. **Property Standards By-law:**

The final draft of the Property Standards By-law was reviewed by Council and with the exception of one minor amendment to the wording on page 9, Council recommended the by-law be tabled for the third and final reading at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for April 14th, 2008.

6. **Budget Review:**

Council reviewed the preliminary draft budget and a summary sheet. A number of line items were clarified by the Clerk-Treasurer. Staff will continue to work with the line items to decrease expenditures if possible. Council directed as follows:

- Provide the Fire Department Budget to the Fire Chief, advising the total Fire Department Budget for 2008 must be under \$30,000; the Fire Chief to cut where he sees fit.
- Public Works will be provided with their budget and directed to decrease expenditures by \$8,000.
- The Clerk-Treasurer will contact DTSSAB to confirm what decrease in DTSSAB costs the Town may expect due to the uploading of ODP for 2008.

- A line item to be included for the “Green Solutions Board”.
- Remaining reserves to be confirmed.
- Greenwood Park wages to be moved from Recreation to a new section for Greenwood Park.
- Emergency Management increased to \$2,000.
- DTSSAB decreased to \$176,800 per 2007 budget.
- Staff will calculate a few tax increase scenarios for the next budget meeting i.e. 1.5%; 2% etc.

5. **In-Camera Session:**

Resolution to move In-Camera

Moved By: Mike Cole

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole move into closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

CARRIED

Resolution to Arise From In-Camera

Moved By: Mac Hamilton

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole arise from Closed Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution to Adjourn

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Mac Hamilton

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer