

## **Mayor's Report, July 23, 2015**

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

Any of you who had the opportunity to attend the Open House on July 09 should now have a better appreciation of what is being proposed by the Communities of the Montreal River as a power project for the new dam. Discussions/negotiations continue with Water Power Group with regard to their FIT contract and how best to accommodate the transfer of that to the CMR.

Our bi-weekly construction meetings continue to be on the colourful side and at the July 09 meeting Harpreet requested that Jeff Barton prepare an impacts letter for submission to PWGSC regarding the impact on the Town's infrastructure and all other identified impacts. It is through submission of this letter to PWGSC that the Town of Latchford will be provided (hopefully) compensation that is presently being denied us by the contractor. Jaime and I will be working with Jeff to prepare this letter and I have been assured by Harpreet that our differences can be resolved and she is aware that it will require money to do that.

The list of subcontractors was received and shared with all businesses in Town. The contractor is presently de-watering the coffer dams which should allow for the beginning of meaningful construction and demolition. They have encountered a significant degree of leakage in the coffer dam and this is causing a delay in the beginning of excavation for the new dam.

### **Debt Retirement Charge**

I met with our municipal solicitor to review the contents of Ombudsman's letter. She has requested that we provide her with the documentation that covered the sale of our utility to Hydro One in 2000 for her perusal. She is reviewing definitions in Electricity Act and when they came into effect. Jaime is sourcing the required documents and we will continue to determine if there are any options for us to recover the debt retirement charge that has been paid by residents.

### **Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Timmins**

I attended by invitation the "Building Ontario Up" discussion in Timmins on July 14. They were asking for direction as to how municipal leaders would like to see the announced funding of about \$15 billion for investment in Ontario outside the GTHA should be distributed. Priority over population seems to get the nod. A portion of this funding is directed to providing natural gas services to un-serviced or under serviced municipalities. The work done on this initiative by then Councillor Dave Willcock in 2012 will be provided to the Economic Development Officer so as to allow for a quick start on funding applications.

I admit to being a tad confused as also included in this funding initiative is provisions for upgrading internet services. Just last month MP Aspin announced that \$5M was to be provided from FedNor for this very area.

### **WPD Wind Proposal**

I attended the open house held in Cobalt on July 15 that was hosted by this firm. It was very well attended and in my opinion both WPD and the other proponent, EDF, will have a difficult time convincing the residents of Lorrain Valley to support this initiative. EDF, who had booked our hall for an open house on August 11 cancelled their booking and are instead holding it on that date at the Haileybury Legion.

### **EDO Position for CoCoLa**

We interviewed another interested candidate this month and have agreed to retain their services for this position. Details of their contact are being worked on and until signed, the individuals name will be withheld.

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**Dr. Gretchen Roedde, Clinic Physician, Latchford Medical Clinic  
Report July 2015 - Presented to the Towns of Latchford , Cobalt and  
Coleman Township**

**Size and Geographic Scope of Practice (@800 at time of transfer from Dr. Hardie)**

	<b>May 2014</b>	<b>July 2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1498</b>
Latchford	245	279
Cobalt and Coleman	380	461
New Liskeard	405	423
<b>Total target communities</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>740</b>
Haileybury	80	101
Quebec	40	40
Other Towns (Temagami, Elk Lake, Thornloe, Englehart, Earlton, Belle Vallee, Charlton, Kenabeek, Other)	140	151

- While the practice has increased in size for the target communities, so have other categories except Quebec. (babies born to existing patients etc.)
- We have people on the waiting list for Cobalt and Coleman. All for Latchford are accepted or awaiting appointments.
- We are 'actively managing' e.g. starting to send letters to patients in Quebec or Haileybury they need to find other physicians. Exceptions are made on the basis of medical need, or a resident of Haileybury with property in Cobalt for example. We will look at the Temagami patients and see if they can be accepted in Temagami. We have written a letter of support for Notre Dame de Nord to recruit a nurse practitioner.
- We are keeping a list of New Liskeard patients to transfer over when doctors become available in NL (In 1 year 2 residents will graduate and should be accepting patients if there is a building in NL.)
- The Ministry of Health thinks we have only 424 patients. With the various secretarial changes we are behind in getting patients 'rostered' which is a registration form and a billing procedure needed for the Ministry. This needs to be done and will need secretarial time. These numbers are important for calculating the needs for doctors etc. in the area and recruiting physicians.

**Administrative Support**

- Carla Duquette has moved on to other duties. Melissa continues to be the main person doing billing, and works Fridays. Lorene Collins has joined the team and works four days a week and will be learning to do the billing by working with Melissa on some Fridays. We need to have a backup relief person for the occasional shift.

### Mental Health

- We now have Janice Sauve from Canadian Mental Health Association working here 2 days a month. This is something we have worked for since I started. This is a great addition to the practice and is a service CMHA is giving us at no cost. There will be no more family health teams so this is one way to create that, with no additional funding.

### Dental Care

- We appreciate the efforts of the town in recruiting a dental hygienist who works on an as need basis in the clinic.

### Locums

- We have had excellent coverage during my recent absences overseas and more recently for a family holiday. Dr. Ted Mitchell (formerly of Kirkland Lake), Dr. Emily Callory, Dr. Hurtubise and Dr. Denton have continued to help and we are very grateful. All the locums are credentialed (e.g. hospital privileges at Temiskaming Hospital). Dr. Callory will cover for me over the Christmas holidays, the office has always been open at this time but this time I am taking a holiday!

### Computers

- We need about \$160 for some kind of extra terrabytes to help with backing up the system. We are the only clinic left using the P+P electronic medical system, we are happy with the system (alternatives are very costly) but continue to need the IT back up from Christy Saint.

### Medical Marijuana

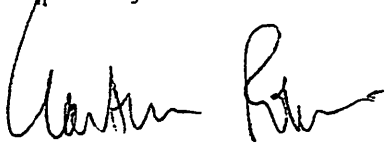
- I am the only doctor in the area who will prescribe medical marijuana. Patients have to be referred from their family physician. (Drs. Goddard, Currie, Desilets, Hurtubise, Sears, Churman, and Kirkland Lake Canadian Mental Health Association to date). I think this is a reasonable alternative to illegal drug dealers in the area. I do not charge for this, it takes only a few minutes, and I provide no ongoing care.

### Food Bank

- We do not charge for sick notes, insurance forms billed to patients etc. The only charge to patients is drivers' physicals as per the Ministry of Health. Patients are invited to contribute to the area food bank for services normally charged in most doctors' offices.

### Budget – to be presented by Lise

Respectfully submitted



Gretchen Roedde MD

Patient Roster Breakdown by Area

Latchford	279
Cobalt/Coleman	461
North Cobalt	28
New Liskeard	423
Haileybury	101
Elk Lake	10
Thornloe	41
Englehart	15
Quebec	40
Temagami	10
Earlton	12
Belle Vallee	7
Charlton	1
Kenabeek	18
Other	52
Total	1498