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## **Mayor's Report, February 19, 2015**

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

I, along with Jeff Barton, Bill Touzel, Brit Griffin and Doug MacKenzie attended a meeting in Ottawa with Harpreet Gill of PWGSC, and Doug Kane from WPG. The CMR outlined the method that will be used to reach agreement with WPG and the timeframe that is envisioned as required to arrive at that agreement. In order to move this project forward in a timely manner, it was required that Jeff resubmit a funding application to support the efforts of the CMR.

Since that time we have been finalizing the agreement with WPG, reaching the agreement with Sebastian Vetticog of Hydrosys for the conceptual design, feasibility study and financial analysis. As the Town of Latchford continues to be the signing authority for funding to support this project, I continue to be the initial signature on these documents.

Following Jaime and my meeting with Stephan and two other engineers from DeMathieu on February 24, the following exchange occurred sparked by the following email from Stephan:

"In regard to the items we have discussed :

#### **Office rental in the town house :**

We do not really need this office as it is preferable to have all of our crew on site. A trailer office cost around 650\$/month.

But I do not close this door if we can find a relevant agreement.

#### **Wast diposal :**

Please confirm what kind of material is accepted in your dump :

- Wood
- Concrete (from demolition or residues)
- agregates
- Steel
- Domestic wast and construction debris

#### **Supply of aggregates :**

As mentionned we need clean rock. This means that we won't be able to take yours except maybe for our site installation area if it's worth it in term of price.

**For all these items, please confirm us your best price.**

#### **Employment :**

For a start around May 2015 ; we are looking for :

- (Full time) Administrative Assistant : basics in accounting and administrative works, bilingual english-french.

- (Partial time) Position that includes : Janitor duties, household chores, driver, etc.  
If you know people from your community who may be interested, we will be pleased to review their Cvs.

Good Morning Stephan:

We will work at putting together the requested information and get it to you in a timely manner. Further, we will make local residents aware of the employment opportunities as outlined.

I can assure you there is no way that we can compete with a heated, air-conditioned, fully serviced construction trailer office for \$650 per month.

Have a great day!

George

Jaime has provided them with the Tipping fees for use of our landfill and there has been no reaction to those rates at this time.

### **Fuel Wood Situation/ ONTC Land in Latchford**

I am still awaiting a response regarding proposed fuel wood cutting areas and John Vanthof's office has been assisting without any positive response to this date. I attempted to visit the MNR office in New Liskeard yesterday but it appears an appointment is necessary as the door is locked.

The latest response that John's office received from the ONTC regarding our land acquisition comes from the MNM and is rather misleading in that it states that we are working directly with Corina Moore, the President of ONTC (whom I have never met or spoken to) and Geoff Cowie who will not respond in writing to our land presentation. The MNM stated that we were advised to prepare a "Real Estate Strategy" with respect to the land request but do not mention the issue of the ONTC holding mineral rights on private property in Latchford. That was the first time I have ever heard mention made of a real estate strategy as being a request of the ONTC and again underlines the need for written communication from them.

### **Temagami Forest Tenure Modernization Initiative**

The open house at the Bunny Miller Theatre in Temagami was held on March 06. It was well attended but I felt ill and had to leave at lunch. The proposed stand alone Local Forest Management Corporation proposal for the Temagami Crown Management Unit was presented. While this may not be receiving unanimous approval from all, it is definitely the best option for all and only some industry players would opt for otherwise. It has been submitted to the MNRF for acceptance moving forward.

### **Miscellaneous**

It was recommended at the last TeMAG meeting that an Ad Hoc committee comprised of representatives from that group and the TMA be structured to examine means of getting

additional funding directed to the District. One of the options to be considered is a second tier of governance such as used in the County system of Ontario. Despite what you may hear, my interpretation is that we are to explore for a method of retaining a greater amount of taxation paid by the District in the District.

I attended an OPG hosted conference Thursday last in Dymond regarding high water issues being experienced at Mowat Landing and Pork Rapids. The solution proposed by a property owner at Mowat Landing focuses on reducing the water level in Bay Lake to which you can well imagine my response. Won't happen!

GLL

I RECENTLY MET WITH PAT TRESSINDER TO DISCUSS WHAT'S NEW AT THE WATER PLANT. PAT HAS BEEN DOING WHATEVER HE CAN TO REDUCE OPERATIONAL COSTS WHILE MAINTAINING THE OVERALL INTEGRITY OF THE SYSTEMS. HIS EFFORTS ARE HAVING A VERY POSITIVE EFFECT. IN THE RECENT PAST, OUR CHLORINE HAS BEEN PURCHASED IN 45 GALLON DRUMS AT ABOUT SIX AT A TIME. WHILE SAVINGS CAN BE APPRECIATED IN BULK PURCHASING, THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE WITH ACTIVE CHEMICALS. WHILE ONE DRUM WOULD LAST 45 DAYS, CHLORINE WILL WEAKEN IN STRENGTH OVER TIME BY AS MUCH AS 50%. THEREFORE PAT HAS BEEN ORDERING SMALLER QUANTITIES SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE ITS EFFECTIVENESS. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY ABOUT A LITRE A DAY, AGAIN RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL SAVINGS. THE PUMP THAT WE SENT TO NORTH BAY WAS FOUND TO BE TOO DAMAGED TO BE REMEDIATED. BAD NEWS IS THAT MEANS THREE NEW PUMPS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$3000.00 A PIECE. GOOD NEWS IS I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE IS A GRANT AVAILABLE TO US TO COVER I BELIEVE 100% OF THAT COST. THAT BEING SAID, THREE NEW PUMPS SHOULD RESULT IN GREATER EFFICIENCY. OBVIOUSLY LAST YEAR'S HYDRO BILL OF \$57,000 IS OF TANTAMOUNT CONCERN TO US ALL. A LARGE PART OF THAT WAS A TREBIDITY ISSUE. IT WAS CAUSING THE ENTIRE SYSTEM TO SHUT DOWN AND THEN, WITHIN MOMENTS, START UP AGAIN. THIS ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN SEQUENCE WAS EXTREMELY ENERGY CONSUMPTIVE RESULTING IN THAT OUTRAGIOUS HYDRO BILL. AFTER IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM AND REPROGRAMING THE COMPUTER, THE SYSTEM WAS WORKING PROPERLY AND EFFECTIVELY. WE THEN COMPARED THE NEXT MONTH'S HYDRO BILL WITH THE SAME MONTH FROM THE

PREVIOUS YEAR AND FOUND IT TO BE LESS BY ONE THIRD. IF WE CAN MAINTAIN THAT TREND IT SHOULD TRANSLATE INTO AT LEAST \$19,000 OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. I'M CONFIDENT THE NEW PUMPS WILL ADD TO THAT REDUCTION.

WHILE IT PALES IN COMPARISON, THE PHONE BILL WAS ALSO A MAJOR CONCERN TO ME. \$2500.00 SEEMED A BIT EXCESSIVE TO SAY THE LEAST. PART OF THAT PROBLEM WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE SYSTEM FAILURES AND THE ATTEMPTS TO RECTIFY THOSE PROBLEMS. LONG DISTANT CALLS LASTING TWO HOURS OR MORE WERE A BIG PART OF THOSE BILLS. AS THE SYSTEM BEGINS TO RUN AS IT SHOULD, PROBLEM FREE, IT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THOSE CALLS. ALSO PAT IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF AN ~~ANTHONY SERVICE~~ UNLIMITED LONG DISTANCE CELL PHONE PACKAGE. AGAIN I'M CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE ARE GAINING THE UPPER-HAND ON THIS CONCERN. FOLKS I'M TRYING TO BE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT BEING MISLEADING. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL PHONE LINE INSTALLED AT THE BALL FIELD LIFT STATION AT AN ANNUAL COST OF ABOUT \$500.00. THIS WILL ALERT THE WORKS DEPARTMENT OF A FAILURE THERE, THAT WOULD BE VERY COSTLY AND MESSY FOR SYSTEM USERS. PAT DESERVES THE CREDIT FOR THESE SYSTEM CORRECTIONS AND NEW PROCEDURES, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO PASS ALONG A THANK-YOU AND A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. WE ARE ALL ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE WATER PLANT PERIODICALLY SO AS TO GAIN A LITTLE INSIGHT AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IT OPERATES. UNTIL THEN, I'LL DO MY BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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## LED Roadway Lighting proposal -

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Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 2:42 PM

Hi Perry,

I have heard back from Scotiabank's special projects financing unit in Toronto. Subject to interest rate fluctuation and final details here is what they could offer:

\$53,110.37 as quoted (labour rate and Save On Energy Incentive to be confirmed) and before GST/ Estimated annual savings \$9,708.53:

71.25 monthly payments of approximately \$809.04

This week's interest rate @ 3%

Approval and documentation would take a couple of weeks from "GO". Your team would have to apprise Hydro One of the changes to secure the savings that would accrue from the conversion. These details can be determined once you indicate that the proposed financial details are acceptable and/or once you have secured infrastructure money.

Please review this and let me know how I can proceed.

Regards,

Bill