

October 15th, 2015

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

- I attended the Community Mobilization Hub Meeting September 21st

The Timiskaming Health Unit as part of their Health Equity mandate is supporting the development of a community mobilization hub for the South Timiskaming area.

The "CMH" is a multi-agency team focused on social services coordination and crime prevention and is comprised of representatives from the Police and Justice Service, Health Services, Social Services and Education. At present, many social service agencies deliver their services in silos. These agencies will now work together to identify at-risk individuals and families in our district, share information on those individuals, and work together to develop an integrated, targeted intervention strategy. This initiative will allow these agencies to better use and share their resources, cut costs and have better outcomes for the individuals involved.

The next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> to put together the initial steering and working committee required to move this project forward. Each organization involved will be providing a summary of services they provide as well as any questions or concerns they have about the initiative.

- I attended the Temiskaming Municipal Association meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> with George. A copy of the minutes from that meeting is in your council package.
- I'm still waiting on a reply from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport on whether or not we will receive provincial funding this year as a Contracting Municipality for Library Services.

## **Mayor's Report, October 15, 2015**

### **Latchford Control Dam Project**

- Included in your packages is the detailed response letter from PWGSC regarding the impacts letter that we had sent to PWGSC on August 31st. As indicated, there is a willingness to settle with the Town in regards to the impacts on our infrastructure and others. What will be required is a very detailed and cost specific response in order for the Town to receive its due. Marilea Pirie and Harpreet Gill will be here on November 05 and have requested to meet with me and it is intended to have that response prepared for presentation and discussion by that date or prior.
- The CMR have made a final offer in negotiations with WPG in respect to their FIT contract and are at an impasse. The CMR is now pursuing the acquisition of a FIT 4 on the dam site so as to allow the installation of a 500Kw generating station.
- Roger had advised Perry and me of the need to extend the berm at the municipal waste site so as to extend its life. When they began to excavate the hill at the south end of the dam, contact was made with Andre Robidoux about the acceptability of hauling this material to our waste site rather than truck it all the way to a distant pit. Andre had it redirected to our site there by extending its life by a considerable length of years.
- As you may have noted, they began demolishing the old dam on Thanksgiving Weekend and are not blasting. I have requested a souvenir piece of concrete from the old dam for placement in our park with appropriate signage identifying it.
- We were made aware at the last construction meeting that the support building to be installed at the North end of the dam, close to the Environment Plant would also house a stand-by generator. After discussion with Perry and Jaime, I contacted Marilea Pirie of PWGSC about sharing a generator based on the close proximity of both sites and the fact that we have to acquire a new one thereby resulting in savings for both of us. As recently as today she told me that they are actively exploring that possibility and we should have an answer soon.
- There were some issues surfaced when Dan Larocque of North Country Aerial was using his drone to photograph the dam project on September 21. He was confronted by two employees from the project who attempted to prevent him from doing so. It has been resolved and it turns out that Dan is the only one presently actually licensed and insured to perform that activity at the site. We did agree to share Dan's photos with CDB and PWGSC before posting them on our web page.

### **South Gillies Letter**

Jaime and I met with our solicitor to review the letter received from the attorney representing some of the residents in South Gillies. At the direction of Ms Pirie, Jaime prepared and responded to their attorney's letter. At this time it is without response.

### **South Temiskaming Cultural Round Table**

I attended the round table held in Dymond Hall on September 30. While I was invited in conjunction with my role at the Museum and the Logger's Hall, after an hour three quarters I only heard the word "heritage" twice. I advised the coordinator that it was rather meaningless for me to continue without more focus on heritage and noted that I did not see one other area museum represented there? Now I have been contacted and requested to do an interview!

### **WPD Community Benefits Meeting**

I attended a meeting in Cobalt this a.m. with regard to the community benefits that would be derived from their wind turbine development in Lorrain Valley. Lois Perry from Coleman suggested that they make a similar presentation to the Council for the communities in attendance (Tem Shores, Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford) so they will be contacting each community to arrange a presentation.

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On behalf of The Town Of Latchford we are writing to formally support application EB-2015-0179 submitted by Union Gas seeking approval for new approaches to expanding access natural gas. We have reviewed the regulatory application and are supportive of the principals set out in it by Union Gas.

It is our belief that the proposal put forward by Union Gas provides the necessary flexibility for Union Gas to work with its municipal partners to expand their system to new communities. The proposal outlines a reasonable approach that ensures all parties have the ability to contribute towards making such projects a reality, while protecting the interests of their 1.4 million existing customers.

The community of Latchford fully supports the following concepts put forward by Union Gas:

- A Temporary Expansion Surcharge to collect customer contributions;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism to collect municipal contributions;
- An exemption from E.B.O. 188 to allow lower individual project minimum PI thresholds;
- An exemption of Community Expansion Projects from E.B.O. 188 Investment and Rolling Project Portfolio requirements;
- A Capital Pass Through Mechanism; and,
- A Community Expansion Capital Pass-through Deferral Account and a Community Expansion Contribution Deferral Account.

As a municipality who currently has unserved portions of our community, we often hear from local residents and businesses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas. Our leadership believes that the public benefits of extending natural gas infrastructure to additional communities in Ontario should be a key consideration in addressing Union's proposals. These benefits include the annual energy savings our constituents would experience, reduced costs for our existing businesses, and remove a local economic barrier for our community.

Again, for these reasons we fully support the application put forward by Union Gas and encourage the Board to grant approval of the application.

Jaime Allen  
Clerk,

