

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY JANUARY 16th 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, Theo Cull, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green & Maxine Cannon

Regrets: Councilor Willcock

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk and Lise Remillard, CFO.

Public: 1

Press: Jim Patrick, CJTT, Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 14/001

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the January 16th 2014. Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL: Councilor Theo Cull in camera item spouse of listing agent.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 14/002

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular Council and in camera meeting of December December 19th 2013 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Cull: has not been able to meet with Fire Chief due to scheduling conflicts, Councillor Cartner volunteered to meet with the Fire Chief.

Councillor Anderson: see attached

Councillor Cartner: see attached.

Councillor Green: see attached

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Replace diabase antenna.

Resolution No.: 14/003

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves its share of the cost to replace diabase antenna in the amount of \$936.46 plus HST, to come from Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept. Budget.

CARRIED

2. Municipal Office.

Resolution No.: 14/004

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves closing the Municipal Office two days a week to the public in order for Office Staff to complete transition to Quick Books and Count3. Effective January 20th 2014.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 14/005

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

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

B. Information Items

1. TEMAG regarding Kirkland Fire Station Closing.
2. Temiskaming Building Assoc. Finance report.
3. OPP cost estimate for 2014.
4. MPAC 2014 invoice estimate.
5. Chamber Of Commerce
6. Trans Canada pipeline information.
7. Minister Gravelle Northern Leaders forum.
8. Township of Baldwin NOHFC leader's forum.
9. OPP information regarding Conducted Energy Weapon use.
10. East Ferris, Small rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure fund concerns.
11. OLG, endorsing Dam Depot.
12. Dan Marinigh, regarding hydrometric monitoring Montreal River system

CARRIED

09. ONGOING BUSINESS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Kirkland Lake Fire Station**
Resolution No.: 14/006
Moved By: Larry Anderson.
Seconded By: Scott Green.

Whereas: the closing of the Kirkland Lake fire station of the MNR leaves the Latchford area without the provision of Fire response no closer than North Bay of Timmins

And whereas, recent and past history has shown that this area of Ontario requires a rapid response to forest fires that can best be provided from the Kirkland Lake fire station.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford support the TeMAG letter to Minister Orazetti of the MNR to retain Kirkland Fire Station.

And further, that this resolution be circulated to the member municipalities of the Temiskaming Municipal Association for their support.

CARRIED

- b)
Resolution No.: 14/007
Moved By: Larry Anderson.
Seconded By: Scott Green.

Whereas: the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford support the recommendation of the Township of Baldwin to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to reinstate the Capital Assistance programs for Northern Municipalities.

And whereas, it is only through reinstatement of this program that fairness and equity for small Northern Communities can be realized by those municipalities.

Therefore be resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Michael Gravelle and circulated to small Northern municipalities for their support.

CARRIED

11. BY-LAWS

- Resolution No 14/008**
Moved By: Larry Anderson
Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-01 being a by-law to adopt an election policy for the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 14/009

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-002 being a by-law to authorize borrowing funds from time to time from the Bank of Nova Scotia. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Resolution No 14/010

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-003 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held January 16th 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

11. In Camera

Closed Session.

Resolution No.: 14/011

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 7:52pm 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

Closed Session.

Resolution No.: 14/012

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting with no report @8:35P.M.

12 New Business

a) Spring Bear Hunt

Resolution No.: 14/013

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford endorses the Municipality of Temgami's request to re-instate the spring bear hunt in Wildlife Management Unit 40,

And Further, that this Council request that the spring bear hunt be extended into WMU 28 as well.

And Further, that this resolution be forwarded to members of the Temiskaming Municipal Association for their endorsement and support.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURN

Resolution No. ~~13/1118~~ 14/014 

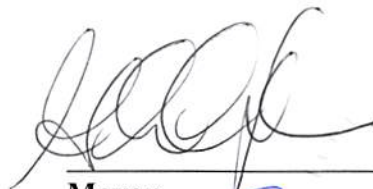
Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:43 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 16th day
Of January 2014.



Mayor



Clerk

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Mayor's Report, January 16, 2014

Latchford Control Dam Project

On Tuesday, January 14, we hosted a teleconference call at the municipal office. In attendance were Mayor Dan Cleroux, Coleman; Robin Koistenen and Doug McKenzie TeFN/TAA; Brit Griffin, Danny Bisson and Clifton Poulson, TIFN; Jeff Barton and myself. On the phone were Harpreet Gill, Rachele Besner, Martin Lelievre and Doug Murphy of PWGSC and Colin Digout of WPG.

The long and short of it is that the letting of tenders for the new dam will now happen in March and it is unlikely we will see much activity at the site before July. Colin Digout indicated that they are at a critical stage in their negotiations with PWGSC regarding the lease and incremental costs for them to participate as a hydro generator on the new dam. In my opinion, the WPG participation is anything but firm at this time and that an alternate design is available that would not include hydro generation.

Jeff Barton had WPG agree to release the Hatch study to the other key stakeholders to which Colin Digout has agreed. If any member of Council would like an electronic copy of this very technical study, I can make it available to you but caution that it is not for sharing or distribution.

In my opinion, there could be a number of changes regarding the new dam made in the next few months.

Highway 11 issues in Latchford

I have followed up with another request for an answer to my November 14 email to MTO regarding the post construction state of the highway in Latchford.

OPG Hound Chute Assessment

Much like the MTO issue, we are still awaiting a reply from Ministry of Finance regarding the inequity in payment for the Hound Chute G.S.

Forest Tenure Modernization Advisory Team

A meeting of team was held in the municipal office on January 14 (prior to PWGSC conference call) and a consultant was selected to develop a governance structure for the Temagami Crown Forest. The schedule calls for this phase to be completed by early July for the team's review.

Small Northern Municipalities Meeting

I will be attending a meeting in Sudbury on Monday, January 20th along with the other Mayors of small communities in the northeast with less than 1,000 in population. The agenda is in regard to the model for policing costs and the additional negative impact it will have on small municipalities. There is also a proposal for discussion to lobby the MNDM for the re-instatement of the Northern Capital Assistance Program.

Meeting with Kap Solar

I met with Yvan Brousseau of Kap Solar on the 14th and reviewed the various options for the installation of solar panels in Latchford. We concluded that the best opportunities exist for roof top installations such as the Water Treatment Plant, the Rec Centre and the Fred Keenan Centre. An engineer from the project team will be in the area in the next few months to examine these and possible ground mount locations.

Meeting with Ross Latter

Ross outlined the need to provide the staff with ample time to transition to the Quick Books system of accounting and to be able to do in as short a period of time as possible. It was concluded that closing the office to the public for two days a week until the transition is complete is in the best interests of the staff and doing it at this time of year will have minimal impact and inconvenience on the residents. A resolution to authorise the recommended closing is in on the agenda.

Funders Forum

Jo Ann and I attended the Funders Forum in New Liskeard yesterday. The immediate benefit is being able to identify full funding programs for the information centre and the museum summer help. I will review with Jaime some potential funding opportunities that were outlined that could assist with the installation of natural gas service to Latchford.

Hydrometric Monitoring on the Montreal River

You will note in the correspondence that I have forwarded another letter to Dan Marinigh of the MNR regarding the need for the hydrometric monitoring of levels on the Montreal River. The deeper the snow gets, the more persistent I will get with respect to this.

GLL

Public Works
January 16th, 2014.

- New 1/2 ton has been undercoated at a cost of \$125.00. Terry reported he thinks it's getting much better gas mileage than the old 1/2 ton.
- Dump issues: Burning waste- Need some clarification. Can we burn painted boards? Issue of taking in torn down buildings? (Vinyl siding). Need to put out a mailing re-stating size of garbage bags allowed, weight allowed and go over recycling rules again. Terry and Pat are having a few issues and hopefully this will correct it.
- Also if Jaime and Sonny and whoever else may be available could do a visit to the dump with Terry, he would like to go over a plan that may extend the life of the dump with little cost. This came from a comment from Mr. McCormick from his dump inspection.
- Aqua flows are up and running. A comment from a user of the aqua-flows has raised the question of liability for the units should something happen who is responsible?
- Also with our main pieces of equipment updated we expect no repair bills in the next while. Repair bills last year on the old 1/2 ton and grader was around \$6000.00.

end

Call
Bob/Ken/
Larry
McCormick

Find original
aqua flow
agreement

TERRY
AQUA
FLOW

January 16th, 2014

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

The Library Board met Tuesday evening to discuss the next steps we would be taking to proceed with the closure. Perry, Bryan and I met with members of the Englehart Library today. They'll be taking many of the cupboards and display cases next week along with some of the books their library doesn't have. The two computers from the CAP site will be picked up by Dack Township once the memory has been wiped. Bryan has contacted all the libraries in our area to see if any of the library inventory would be of use in their facilities. Representatives from those libraries will be picking up the inventory they may find useful.

I shared a letter with the Board that I had received (copy attached) from a resident who had just heard about the library closure. He expressed his disappointment and brought forward ideas he had to keep the library open. I let him know that the library board decided to close because library attendance over the last four or five years had declined drastically and the volunteers were usually there alone. The next meeting will be February 18th.

Yesterday I attended a Funding Program Information session with George in Temiskaming Shores. The major funding source representatives from FedNor, NOHFC and Trillium, to name a few, were there to explain some of the recent changes the funding programs have undergone as well as inform us about the various programs available to our communities. Each representative gave a brief explanation on their priorities as well as the funding opportunities they have available. They touched on the eligible activities they would support and the expected results they would expect to see from each of their different funding initiatives. I found it a very informative session.

From: Mac Hamilton
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 10:28 PM
To: jcartner@latchford.ca
Subject: Latchford Library closing

Hi Joanne: It was with a great surprise and disappointment that I "heard" that the Latchford Library is closing.....I heard that the reason for its closing is the lack of volunteers to keep it open.....This comes at no surprise to me as volunteers are very hard to come by , and it is usually their lack of trained ability to come up with ideas that keeps "todays" population interested in using the facility.
You may not realize it , but in the Council minutes of a 2005 meeting ,the library council report tallied 250 members signed up as using the newly "renovated" library and were now using computer access for modernized reasons.

As this facility was renovated into an outstanding facility for a community the size of Latchford, and still is a modern facility,it is now time for Council to choose another method to run the library without closing it.

You may not be aware , but there is a lot of government grant funding to hire a Library intern for one full year with the government providing \$30,300 and the community provides only \$2700..... In most cases , this individual is a graduate , trained librarian and is looking for a job.

I see such a person co-operating with the librarians in Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt to build co-operative programs to keep the youth and adult public interested ,exchanging books,locating books on demand,installing E-Book access facility.etc..The library in Temiskaming Shores could help Latchford with the application.....Further, as extra assignments, the library intern could enter Council agenda, notices,meeting minutes, by-law recording ,budget typing,etc.as just a few suggestions.....This would off load the folks in the town office of these time-consuming tasks,and serve as great benefit to the citizens.

In conclusion, I just hate the thought of closing that great library without taking a different tact to keep it open.....As the old story goes" If the business closes, it never opens again".....I would hate to be on a council that did nothing to keep it open , when it is so easy to take another beneficial route for the good of our great town.....The government money is there..Use it to improve it.....Call me if you wish.....All the best.....Mac

Thurs Jan 16, 2014

The members at the gym are a steady 12 which I believe is a good number for our population. Hydro's bill was \$938.44 expected for one of our winter months. Hopefully we don't see as many colder days ahead. We have new rink care takers Grant McDonald & Trudy Lapage much appreciated by the kids who like to skate and play hockey.

I attended a Library meeting with Joanne Tuesday. Anne Chaput & Edith Rabillard mentioned that they both were part of the opening and now sad to say part of the closing. I believe it is a sign of the times considering the impact of the internet ebooks etc.

Maxine