

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014.**

**At 7:00 p.m.**

**HELD AT THE LATCHFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**

**1. Call to order and mayoral comments.**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors Larry Anderson, Theo Cull, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green & Maxine Cannon

**Regrets:** Councilor Willcock

**Staff:** Jaime Allen, Clerk and Lise Remillard, CFO.

**Public:** NIL

**Press:** Jim Patrick, CJTT, Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No.:14/019**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Maxine Cannon

**Be it resolved that the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.**

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councilor Theo Cull by law 2001-004 property Sale spouse of listing agent.

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 14020**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular, Special and in camera Council Meetings held January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 4th 2014. Be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL**

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:**

**Councillor Cull:** see attached

**Councillor Anderson:** Met with Public Works staff regarding Budget. Had to replace front tires of the loader kept one for a spare. Will speak to Public works regarding plowing of Murphy Mill Road.

**Councillor Cartner:** see attached.

**Councillor Cannon:** attended Library Board meeting, reported on hydro costs Rec Center.

**Councillor Green:** Budget Meet set for Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Attended announcement from MP Jay Aspin regarding Small Communities Fund for populations under 100,000

**Mayor Lefebvre:** Mayors monthly report (see attached) also met with postmaster regarding Moving to Latchford Rec. Center. Aiming for April.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**1. General Bills and Payroll.**

**Resolution No.: 14/021**

**Moved By: Scott Green**

**Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner**

The following Payroll in the amount of \$39,385.80 and General Bills in the amount of \$152,798.23 for the period Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 to February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**2. Funding Request Temagami-Cobalt-Corridor.**

**Resolution No.: 14/022**

**Moved By: Maxine Cannon.**

**Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner.**

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves expenditure to Temagami-Cobalt-Corridor no more than \$500.00 for yearly website charge and Hwy 11 signage.**

**CARRIED**

**3. CCLT Expences**

**Resolution No.: 14/023**

**Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner.**

**Seconded By: Maxine Cannon .**

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves expenditure to Temagami-Cobalt-Corridor no more than \$500.00 for yearly website charge and Hwy 11 signage.**

**CARRIED**

**OPP Billing Model**

**Resolution No.: 14/024**

**Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner.**

**Seconded By: Maxine Cannon .**

**WHEREAS municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;  
AND WHEREAS municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service;  
AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;  
AND WHEREAS there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.**

**CARRIED**

**Variance**

**Resolution No.: 14/025**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Maxine Cannon.

**Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves a minor variance of two feet so that proposed building fits within the current setbacks as per attached**

**CARRIED**

**8. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 14/026**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

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

**B. Information Items**

1. 2013 Chief Building Official Report.
2. Temiskaming Municipal Association minutes.
3. Ministry Of Natural Resources (Fire Attack Base)
4. Temiskaming Health Unit minutes.
5. Ministry Of Finance education taxes.
6. Ministry Of Natural Resources Forest management plan.
7. Landfill closure costs.
8. FONOM January newsletter.
9. Ministry of Municipal Affairs 2014 repayment limit.
10. Temiskaming Foundation Community Fund.
11. Hydrometric monitoring of Montreal River System.

**CARRIED**

**09. ONGOING BUSINESS:** Letter from MTO regarding concerns on roadwork done, Council is still pursuing mediation work that needs to be done.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:** Letter from a resident regarding Municipal taxes paid by Royal Canadian Legion. By law to be presented to Council at their next meeting.

**11. BY-LAWS**

**\*\*Property Sale**

**Resolution No 14/027**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-01 being a by-law to authorize the sale of land to Scott Mackey being described as WB85 Gilles Limit in the Temagami Forest. For the price of \$4400.00 plus HST. Be it taken as read a first, second and third time, and finally passed by the Council of the Town of Latchford**

**CARRIED**

**\*\*Councilor declared a conflict of interest for this bylaw\*\***

**Confirming by law.**

**Resolution No 14/028**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. 2014-005 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held February 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**12. ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 13/1118**


**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 8:43 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

**Dated at Latchford this 20<sup>TH</sup> day  
Of February, 2014.**

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre

  
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Clerk, Jaime Allen

## Fire Department Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- The Latchford Fire Department intends to work DZ driver training into their budget this year. Currently only one firefighter is licensed with a DZ, which allows them to drive the large fire truck. The training could be done "in house" to some degree and also shared with neighbouring municipalities.
- A motion will be presented at a future meeting to once again ask to attend a Fire conference in North Bay. 4-6 of our volunteer firefighters take this opportunity to attend different days and stay on top of current legislation, fire saving techniques, etc.
- The Fire Chief is deeply concerned about the Government's decision to close the K.L. MNR fire station. This closure also coincides with a new agreement that sees an increase in rate fees from the MNR to us.
- The Fire Chief also was curious as to the future use of the lot just south of the fire station (where the antenna was) and wondered if in our future development plan whether this could be used to build a new three bay building to house the fire trucks. The LVFA could help offset costs with their fundraising dollars.
- The Latchford Fire Department has donated turnout gear, 5 of them, and 2 helmets to Firefighters Without Borders. This organization brings much needed equipment to underprivileged countries where firefighters are often seen fighting fire in sandals and shorts. The turnout gear and helmets are no longer approved by standards and regulations in Ontario and were simply taking up space in the fire hall.

Thank You

## **Mayor's Report, February 20, 2014**

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

I called Harpreet Gill on February 18 as we had not received an update subsequent to our conference call on January 14. I enquired as to when the tenders would be called for the dam project and the status of the WPG component of the project. She advised that they are still not ready to go to tender and that WPG had indicated they would not be proceeding with their part of the project at this time. Harpreet stated that their FIT contract doesn't expire until 2018 so they can install their project up until that time. I expressed surprise that we had not been advised of the WPG decision and stressed that it did not surprise us as we have long contended they were incapable of completing this project. She said she couldn't understand why WPG had not contacted us and asked whether it was o.k. to have him call and said she would call Colin Digout and ask him to contact us.

The very regrettable thing about this is that the dam will be constructed without a power generating component on it and the chances of it happening after construction are remote. Latest update, Colin emailed me today and Jeff spoke with him today. Some contradiction as to what Harpreet told me.

### **Highway 11 issues in Latchford**

I received a phone call from Rick Wink on January 17 and requested that he follow up with his comments in writing so I could better convey them to Council. He provided a letter which Jaime has copied for your review. I think we should still harbour some very serious concerns about the overall quality of the job and the many deficiencies that have been identified and not responded to.

### **OPG Hound Chute Assessment**

We are still awaiting a reply from Ministry of Finance regarding the inequity in payment for the Hound Chute G.S. I will follow up on this at my first opportunity.

### **Forest Tenure Modernization Advisory Team**

We held an all day meeting in Temagami on February 19 where we discussed the base case for consideration in this new governance structure that is being developed. Consensus on how to move forward is developing quite quickly, in my opinion. Access to personal fuel wood permits is an issue of importance to many local residents and is part of the discussions.

### **Small Northern Municipalities Meeting**

I attended the meeting in Sudbury on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> along with the other Mayors of small communities in the northeast with less than 1,000 in population. The consensus from that meeting was to have policing costs from municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 have their policing costs upload to the province and that portion of our OMPF be withheld. The OMA has created a committee dedicated to resolving this issue.

### **Botha Creek Bridge**

The Town has received confirmation, first from Russell Bell at Hydro One and confirmed by Rob Baker of MNR, that our fight to save a bridge over Botha Creek has been successful. The work to replace the present 40 foot structure with a 60 foot structure should be nearing completion.

### **Kap Solar proposed project:**

Terry, Patrick and I toured various locations in Town with Yvan Brousseau of Kap Solar and Adam Sweet of Strathcona Solar Initiatives on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. We looked at opportunities for roof top installations on the Water Treatment Plant, the Recreation Centre, the Public Works buildings and the Fred Keenan Centre. We examined locations for ground installations North of the Water Treatment Plant and North of Sullivan, west of King. We now have to provide them with as many drawings as possible for the buildings being considered for possible installations together with building dimensions.

They expressed the opinion that there is good potential for locating at many of these sites and will move to incorporating a partnership. As we move forward, there will be public open houses to provide residents with opportunity for information and comment. I attended an open house in Cobalt last evening regarding their solar project to gain an appreciation of what we will be hosting when and if our project gets to that stage.

### **Hydrometric Monitoring on the Montreal River**

You will note in the correspondence that I have forwarded another letter to Dan Marinigh of the MNR regarding the need for the hydrometric monitoring of levels on the Montreal River. The deeper the snow gets, the more persistent I will get with respect to this. I have been advised by Rob Baker of the MNR that the municipalities should be hearing shortly as to the date for a pre-freshet meeting.

### **Meeting with Bryan Searle**

Lise, Jaime and I met with Bryan Searle on February 06. The reason for the meeting was to get our response to allegations made by the ratepayers association as to the financial management of the Town and supported by a petition to the Minister of Municipal Affairs by said association requesting an audit of the municipality. The petition indicated that the ratepayers of Latchford would be liable for any costs incurred to conduct said audit. Those costs could range between \$50,000 and \$65,000. Lise, Jaime and I both briefed Bryan on the Town's response and then provided a detailed written response.

It is our contention that all of Council's actions are proper and that the issue was possibly misrepresented to those who signed the petition. We await a response from Bryan who also met with ratepayer's association and our auditor, Ross Latter.

GLL

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner**

**Library**

Maxine and I met with the Library Board on February 19th. We're still working on the closure of the library and disposition of the books, furniture etc. Englehart Library representatives have not come to pick up the books and furniture they had requested on their January 15th visit. We have not heard back from Cobalt either. A notice was placed in each resident's mailbox notifying them that if they had donated or loaned an item to the library they could get in contact with one of us and we would arrange for them to come in and pick up the item if it is still at the library. At the present time, we have not had any requests.

We have agreed to wait for the libraries to pick up the inventory they requested until our March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time we will schedule a book sale to be held in early April.

At our last Council meeting, it was suggested that the computers used at the CAP site in the Library could be of use to our residents for community access. I contacted the Board and it was agreed to keep the computers if they will be of use. I've notified Dack Township of our decision. Perry has been cleaning the hard drives on all the systems used in the library. There are questions on whether or not there is funding available to pay for internet access, where the location for the site would be, and who would be willing to volunteer to be there when the site is open for use. The 2012 Annual Survey which is one of the Ministry's accounting requirements before the Library can be closed has been completed and submitted by Perry. Anne has given a copy of the Library's 2013 financials to Lise for the auditor's yearly report.

**Medical Clinic**

George, Lise, and I met with Dr. Roedde and her staff on February 11th. More patients are being rostered in from Dr. Pace and Dr. McDermott. A new relief secretary, Nicky Paige, is being trained as the previous relief is busy with other endeavours. A Quit Smoking group has been started through the THU and nicotine replacement patches have been given out to those participating. A Pain Group has been meeting on a weekly basis. Dr. Roedde is exploring options and costs for blood work to be done at the clinic twice a month. The Medical Clinic overhead budget was reviewed. Dr. Roedde supports Cobalt and Temiskaming Shores with a call to upgrade the status of highway 11 for quicker response to weather conditions. We let her know that we are in full support.

**Temagami Cobalt Corridor**

We will be applying for funding for a new intern from NOHFC-MNDM. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase funding application to FedNor for the Geotechnical Compilation has not yet been sent in. Temagami still has to fill in some information before it can be submitted. Included in our council package is a motion which each member of the group is taking to council to cover the yearly costs of the "Natural Opportunities" website and the yearly payment for the highway signs. The results of the ATV rally were given and there was a profit made. The ATV committee has agreed to plan and hold the next event the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September the same as last year. Our next meeting is March 5th.