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Mayor's Report, January 15, 2015

Latchford Control Dam Project

You have all been advised that Demathieu et Bard of St Jerome QC were the successful bidders for the dam contract. The project manager is Stephan Steiner and as the letter in your package indicates, he is to contact me this month regarding a meeting. I had met Mr Steiner briefly during the pre-bid contractors visit to the dam on October 07.

Included in your package tonight for discussion in-camera is an application prepared by Jeff Barton for the CMR regarding acquiring funding to move forward with the design and engineering requirements for a hydro electrical station at the dam. In this regard, Jeff, Bill Touzel of Blumetric and I are scheduled to meet with Colin Digout in Huntsville on January 23 to discuss acquisition of the FIT contract on the dam from WPG.

Jeff and I met yesterday with Jay Aspin to outline the approach that is being taken to acquire funding to for this post dam construction project and to solicit his support in acquiring it. We also met with Carmen De Marco and Denise Deschamps of Fednor to apprise them of the efforts of the CMR to advance this project.

Fuel Wood Situation/ ONTC Land in Latchford

I was unable to schedule anything in regard to a coordinated meeting with these two individuals (Don Farintosh, MNRF and Geoff Cowie, ONTC) over the holiday period. Mr Cowie is in possession of the map he had requested and the proposed fuel wood allocation area maps are in hard form only at this point.

Energy East Pipeline

I continue to maintain contact with individuals at Trans Canada Pipelines so as to get their support in our efforts to acquire natural gas services from Union Gas for Latchford. I have prepared a resolution in support of their efforts for the Energy East project and hope that Council will endorse it.

Temagami Forest Tenure Modernization Initiative

After exploring all the potential options for governance of this area that we are a part of, the best option has been identified, in the opinion of the committee, and there is a resolution to support that option before you tonight. Again, I hope for your support for that resolution.

GLL

Councillor Theo Cull

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Finance:

Our first meeting is set for Monday, January 26th (the others are Feb 23rd and March 30th). As we approach our first meeting I would ask that each of you take some time to review your respective committee budgets in advance.

Four things have caused me to re-consider the following idea previously proposed to council. I believe council should re-visit the idea of moving our town office to the Rec centre.

- The construction of the Rec centre incurred the town of Latchford a lot of long term debt and is underutilized in comparison to its cost.
- We must realize cost savings in areas where services will not be diminished.
- The move of the post-office to the rec centre has been rather seamless and our town employees continue to be in favour of the move.
- The potential to rent/lease the entire office out during the construction of the dam could realize significant profit to the town.

Website:

I sent off the RFP to three website developers. I have asked for all RFP's to be submitted by tomorrow. Other developers will be contacted if necessary. We will most likely be looking at a launch date of late March.

MINKY BOOKS

I met with the fire brigade on Jan. 7 at their regular meeting. They seem to be a very dedicated and resilient group of women and men. Dedicated to the safety and well being of every resident and guest of the community and a determined will to forge ahead. This in spite of the difficult conditions under which they operate at the fire hall. As you know the equipment that does fit in the hall, does so just barely, virtually leaving them without a wash room. They have no meeting facilities, and insufficient storage space for vital life-saving equipment. That being said, their emergency preparedness seems as complete as can be and their eagerness to serve is impressive.

I know the thoughts of a replacement hall are a fiscal impossibility at this time, but perhaps a business plan of sorts that identifies our current position and projects our intent over the next five to ten years. The Fire Chief is in agreement with this approach and would like to meet on a monthly basis in order to begin this process.

If any member of this council has alternative ideas or direction that we should consider, I would be grateful for your input.

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LED Roadway Lighting Ltd.

On December 17 2014 Terry, Pat & I met with Bill Charbonneau a sales representative from LED Roadway Lighting Ltd.

- Lights are assembled in Canada and built for Canadian Climates
- All parts for the lights are manufactured (assembled) by the company. Other companies use the cheapest parts they can find.
- LED technology has changed and improved greatly over the past few years (both in lumens and power consumption)
- LED lights are normally directional ... “lenses” disperse light evenly
- Cool colour temperature
- Obvious power and maintenance savings
- LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. Has provided lighting to many Canadian locations including Temiskaming Shores
- Very easy to service
- Power consumption and dispersion pattern can be adjusted and customized to suit our needs
- “satellite” add-on’s
- OPA – requires safe disposal of all old materials
- Received set of quotes and other info – these are available from Lise if you wish to see them.

Public Works

Met with Terry, Pat & George to discuss any needs or concerns for the immediate future and to also set up a routine for future meetings.

- Everything is currently “good”
- We will soon need a new sander. The one we have now is 20+ years old and was used when we bought it. Terry thinks that the one we have might last this winter but we will definitely need a new sander next year. If we do purchase a new sander, the old one can be easily sold.
- Public works meeting will be held monthly @ town garage or when needed.

Quote - \$5,173. May/14

Other

1. Installation of a dry hydrant has been suggested
2. Recycling bins from Haileybury and Cobalt