

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH 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 Scott Green, and Dave Willcock

Regrets:

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

Public: Two 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.:14/140

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Dave Willcock

Be it resolved that the October 9th 2014 Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 14/141

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular and in camera Council meeting of September 18th 2014 be adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Willcock: see attached

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Councillor Green: Finance report attached

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

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7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. ACTION ITEMS

Accounts Payable and Payroll

1. Resolution No.: 14/142

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves the attached Payroll in the amount of \$67,204.12 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$97,846.78 for period July 29th thru September 29th 2014. **CARRIED**

Support Municipality of Killarney

2. Resolution No.: 14/143

Moved By: Dave Willcock

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford supports the Corporation of The Municipality of Killarney's efforts to lobby the Provincial Government to implement a billing method for those properties located in Unorganized Townships, so that can contribute their fair share to the overall Provincial Policing costs. **CARRIED**

3. Information Items

Resolution No. 14/144

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Dave Willcock

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

B. Information Items

1. OPP Municipal Billing Statement for 2015.
2. Temiskaming Municipal Association.
3. Thank You card form Literacy Council
4. Road Needs Study.

CARRIED

08. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

09. BY-LAWS

Confirming bylaw

Resolution No 14/145

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-22 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held October 9th 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**



10. **INCAMERA**

Resolution No. 14/146

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a closed meeting at 7:31pm 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. 14/147

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting@ 8:17 PM

CARRIED

Resolution No. 14/148

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford have decided to terminate Patrick Laurin services as Environmental Plant Operator and public Works Employee effective October 10th 2014 with just cause.

CARRIED

11.

ADJOURN

Resolution No. 14/149


Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

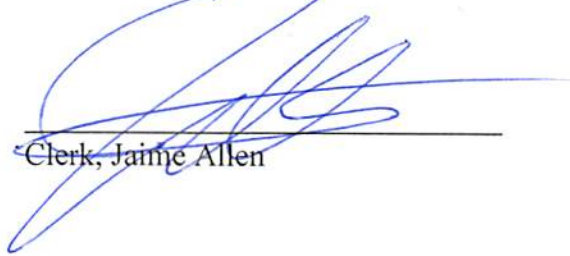
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:23 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 9th day
Of October, 2014



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen



October 9th, 2014
Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

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Recreation Centre

At present we have 16 gym members. My hope is that with the weather turning colder this number will increase over the winter months.

The hall and kitchen have been rented for this Saturday for a wedding reception.

Maxine and I attended a meeting of the Temiskaming Municipal Association on September 25th. There wasn't a quorum so we went on to have a general discussion. The notes to that meeting are in your council packages. It looks as if the government is going to take away about the only free thing they give to Seniors.....they want to start charging Seniors for fishing licenses.

George, Lise, Tina Sartoretto, Candice Bedard, Cathy Marcella and I met with Dr. Roedde and her staff on Tuesday. Dr. Roedde informed us that she will not be accepting any new patients at present as she is at her max with 1540 patients which is almost double the number from when she took over the clinic. 400 of these patients are from New Liskeard and can't be transferred out at this time because there isn't anyone to accept transfers from Latchford.

Some of you who may be her patients may have noticed that she has had relief secretaries in to assist Carla. Melissa Anderson works 1-2 days a week and Wendy Smith has also done some relief work. Both women are from the Haileybury Family Health Team. She will have two residents working in her office in the spring and she will again be teaching some students both here and at the hospital in the near future.

Our patients now have the use of the clinic in Cobalt on Wednesday mornings for lab work and it's working out well.

The clinic budget was reviewed. They will be purchasing a replacement computer later in the year if the budget permits.

Mayor's Report, October 09, 2014

Latchford Control Dam Project

I was contacted by Harpreet Gill and asked to meet with an advance survey party at the dam on October 3rd and they would be defining the area for clearing of trees. PWGSC are prepared to offer the Town a "soil source contract" for removal of the trees in preparation of excavating some areas. They will require a realistic bid to be submitted by Latchford and Jeff Barton who is a registered professional forester and as done much similar work for Kirkland Lake and others has offered to put together a bid for us. The survey party turned out to be a couple of engineers who GPS the area for the surveyors who are to be here this week.

A "pre-bid" site review by interested contractors occurred on Tuesday and was very well attended (50-60). Harpreet had invited Jeff and I to attend which we did. We collected business cards and distributed mine, promoting use of the municipal office rental space, our waste disposal site and local accommodation that was available. Then PWGSC requested that I speak to those gathered and I was afforded another opportunity to promote Latchford and our anticipation for the start of construction. Some I spoke with stressed the need for our restaurant being open.

In presenting to the interested contractors, PWGSC stated that actual construction could not begin until next July but indicated an application had been made to the DFO requesting a waiver that would allow a start up on November 15 of this year.

The CMR reps are scheduled to speak with Bill Touzel next week with respect to the next steps with regard to the power generation project on the dam.

Fuel Wood Situation/Flood Advisory

I contacted Don Farintosh at MNRF, North Bay, requesting a meeting to review the maps I had outlining a proposed fuel wood license area. He requested that I give him a couple of weeks as they are reviewing some alternate sites at this time.

We received another flood advisory type of notice last Friday, one from the OPG in the morning and one late in the afternoon from MNRF. This time Mayor Dan Cleroux took them (MNRF) to task on their late notice. Hopefully, a meeting can be arranged with them prior to the debriefing meeting scheduled for October 22 in Temiskaming Shores regarding the Mock Emergency Exercise held on September 10.

Meeting with Michael Gravelle, Minister of MNDM

On October 02, I attended an NOHFC reception in New Liskeard at which time I met with the Minister and presented him with copies of the package that had been submitted to his predecessor, Rick Bartolucci, in Sudbury in August, 2012 outlining our desire to have ONTC non-railway land in Latchford transferred to the municipality and mining rights removed from privately held property. I also provided a request package to Anne Marie Leroy of MNDM at the event.

He was receptive to the request and I have now been provided with a new contact at Infrastructure Ontario. This individual is going to provide me with the right contacts at, (guess where?), the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

TeMAG Meeting

The last TeMAG meeting of this term was held on October 04 in Earlton. In attendance were members of the Service Level Agreement Team that has been established by the Ministry of Finance. Grace Marsh and Heather Colquhoun of MPAC attended and Jeff Barton, Elk Lake and small communities' rep outlined the intent of the team and got plenty of feedback from the Mayors and Reeves in attendance.

I even got to vent a bit about Power Dam Compensatory payments and the inequity that we are experiencing with our two dams.

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Report from Councillor Dave Willcock

October 9, 2014

As I am not certain that I can attend the November meeting, I am taking this opportunity to speak of things that are still important to me as my term on council draws to an end.

We have spent our term, as everyone around this table knows, trying to claw our town back to financial health.

The cuts everywhere have been deep, and we led by example by reducing our pay, and keeping council expenses to a minimum.

We have not been in a position to "grow the town", but rather we have been trying to recover.

We inherited this, we did not cause it.

As the next council is formed, I feel that they will still be doing much the same, but hopefully part way through this next term, there will be enough money and comfort to start moving forward.

There are a few items that I believe can still save money with minimal investment, and some items which I hope will happen in the long term.

Town Office:

I believe that moving the operations of the Town Office to this recreation centre is a wise thing to do. We are already heating and air conditioning this building 24/7, and most of it sits empty and unused. The building is new, bright, and houses the Post Office. It is close to the Town Garage.

It just makes sense to me.

I hope that this move will be considered again by the new council. The moving of the Post Office has been a success. I have not met anyone who does not approve. I see no reason that the moving of the town office would not be equally successful.

If this move was complete prior to the construction of the dam, I think we may be able to earn some real revenue from rental of the existing town office, while construction is active.

Following that, it is a nice piece of property, adjoined to the park and the town office building may be relatively easy to sell, or to lease on a long term basis.

Re: Natural Gas Extension to Service Latchford:

If the property on the North East end of town can be acquired from the ONTC, we may need only to find one business employing 6 people, to make the addition of natural gas to our town a reality. The property is close to both highway and rail, and would not interfere with the residents of the rest of the town. I hope this becomes a reality one day. It's a prize worth keeping our eyes on in my opinion.

Water Metering:

I still think that metered water is the correct thing to do, but if meters are installed, I think that they should be monitored for a period of time before trying to implement a payment calculation.

All of those who are upset about water costs would have an option. Conserve water to keep the bill lower. The danger of trying to implement billing right away, is that collectively everyone could reduce the water consumption drastically, but the costs of running the water plant would not drop as significantly. One gallon or a million, there is still a large cost to run the water plant.

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

Two months ago, I brought to council's attention another inequity in the PIL program that the province has set in place. It is virtually the same as the Hound Chute/Ragged Chute debacle, wherein the province gives themselves a sweet deal, and shortchanges the Town of Latchford. It is the triple towers South of town, in which one of the more substantial towers is assessed at a ridiculous low value, with a PIL accordingly. I hope that the new council will continue to duke it out with the Province, to an ultimate victory, but I'm not really hopeful of any municipality actually being treated fairly by the Province of Ontario.

Rink Shack:

As most of you know, I detest this building, and see it as an eyesore. It does not consume a lot of money, but what it does consume is for nothing more than washrooms and showers. If it doesn't make sense to grant campers access to the facilities in the recreation centre, then perhaps we could consider future construction of a new, smaller facility, or even a nice portable washroom/shower building located on the campground itself. The site is already serviced with power, water and sewer. I'm inclined to think that if the rink shack were destroyed, that its site might make perfect sense for a new fire hall if we get to that. It would make use of floodplain land that cannot be sold, while giving good highway access, and it would be right beside the lake for filling the trucks. Too often, treated water has been used at excessive cost to all of us.

Docks:

I still think it is worthwhile to add docks West of the playground, for the purpose of allowing residents to keep their boats in the water through all of the boating season. Even if only ten spots were created, and rented out by lottery at \$40/month, May through September, this would see a gross revenue of \$20,000.00 over ten years. I think it would pay for the project, and perhaps even earn some profit. It could also bring more activity to our lake, and improve the appearance of our waterfront area.

In Closing:

I wish to thank my fellow council members and the Town staff for the experience of the past four years. I feel that we have worked together well, with virtually no "in-fighting". Meetings have been conducted professionally, ethically, and with dignity. Decisions have been made with the town's best interests in mind. The FIR's and accounting reports have confirmed that the direction has been positive for our town and it's residents, even if somewhat painful at times.

There will always be those who point accusations, and say they are ill informed. Strangely, we seldom see them attend the public meetings to learn what is going on.

I wish the best for our new council, whoever they are, and I will keep my notes and data in case they feel I have collected useful information that they may wish to access.

I'm not reporting the hydro costs tonight, but I think that watching over it has been a success, most everyone has reduced consumption, even if just to make me stop talking about it.

I hope someone continues the practice. It was one large, visible area that we had the ability to control and reduce costs without reducing any services. As you know, I beat on it plenty.

Instead of reporting costs, I will simply say the words "electrical power" and then scan the faces of my fellow council members to watch their eyes roll towards the ceiling one more time.

Best wishes to all council members, present and incoming, and to our staff members, and of course to all the residents of our good town.

Four years from now, I may put up a few signs in September once again.

End of Report**Dave Willcock****Filename: Council Report 14-10**