# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL THURSDAY June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

# 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, Maxine Cannon, Scott Green, and Dave

Willcock.

Regrets: Councilor Cull, Councilor Anderson, Councilor Cartner Lise Remillard CFO.

Staff: Jaime Allen Clerk
Public: One in attendance.

**Press:** Jim Patrick CJTT.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 13/1190
Moved By: Scott Green.
Seconded By: Dave Willcock

Be it resolved that the June 20th, 2013. Agenda is adopted as circulated and amended.

**CARRIED** 

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

Mayor Lefebvre item # 1 of In camera Agenda.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 13/1191 Moved By: Dave Willcock Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the minutes of the in camera Regular Council meeting of April 18th 2013

and Special Council meeting of May 7th 2013 be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

#### 5. **DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:**

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

Councillor Anderson: see attached Councillor Cannon: see attached.

Councillor Green: Finance Committee June 24th 6:00pm Councillor Green also announced

that the ATV event has been cancelled.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Action Items

1. Use of the Community Center

Resolution No.: 13/1192

Moved By: Maxine Cannon Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the: Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves the use of the Latchford Community Recreation Center on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2013, by the top 50 Pike Tournament

from 3:00pm to 6:00pm for awards ceremonies with no charge.

**CARRIED** 

Resolution No. 13/1193
Moved By: Scott Green
Seconded By: Dave Willcock

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

#### B. Information Items

- 1. Local Forest Management Corp. Information session.
- 2. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, relocation of EMO.
- 3. Temagami-Cobalt Corridor May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes.
- 4. Temiskaming Angler &Hunter Assoc. Bridge over Botha Lake
- 5. Timiskaming health Unit Public beach water quality monitoring.
- 6. Municipality of Charlton and Dack, supporting Town of Latchford resolution regarding MPAC.
- 7. Smooth Rock Falls resolution regarding withholding payment to MPAC.
- 8. Temiskaming Municipal Association May 30th Agenda
- 9. TransCanada information on oil pipeline.
- 10. Latchford Medical Clinic Notice.

**CARRIED** 

#### **08. ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Council discussed concerns about Hwy 11 rehabilitation

### 09. NEW BUSINESS:

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#### 10. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 13/1194

Moved By: Dave Willcock Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1341 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED** 

#### 11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No 13/1195

MOVED BY: Maxine Cannon SECONDED BY: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 7:40 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
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local

**CARRIED** 

Resolution No. 13/1196
Moved By: Scott Green
Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that Council now arise from Closed Meeting @ 7:47pm

**CARRIED** 

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## 12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 13/1197

Moved By: Maxine Cannon Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:59p.m. Until the next regular meeting or call

from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 20th day Of June,2013

Clerk

Public Works June 20/13
- Terry is on holidays this week and last week.
week.
- Graders Public Works would like to continue
as is for the next year's budget. Still concerned
about no backup for plowing.
~ 1/2 ton trucks It needs major repairs (Jaime
has quotes). We are proposing a new truck
with payments to be taken from Public Works
budget. (Jaime has bids). We feel we would
cover most of the payments in our budget by
not having repairs on the 1/2 ton.
- Ministry of Transportation: Terry and I have been giving
what problems we are aware of to Javine. Based
on the letter from the MTO. we should list all
deficiencies and send it to them. Looks like they
are already going to fix some things. I saw 2
workers lift the manhole cover on the highway
are already going to fix some things. I saw 2 workers lift the manhole cover on the highway by the post office. I assumed they were checking it to see what was needed to raise it to level.
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#### Mayor's Report, June 20, 2013

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#### **FONOM Conference:**

I attended the FONOM conference in Parry Sound on May 09 and 10 and was able to attend the following sessions:

Reducing Costs through Shared Municipal Services: Oscar Poloni KPMG - Along the lines of what we are attempting with Cobalt and to a degree, Coleman. Stressed that "good paper is good business", create a good agreement in writing. Attrition is the best way to create opportunities for service sharing.

Design of Public Spaces: Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment (MCSS) - Discussed how we would have to retrofit existing services such as the board walk and even the hiking trails to accommodate wheel chairs, etc. This could result in municipalities having to close some of these facilities because they couldn't afford the upgrades.

Talking Roads with a Municipal Solicitor: "Rusty" Russell, QC. - This man is considered the eminent authority on municipal roads in Ontario. He was by far the most informative of all presenters I listened to. He spoke about shore road allowances and stated that few municipalities north of North Bay owned them. That is what we are trying to correct with respect to PWGSC. He referred to private roads as "a disaster in a nutshell" and stated that "once a highway, always a highway". The meaning being that, once a municipality has opened a road it will always be one. Seasonal roads can be determined by by-law.

How Can Land Use Planning Support Sustainable Rural Municipalities? Jim Dyment and Matt Alexander - While not really relevant to Latchford, they shared some interesting observations. Tourism is declining with occupancy now at 50% for the last 10 years, down from 58% 30 years ago. Cost of new homes far exceeds the cost of purchasing existing impacting construction. There are 2000 cottages for rent in the Muskoka's with the conversion of these to permanent being very cyclical.

There was an interesting presentation by Dave Canfield, Mayor of Kenora, where he outlined the deficiencies in hydro supply in the Northwest. He outlined how they had built a 200 MW generating station in Northern Manitoba for \$2B and when completed the transmission lines were ready to accept the power. Our utility built a 20MW station in Northwestern Ontario for \$1B and though complete, will have to wait for something in the range of a decade for the completion of the transmission lines to carry the power.

#### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

On May 24, Jeff, Jaime and I participated in a conference call Harpreet Gill, Angela Russell and Doug Murphy relative to PWGSC property in Latchford that was expropriated in 1909 with a request to have title transferred back to Latchford. That has been followed up with a letter to Angela Russell outlining the municipality's intentions for the land which she will respond to upon return from vacation. Where it borders the lake they require this land be transferred for a nominal fee to the adjacent owner.

There is tentatively scheduled for next week, a meeting with MNR relative to concerns about the proposed design and the following week, PWGSC will be here to hold a follow-up key stakeholders meeting. I have encouraged the MNR to have high level participants in these meetings. I stressed to them that if the Botha Creek issue warranted having a biologist in attendance, surely that Latchford Dam project needed one in attendance.

#### Water Management Plan for the Montreal River

A de-briefing meeting was held in Elk Lake on June 10 with regard to the flooding and the deficiencies in communications and responsibility that had occurred during that time. I continued to press for the WMP for our river system but was only able to get agreement to create an advisory committee as an interim measure. The WMP would create a Standing Advisory Committee so this should work until we get a WMP in place. As usual, PWGSC did not have representation at this meeting despite being invited as a dam owner on the river.

#### **Botha Creek Bridge**

The MNR arranged a site visit to this location yesterday which I attended. They were able to resolve, to the apparent satisfaction of our ratepayer's south of that location. The intent is to provide a ford site across the creek and connect to the existing road on either side. As the bridge itself is a historic, heritage structure I was assured by OPG representatives that the original railway trestle abutments will remain intact.

#### **Latchford Medical Centre**

A meeting was held on June 13 and attended by Lison Breton, MOHLTC; Johanne Labonte, Health Force Ontario; Jo Ann Cartner, Jaime Allen and myself. We were able to firm up the plans for the ongoing operations of our clinic under the direction of another physician.

#### **TeMAG**

I attended a TeMAG meeting on June 15 in Earlton where a presentation was made by TransCanada pipelines with respect to their proposal to convert one of their pipelines to crude oil from natural gas. I was surprised to learn that they are shipping natural gas at only 50% of their capacity at present. They have previously converted a line from natural gas to crude oil so this is a proven technology. TransCanada will be holding an open house in Temiskaming Shores on August 13<sup>th</sup> and I would encourage anyone with concerns or questions to attend. I personally support this project.

#### **Matabitchuan Standing Advisory Committee**

I attended a SAC meeting on June 12 in Temagami. This meeting provided an excellent example of the kind of dialogue that I would hope will be generated by such a body with respect to the Montreal River and underlines the need for a WMP for the Montreal. There is an opening for other representatives to sit on this body and Jim Sanderson is the individual for interested parties to contact.

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