

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2014.**

**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 Larry Anderson, Jo-Anne Cartner, Maxine Cannon, Theo Cull and Dave Willcock

**Regrets:** Councilor Scott Green, Clerk Jaime Allen.

**Staff:** Lise Remillard, CFO.

**Public:** Six members of the Public

**Press:** Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No.:14/111**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the August 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.**

**CARRIED**

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

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 14/112**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular and in camera Council meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 Be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:** Yvan Brousseau gave presentation regarding Kap-Solar, solar panels being installed in Latchford, will require a resolution and microfit contract needs to be applied directly by the Town.(see attached)

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

**Councillor Cull:** Fire Dept is quiet ,Budget is on par.

**Councillor Anderson:** See attached.

**Councillor Cartner:** Jack Hunt dance put on by the Fire Dept went over well.

**Councillor Willcock:** see attached

**Mayor Lefebvre:** Mayors monthly report (see attached)

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Spelling bee.**

**Resolution No.: 14/113**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford donates a one year Fitness Center Membership to the Literacy Council of South Temiskaming for their Silent Auction Spelling Bee event being held September 25<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**CARRIED**

**2. Name Change.**

**Resolution No.: 14/114**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**WHEREAS incorrect spelling of the name Wattam has been affixed to the signage for Stan Wattam Road on the east side of Highway 11 leading to Rib Lake**

**AND WHEREAS** this name recognizes the contribution of a long time resident of that area of former Gilles Limit Township, since annexed by the Town Of Latchford who also was a veteran of the First World War,

**AND WHEREAS** the 2014 represents the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of that war in which Stan Wattam served.

**THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THE** Council for the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approve the official road name for Stan Watom be changed to Stan Wattam Road.

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation requesting this change in signage be mad and forwarded to MPP John Vanthoff for his support and assistance.

**CARRIED**

**3. Accounts Payable And Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 14/115**

**Moved By:** Maxine Cannon

**Seconded By** Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approves the attached Payroll in the amount of \$39,978.62 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$61,475.87 for the period June 12<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**CARRIED**

**4. Ontario Regulation 284/09**

**Resolution No.: 14/116**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** the Corporation of The Town of Latchford adopt the attached report fro expenses as excluded from the 2014 Budget as a requirement for Ontario Regulation284/09 under the Municipal Act,2001

**CARRIED**

**5. Power Dam Special Payment Program**

**Resolution No.: 14/117**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**WHEREAS** in December 2000, the Province of Ontario passed the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, (Bill 140);

**WHEREAS** the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, among other matters, exempted certain hydro-electric stations and poles & wires from municipal taxation as of January 1, 2001;

**WHEREAS** the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act removed the right and authority of affected municipalities across the Province to levy property tax notices to hydro-electric stations, poles & wires, representing significant taxable property assessment;

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario replaced the above noted rights and authority to tax hydro-electric stations, poles & wires with a compensatory payment, known as the Power Dam Special Payment Program, equivalent to the taxes levied on the subject structures in 2000;

**WHEREAS** the amount of payments under the Power Dam Special Payment Program were adjusted for the Consumer Price Index in some but not all years, an adjustment which did not keep pace with either changes in municipal taxation rates or costs;

**WHEREAS** the above noted changes resulted in an unfair shift in taxation to the remaining property assessment base, more specifically to residents and businesses alike;

**WHEREAS** upon exempting from municipal property taxation, hydro-electric stations, poles & wires that had been subject such taxation, the Province of Ontario amended the Electricity Act, 1998 requiring the owners of the subject structures to then pay to the Province of Ontario a Gross Revenue Charge (GRC) of three components:

- A property tax component payable to the Minister of Finance
- A property tax component payable to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation
- A water rental component payable to the Minister of Finance

**WHEREAS** in July 2014, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 14, Building Opportunity and Securing Our Future Act (Budget Measures) which phases down or decreases the Power Dam Special Payment Program for hydro-electric stations, poles & wires by 23,53% by 2017, starting in 2015

**WHEREAS** the reduction in the Power Dam Special Payment Program will result in a reduction of annual revenues for affected municipalities by 2017;

**WHEREAS** District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB's) that use the proceeds of the Power Dam Special Payment Program as part of their funding formula will also be directly affected, thereby affecting municipalities who do not participate in the Power Dam Special Payment Program;

**WHEREAS** many municipalities are already struggling as a result of accelerated cuts to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), the unknown aspects of a new OPP Billing Model, the elimination of the Connecting Link Program and other cuts;

**WHEREAS** as a result of reductions in the Power Dam Special Payment Program, affected municipalities may not be able to meet their fiduciary obligations;

**WHEREAS** the reduction in the Power Dam Special Payment Program is punitive in nature;

**WHEREAS** the Power Dam Special Payment Program is very small when compared to the multi-billion dollar annual budget of the Province of Ontario yet the impact of the decreased funding is devastating for affected municipalities;

**WHEREAS** affected municipalities will have to increase property tax rates to the remaining property assessment base (assessment in some cases which is decreasing) to compensate for the loss of revenue or be forced to significantly compromise municipal services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Latchford request that the Government of the Province of Ontario reverse the decision to decrease funding to the Power Dam Special Payment Program;

**FURTHER** that the Province of Ontario also be requested to annually increase the amount of funding by the amount of any change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to compensate for the increase in municipal costs;

**FURTHER** that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the local DSSAB FONOM, NOMA and AMO.

**CARRIED**

6. Application to Sever

**Resolution No.: 14/118**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved** that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford approve application to sever to allow for a new lot as per attached application

**CARRIED**

7. MNR Annual work schedule

**Resolution No.: 14/119**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of The Town of Latchford supports The Municipality of Temagami efforts regarding their concerns. In a delay in making a decision by the various government agencies on the bump up requests by environmental groups for the work schedule which stalled any forest related work on the Temagami Management unit by four months.

**And Whereas** forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forest aggregate pits, harvest site preparation, tree planting and tending were affected, leaving many forestry workers out of work for a 4-month period (April to end of July) which is detrimental to our communities.

**And Further That** a copy of this resolution be sent to The Municipality of Temagami to show The Council for the Town Of Latchford support in their efforts.

**CARRIED**

8. Highway 11 Corrective Action.

**Resolution No.: 14/120**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**WHEREAS** this Council still awaits the MTO to perform the requested corrective action being taken to correct the deficiencies in the work done on the re-construction of Highway 11 through Latchford in 2012

**AND Whereas** despite assurances that the request to have the speed limit on Highway 11 reduced to 70 kilometers per hour south of the Paige Road had been approved,

**AND WHEREAS** both issues are of considerable importance to Council and the residents,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the MTO and copied to MPP John Vanthof for his assistance and support.

**CARRIED**

9. **Weekender Deliveries.**

**Resolution No.: 14/120**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford send a letter to the Temiskaming Speaker expressing our dismay at the method of delivery of the Weekender copies are lying all over our Municipality. It is hoped this will be rectified shortly.

**CARRIED**

8. **Information Items**

**Resolution No. 14/122**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

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

**B. Information Items**

1. MPP John Vanthof thank you card
2. TransCanada maintenance schedule .
3. TransCanada Energy East Pipeline
4. FONOM summer newsletter and concerns about ONTC sale.
5. Bruce Murphy thank you regarding Barn Swallows.
6. MNR 2014 and 2015 work schedule.
7. CDN Mental Health Association looking for board members.
8. MNR Sudbury Forest 2010-2020 Forest Management Plan

**CARRIED**

09. **NEW BUSINESS:** Council discussed profit and loss report.

11. **BY-LAWS**

**Joint Compliance Audit Committee**

**Resolution No 14/122**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-19 to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee to deal with matters regarding election campaign finances. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**Confirming bylaw**

**Resolution No 14/124**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-20 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held August 21<sup>st</sup> 2014. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

12. **INCAMERA**

**Resolution No. 14/125**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that** Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a closed meeting at 8:37pm To discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239  
\*\*\*Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or Board Employees.

\*\*\*Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 14/126**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from closed meeting@ 8:53 PM

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 14/127**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that** the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford comits to purchasing Paiges Pit at a cost of \$30,000.00(Thirty Thousand dollars)

**CARRIED**

13.

**ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 14/128**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Andersen

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 8:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 21st day  
Of August 2014

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre

  
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CFO, Lise Remillard

**Latchford Control Dam Project**

The partnership of Timiskaming & Temagami F.N.'s, Coleman Township and Latchford, have been unable to arrive at a satisfactory MOU with WPG to this date. The Communities of the Montreal River (or CMR) delegated Jeff Barton to attempt to negotiate with Colin Digout of WPG but it was the consensus of the CMR that WPG was being unreasonable and unrealistic in their demands. We will be holding a joint meeting of the CMR on Tuesday followed by a conference call with Bill Touzel of Blumetric to examine ways to move forward with the acquisition of the FIT contract on the dam.

While it was stated that tenders for the reconstruction of the dam would be called in July, I have not received any notice to confirm that they have been called but will continue to monitor. Efforts are ongoing to arrange a meeting with PWGSC regarding transfer of their surplus land in Latchford to the Town and to arrange an operations agreement on the new dam.

**Fuel Wood Situation**

They are once more issuing fuel wood permits in the area. The locations that have been identified that are close to Latchford include one at the North end of the Roosevelt Road near Little Blueberry Lake which has actually been harvested for a number of years. There is one at the south end near McNabb Lake which is anything but convenient for local use. The third one is west of Moose Lake.

There is an identified, suitable location just off the Roosevelt Road close to the Hearst Lake Creek which will be proposed to the MNR for permitting and John Vanthof's assistance will be requested to obtain it.

**OPG Emergency Response Exercise**

Jaime and I participated in a follow up conference call hosted by Tali Serota and Bruno D'Argangelo of OPG. Also participating was representatives from Elk Lake, Coleman Township and the City of Temiskaming Shores. It provided the outline for a mock emergency exercise that is planned for September. Latchford will be playing a prominent role in the exercise. Due to the "mock emergency" nature of the exercise, Jaime and I are limited in what information we can share at this point.

**Power Dam Compensatory Payments**

Jaime and I were invited to participate in a conference call hosted by Wawa with respect to the planned reduction announced in the last provincial budget of these payments that are received as a Payment in Lieu by Latchford. It is the province's announced intention to cut these payments by 23% by 2017. The Mayor of Wawa was requested to have another six or seven

Mayors in addition to herself participate in a conference with Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, Allan Dohoney, and other staff from MoF, OMAFRA and MMAH. In addition to Wawa and Latchford, participants were from Espanola, Merrickville, Madawaska and Iroquois Falls.

We jointly stressed to the provincial representatives the impact that these proposed reductions would have on any of the recipient municipalities and the total amount, while trivial to the provincial budget, were very significant to the municipalities presently in receipt of them. The Latchford point that was stressed was that prior to any proposed reductions, they should be first be made equitable and provided Hound Chute and Ragged Chute differences as an example. They concluded the call by stating that they would be communicating directly with the impacted municipalities.

This could be construed as a divide and conquer approach so it was recommended municipal staff share the exchanges they have with MOF after these calls.

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# Report from Councillor Dave Willcock

August 21, 2014

## Re: Natural Gas Extension to Service Latchford:

Nothing new to report

## Water Metering:

Previously I had reported that water metering was becoming less expensive than it had been in the past. I have since seen water meters, new, and with stainless steel bodies, and pulse outputs for external reader heads, for as little as \$75.00 <sup>US DOLLARS</sup> per unit. These are available in the U.S., and Patrick is going to provide me with the provincial standard requirement so that I may inquire of the manufacturer whether they meet this spec. Purchasing meters without being certain of their legality would not be wise.

## LAS Energy Program:

This should be complete now, but we need confirmation from staff as soon as possible. *Jamie?*

## Triple Towers South of town, East side of Highway 11:

At the last meeting, there was discussion about a new building located near the East tower, that was erected without a permit. It appears on Google Maps, but when I drove out to the location, I could find no sign of it, even though I was exactly on the location.

I also visited the middle tower and the West tower, both of which have substantial buildings and fenced compounds. I think it would be wise to confirm that we are receiving taxation from these sites.

### *Details of the West tower:*

This tower has a building on location that measures 21' N-S, and 37' E-W. The square footage of the footprint is about 777. It is approximately 13' tall. It has concrete walls and a concrete foundation. It appears to share its electrical service with the nearby center tower. The tower itself is within a fenced compound that measures 50' E-W, and 65' N-S. A sign identifies the property as #9021

### *Details of the Middle tower:*

This tower has a building on location that measures 56' N-S, and 22' E-W. The square footage of the footprint is about 1230. It is approximately 10.3' tall. It has steel walls and a concrete foundation. It has an electrical service (meter# J3018251, in case this is needed to find out who owns it). The tower itself is within a fenced compound that measures 45' E-W, and 37' N-S. A sign identifies the property as #9025

### *East Tower:*

The East tower has a building that is within its fenced compound, and cannot be measured without access through the gate. It is a small building, around 100 square feet.

Lise has offered to verify that these properties are remitting taxation

*gave assessment to Dave.*

**Monitored Hydro Costs (All taxes included)**

<b>July 31</b>	<b>Town Office</b>	<b>Received an RRP settlement of \$110.99? (Average kwh/day down 24%)</b>	<b>1 mth</b>
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Fire Hall</b>	<b>\$215.53 (kwh/day up 185%) (kwh/day up in June by 69%)</b>	<b>1 mth</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Town Garage</b>	<b>Received an RRP settlement of \$108.41 ? (Average kwh/day up 25%)</b>	<b>1 mth</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Water Plant</b>	<b>\$3560.70 (Average kwh/day down 20% )</b>	<b>1 mth</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Fred Keenan Centre</b>	<b>\$329.78 (Average kwh/day increase 26.7% )</b>	<b>1 mth</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Rec Centre</b>	<b>Received an RRP settlement of \$114.22? (Average kwh/day up 50%)</b>	<b>1 mth</b>

**Notes:**

- The Town Office had a good reduction of power consumption this month compared to last year.
- The Fire Hall had a dramatic increase in consumption compared to last year. This is the second time I have reported it. We need to determine the reason.
- The power consumption at the community centre increased substantially. Perhaps we can have the thermostat programming changed slightly to see if this can be brought back down? We could also check to see if Monique has any continuous use lights that could be changed to LED's or another low energy alternative. I would suggest that the town pay for this.

**End of Report****Dave Willcock****Filename: Council Report 14-08**

Public Works August 21, 2014.

- Terry has been on holidays so a few projects have been on hold.
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- Need to pour a solid pad under oil tank at Rec Centre as 24x24 pads are no longer allowed.
- Need to repair ramp at Medical Centre.
- Will be repairing bump at bottom of big hill on Murphy road. ( Culvert)

Water Plant

- The increase in usage at certain times was discussed. Pat doesn't think it is caused by a problem but is simply an increase in usage. People may shower more in hot weather and water lawns. If we had a major leak it would be noticeable. He is keeping a close watch on the usage to try to see if anything shows up.
- Pat has been looking into his truck license and should be in by the end of this month to write his test.