

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH 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 Scott Green, and Dave Willcock. and Jo-Anne Cartner, Maxine Cannon and Theo Cull.

Regrets: Councilor Larry Anderson

Staff: Jaime Allen Clerk, Lise Remillard, CFO

Public: 03 members of the public.

Press: NIL

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

Resolution No.: 13/1247

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Dave Willcock

Be it resolved that the October 17th 2013. Agenda is adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

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

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

Resolution No.: 13/1248

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular, and in camera Council meetings of September 26th 2013. Be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL**

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

Councillor Anderson: see attached

Councillor Green: Finance report see attached

Councillor Willcock: see attached
Councillor Cannon: see attached
Councillor Cartner: see attached
Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Action Items**

1. **Employee Holiday Policy**

Resolution No.: 13/1249

Moved By: Maxine Cannon

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the: Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves amending Article 5 of the employee manual to include Family Day Civic Holiday in February and Remembrance Day November 11th. Effective October 17th 2013.

CARRIED

Increased Traffic Hwy 11.

Resolution No. 13/1250

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford are becoming extremely concerned regarding the increased traffic on Highway 11 through Latchford which is our Main Street,
And Whereas this increase in traffic is making it hazardous for both the elderly and the young to cross this busy thoroughfare and vehicle access from municipal streets onto Highway 11 is equally hazardous,

And Whereas this increase in traffic is primarily due to the heavy transports being used to haul concentrates from Sudbury to Rouyn-Noranda for processing in that community,

And Whereas these heavy transports that never have to cross a weigh scale are prematurely destroying the highways they travel on including our reconstructed Main Street in Latchford,

And Whereas it is this Council's understanding that it is the intention of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to identify opportunities to ensure the continued operation of the Ontario Northland Railway through revenue generated by its services,

And Whereas there exist rail infrastructure that would safely move these concentrates from Sudbury to Rouyn-Noranda without the safety hazard they presently create in our community and others that they must travel through,

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford strongly encourages the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) and the Ministry of Transport Ontario (MTO), if we are going to lose these processing jobs to Quebec, develop the means to move this concentrate on existing rail lines.

Further, that this resolution be circulated for support to the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) and the Temiskaming Mayor's Action Group (TeMAG) for their support.

CARRIED

Expression of Interest

Resolution No. 13/1251

Moved By: Dave Willcock

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford submit an expression of interest to the Ministry Of Rural Affairs, to request funding in the amount of \$930,000.00 To accomplish the connection of natural gas service to the Town Of Latchford,

CARRIED

Temagami Forest Tenure Modernization

Resolution No. 13/1252

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Dave Willcock

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford approve appointment of Mayor Lefebvre to the, Forest Tenure Modernization Committee to represent The Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 13/1253

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

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

B. Information Items

1. Las electricity program.
2. Ministry Of Natural Resources slash pile burn.
3. OPP 2013 semi annual policing costs.
4. Ministry of Rural Affairs funding announcement.
5. Coleman Township and Town of Cobalt supporting Latchford resolution regarding Botha Creek.
6. Chamberlain Township bylaw officer.
7. OPP billing seminar.

CARRIED

08. ONGOING BUSINESS: Fire Boat South Gilles.

Fire Boat South Gilles.

Resolution No. 13/1254

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Maxine Cannon

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford wish to advise Bryan Searle of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that they wish to transfer title to the Fire Boat to Rib Lake Cottagers Association, at no cost to that Association and further, that the Town of Latchford will no longer be responsible for any maintenance of said boat.

CARRIED

09. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 13/1255

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **13/1353** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held October 17th 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. 13/1256

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town Of Latchford enter into Closed Meeting At 7:47 am to discuss the following matters set out in the Municipal Act Section 239 (2)
(1) Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 13/1257

Moved By: Dave Willcock

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that Council now arise at 8:43pm with no report.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 13/1258

Moved By: Dave Willcock

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:44pm until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of October, 2013.**



Mayor



Clerk

Mayor's Report, October 17, 2013

Latchford Control Dam Project

Jeff Barton and I participated in a conference call with Harpreet Gill and Martin Lelievre on Oct 08. The primary point of the discussion focused on the proposed location of the turbines and the impact they would have on the downstream fisheries. When challenged with the fact their own study determine the south side to be preferred location, they countered with it being an old study (1999) and were reminded that the dam was old and its location hadn't changed.

Jeff continues to push for the operating and maintenance information we need in order to develop a business case to allow the town to determine whether it is feasible for us to operate the dam. He enquired as to the progress being made on the Wasdell Falls dam which will be using VLH turbines and told they could not provide an update. We then found out that the project appears stalled and the design engineers are Hydrosys who are doing the same work for the new Latchford Dam.

They advised that we would be receiving the supporting information that indicates the most environmentally sound location for the turbines is on the North end around the 16th. I then contacted Department of Fisheries and Oceans and by Oct 10 had a lengthy discussion with a Richard Janusz in Winnipeg. In my opinion, they have not been as aware of this project as they should but I am confident they are now.

There has been no new correspondence from Angela Russell, Real Estate Advisor for PWGSC regarding the requested land transfer to Latchford but that will continue to be monitored.

The date of the next key stakeholders meeting which had been indicated to be held in September is to be provided along with the other information indicated for on Oct 16th.

Highway 11 issues in Latchford

We are still awaiting a response to our request regarding reducing the speed limit immediately south of the Sgt Cosens Bridge. As you can see, none of the deficiencies along the Highway through town have been corrected at this time.

OPG Hound Chute Assessment Appeal

As stated in my last report, we are about to withdraw the assessment appeal of Hound Chute G.S. and replace it with a direct appeal to the Minister of Finance. Discussions regarding this approach are ongoing with our solicitor.

Forest Tenure Modernization Meeting

I attended a meeting in Temagami on Oct 01 regarding plans to embark on this proposal. This is being stewarded by the Temagami First Nation and the Municipality of Temagami but we are invited and expected to have representation on the Advisory Team that will develop a governance structure for this new management vehicle for the Temagami Forest. They notified us on Tuesday that they would like a representative for Latchford and I am prepared to be that representative should Council approve.

Cobalt Water Contract

Jaime and I met Cobalt representatives on October 03 regarding our water contract and this will be discussed in-camera.

Meeting with Bryan Searle

Joanne and I met Bryan Searle of MMAH on October 08 relative to a request for audit of the ratepayers association. I think Joanne will agree that Bryan wants to restore financial stability to Latchford and was encouraged by the fact that we had a services delivery review completely and were making an recommendation. He did stress that we must have our asset audit completed by year end.

Public Works October 17, 2013.

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Report from Councillor Dave Willcock

October 17, 2013

Re: Website

In the past couple of weeks we had some trouble with the website host, which resulted in interrupted service. Councillor Cull is exploring a change of host, and I have passed on to him a couple of items that I learned over the years. Most importantly, I think that we should have the domain registered with one company, and the website hosted by another.

This ensures that if there is a future decision to move the website hosting to a new company, it can be done without the existing website host's involvement.

Proposed Natural Gas Supply to Latchford:

In this month's package, information item #4 announces a \$100 million infrastructure fund "designed to help small, rural and northern municipalities address roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure".

I would like to have Jaime find out if the addition of natural gas to our town could be funded through this program.

The most recent information from Union Gas on December 7 of last year shows that the financial contribution required would be in excess of \$930,174.00.

I have sent a copy of the e-mails that have passed between myself and Union Gas to Jaime, with the request that he investigate with both The Ministry of Rural Affairs and Fednor for the possibility of funding.

I have also e-mailed Paul Deredin of Union Gas to let him know that we are still actively seeking funding.

The addition of a natural gas service to Latchford would not only be of great benefit to our present residents, but could help encourage growth of our community.

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest is November 1, 2013. If we need to pass a resolution to do this, may we please do it this evening?

OSWAP Funding:

To my knowledge, there has still been no announcement to advise that this funding will be forthcoming this year. I think I'll stop reporting on this item as it appears to me that our Province has no intention of continuing to help fund the operations of our water treatment facility. Perhaps the policy makers believe that water comes out of the tap for free....

Monitored Hydro Costs (All taxes included)

Oct 1	Town Office	\$239.39 (kwh/day decrease 52%)	1 mth
Oct 2	Street Lighting	\$980.94 Next bill will reflect change to LAS Energy Program	
Oct 1	Fire Hall	\$128.14 (kwh/day increase 14%)	1 mth
Oct 3	Water Plant	July 30 to Aug 29 \$3384.72 ****	
Oct 2	Town Garage	\$147.47 (Average kwh/day is the same as last year)	1 mth
Oct 1	Fred Keenan Center	477.20 (kwh/day decrease 10.4%)	1 mth
Oct 1	Rec Centre	\$323.21 (kwh/day decrease 32%)	1 mth

**** The water treatment plant has received two bills dated Oct 3 2013. One shows charges from May 2 to July 30 of 6065.55 (including global adjustment of \$2693.97) and the other shows charges from July 30 to Aug 29 of \$3384.72 (including global adjustment of \$1088.94). I'm not sure how or why this has occurred, perhaps Lise understands it. By the way, as I interpret it the "global adjustment" is the price we are paying for the failed green energy program.

I think we should sign up the water plant for the LAS Energy program through AMO.

**End of Report
Dave Willcock**

Filename: Council Report 13-10

October 17th, 2013

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

Temagami-Cobalt Corridor

Points of discussion from the meeting held October 2nd. An application for funding from NOHFC to hire a new Economic Development Intern for 2014 now that Sarah's term has finished has been filled out with the funding going through either Cobalt or Coleman. Each municipality in the Committee will contribute to the project in some way. The FedNor Phase Two application for funding for the geotechnical compilation is being completed and should be submitted shortly. As I mentioned at our last meeting, the ATV event was a great success and the Committee are hoping to hold it again next year. The Committee wanted to thank Latchford for loaning our chairs out for the supper. Suggestions have been received to improve the event for next year. The website, www.naturalopportunities.ca is now completed and discussion is underway as to who will be updating the website. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30.

Library

At the meeting held last evening the Board voted to close the library. We have contacted the Ontario Library Northeast representative as well as the representatives with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture. Once they have sent us the legislative and financial procedures we will proceed with the final steps. The Board will meet again on November 19th to discuss what to do with the library's inventory of books and other supplies. It will take a month or two to complete everything that needs to be done.

Recreation/Community Association

We didn't have a meeting this month but will be meeting on November 12th to discuss the operation of the ice rink and the delivery arrangements of the Christmas bags for our seniors.

Thank you.

Thursday Oct 17, 2013

I attended the TMA on Sept 26, 2013 for representation there from Latchford.

Danny Whalen let us know there is a new Communications Officer Intern, Alison Stanley. They will be available at the Kapuskasing Municipal Office at 88 Riverside Drive, Kapuskasing ON P5N 1B3. The FONOM meeting was held in Ottawa this year.

Pilot project were discussed for 3 provincial parks to increase the Northern Ontario Community Grant of \$75.00 per household connecting links infrastructure, energy transmission & pricing, non-emergence patient transfers and land tax reform on areas without municipal organization.

There was talk about a co-op insurance that we could look into it may save us some funds.

If you'd like I could get copies of Whalen full report to anyone that would like it.

FOMON is also looking for an increase of 5% on membership costs.

At the TMA meeting two laning on more northern highways was discussed due to the increase traffic on our highways. Turning lanes to side roads were also discussed.

IMPAC was brought up again by Terry Forget asking for support.

The Oct 20, 2013 bill for hydro for The Latchford Community Centre was \$323.21.

I will let Jo speak on the Library meeting last night.

I will report after we have a Recreation meeting.

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