

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY JANUARY 17TH 2013**

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, and Dave Willcock

Regrets: Councilor Cannon

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

Public: NIL

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

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 13/1108

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the January 17th 2013, Agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL:

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 13/1109

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular Council and in camera meeting of December 20th 2012 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Cull: see attached

Councillor Willcock: see attached

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. Fire Education Conference.

Resolution No.: 13/1110

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the attendance of Fire Chief Pat Underhill and Captain Mike Beaupre to the 15th Annual Fire Education Conference in North Bay in the amount of \$621.50.

CARRIED

2. Payroll and General Bills.

Resolution No.: 13/1111

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

That the following Payroll in the amount of \$18,385.88 and General Bills in the amount of \$255,869.91 for the period December 20th 2012 to January 14th 2013, be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

3. Sick Leave Benefit.

Resolution No.: 13/1112

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves change to employee sick leave benefit from five day a year to twelve sick/personal days a year effective January 1st 2013.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 13/1113

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

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

B. Information Items

1. Quarterly Report from Dr. Roedde
2. Report on the Scandia Inn
3. South Temiskaming Community Futures funding announcement.
4. MPAC charges for 2013.
5. Ministry Of Finance various tax rates.
6. TeMAG letter regarding UTV vehicles.
7. Timiskaming Health Unit minutes from November 7th 2012.
8. Ministry Of Natural Resources Fire exchange information.
9. District of Timiskaming Social Services Board minutes (Nov 14th 2012)
10. Chamber of Commerce information update.

CARRIED

09. ONGOING BUSINESS:

Remind Public Works Staff to leave snow on side of road for sledders for easier access to Town Businesses.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Request to have lots consolidated by-law for next Council Meeting.

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 13/1114

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1231 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, and water sewage connection and frontage charges for 2013. 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 13/1115

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1232 being a by-law to appoint Kemp, Elliott and Blair as Auditors for the Town of Latchford for 2013. 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 13/1116

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1233 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 13/1117

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1234 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held January 17th 2013 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. **ADJOURN**

Resolution No. 13/1118

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

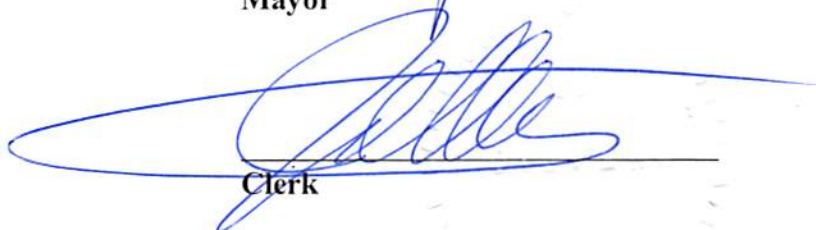
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:04 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 17th day
Of January 2013.**



Mayor



Clerk

Mayor's Report, January 17, 2013

Dam Project:

It is proving to be a struggle to obtain a contact at the joint design engineering firm of "Dessan Inc and Hydrosys Experts-Conseils Inc" so as to ensure the that the Town of Latchford's requirement are addressed during the design phase of the dam. These were all conveyed in written form to Harpreet Gill and Rod Friesen of PWGSC but we have to be assured they have been directed to the design engineers. Jay Aspin's office is continuing to be contacted in an effort to arrange a meeting with Rona Ambrose's office as a means of conveying the Town's concerns be addressed during the design phase.

WPG's Mark Powell has advised Jeff Barton that he is planning a road trip for the first week of February and would welcome the opportunity to meet with Council, First Nations representatives and other interested community members. In my opinion, it is time to listen to these people one more time and it is much better if we (Latchford, Coleman, F.N.'s) are all hearing the same sales pitch. Once a date and time has been firmed up, Jaime will notify everyone.

Crown & ONR Land acquisition

I have yet to hear anything back from Scott Sinha of Infrastructure Ontario relative to the Crown and ONR land since our phone call of November 21. Holiday impact probable cause for delay.

Matton Lawsuit against Town and Peter Davies

I spent 3 hours being interviewed by Peter Archambault acting for our insurance company in this lawsuit which was scheduled to proceed to the "examination for discovery" level on February 16th. Release of previously unseen documentation by the plaintiff's counsel resulted in this matter being delayed until spring or possibly, early summer. In the opinion of our solicitor, there remains an outside chance this issue could be resolved.

Hydro Costs Resolution re Water & Sewage Treatment Plants

The requested circulation of this resolution resulted in Jaime being contacted by the TMA requesting attendance of a representative of the Town at January 31st TMA meeting to speak in regard to this. I confirmed I would attend and Dave, who authored the resolution, indicates if available he will attend to speak in support of it. Should we be successful in this effort, it will result in a considerable saving for Latchford and every environmental plant operator in Ontario.

Enhanced Sustainable Forest License (SFL) Implementation

I have to express my appreciation to Mayor Carman Kidd and EDO James Franks of the City of Temiskaming Shores for inviting me to attend a presentation from Ed Tear of the MNR relative to the establishment of an SFL on the Temagami Area. This area is one of the very few in the province that has never had an SFL established on it.

The Temagami Area includes the former Latchford Crown Management Unit and extends north to the Northern boundary of Dymond Township. The province proposes including this area in the existing Nipissing SFL which is contrary to the wishes of the municipalities in that area.

TeMAG has already directed correspondence to the MNR indicating this area should be managed under Temiskaming Forest Alliance Incorporated (TFAI) based in Englehart which covers the former Kirkland Lake District of the MNR and westward. At yesterday's meeting, Mayor Kidd confirmed the desires of the City to be included with the North.

I expressed concern that Latchford would not have participated in this discussion were it not for the consideration extended to us by Temiskaming Shores. Mr Tear explained that we did not meet the criteria as a municipality that should have been contacted for a presentation. I expressed the fact that both Township of Coleman and the Town of Latchford had an abundance of Crown forests within our boundaries coupled with considerable forest harvesting activities.

Jeff Barton, who was also in attendance, supported my statements and together we provided a quick overview of Latchford's long history of involvement in, and association with, the forest industry. We expressed the northward flow of harvested materials, our close association with the communities to the North and familiarity with the forest products industries in them as justification for Latchford falling under the umbrella of the TFAI. We pointed out the natural relationships of the communities situated in the Montreal River watershed and the need for a management structure that recognized that.

Mr Tear has requested a brief letter outlining Latchford's desires and he will convey our wishes to others. With Council's consent, I will prepare that letter.

GLL

Jaime Allen

SCOTT.

From: j.e.s.green@telus.blackberry.net
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 5:58 PM
To: George Lefebvre; Jaime Allen; Dave Willcock; Theodore Cull; landerson@latchford.ca; Maxine Cannon; Jo Cartner; Lise Remillard
Subject: Town of Latchford Finance Report

Good day everyone,

First of all, happy new year everyone and happy budget season! As you all we in attendance at last night 's budget meeting, everyone around this table is aware of the towns financial situation. The t.o.l was over budget in 2012, a debt line has been added to our 2013 budget of 100,000 to cover our over spending last year. At this point and time we are unable to give an exact dollar figure of the debt as we are still waiting on some bills to come in, I would like to schedule our next meeting early February, I'm thinking first week of the month when council is available,. I would like to have this meeting early as we as the elected have some serious issues to be solved, which include some of the said suggestions Dave touched on last night.

This concludes my report.

Scott Green

Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

TIFED

Fire and Protections to Persons Committee

- In 2012 there were 58 calls
- T4's will be issued to Volunteer Firefighters, cheques to be issued by clerk
- Budget constraints and requirements were discussed
- More AZ drivers are needed, training will occur in 2013
- MOL is expected to inspect our Fire Department this year, we will receive some compliance orders and will have to respond to them immediately
- The Fire Chief is requesting compensation for inspections and duties(administration) that require extra hours and go above providing fire protection(we may be able to claim these hours)
- We are seeking approval to attend the NFEC, it is budgeted for

LARRY

PUBLIC WORKS JANUARY 17, 2013.

- All aqua flows are up and running.
- some bearings were changed on the sander
- snowplowing is on the go.
- The weather to date has caused more than the usual sand use this winter (Last weekend!!) and we are looking into the availability of more if needed.
- Terry has been passing on items to Lise for consideration in this year's public works budget.

Council Meeting of January 17th, 2012
Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

On December 21st Dr. Roedde met with George, Lise, Jaime and I to present her first quarterly update which is part of our council package. As you can see from her report, Dr. Roedde and the medical staff have been very busy over the past few months. We expressed our heartfelt appreciation for all the special care and involvement she has shown while dealing with our residents' medical needs since covering off Dr. Hardies practice.

The Community Association has agreed to cover the expense of running the rink this year. The rink will be open on weekends beginning next Friday evening, January 25th and will follow the same schedule as last year. Jacob Rideout will be our rink attendant this year.

The gym presently has seventeen members up from thirteen at this time last January. Hopefully, this trend continues. Looks like a good start for 2013.

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee and Community Association will be held here on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30.

We rescheduled the Library Board meeting for next Tuesday, January 22nd because four of our group were ill. Hopefully, Maxine and the other members of the board are feeling better.

The Temagami-Cobalt Corridor meeting will be held here next Wednesday at 6:30.

Report from Councillor Dave Willcock

January 17, 2013

Re: Possible acquisition of Crown Land on East Side of Murphy Mill Road:

I have nothing new to report on this matter this month.

Re: Natural Gas Extension to Service Latchford:

Bill Greenway, Economic Development Officer for The Town of Red Lake, has provided me with contact information for the Executive Director of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, and I will contact him to find out if there are any funding possibilities. I will also be contacting Fednor.

FedNor has a program called "Northern Ontario Development Program" which might be a source of assistance for this project.

Red Lake had the good fortune of receiving a large sum of money from one of the mines in their municipality.

Unfortunately, the Ministry of Energy does not provide funding for natural gas pipeline expansion. There are a couple other resources that I may explore. Infrastructure Ontario offers project loans through its Loan Program.

I will continue to search for funding.

OSWAP Funding:

To my knowledge, there has still been no announcement to advise that this funding will be forthcoming this year. Whether it does or not, I believe that we need to press on with a demand of the Province, to lower power costs for water treatment plants.

LAS Energy Program:

I received a reply from Jason Hagan, LAS Program Coordinator of AMO, regarding this program for purchasing discounted electrical power through AMO. He included an overview of the program and asked that I contact him for a phone discussion when I have some of the data compiled that he will need. He requested the total number of accounts and I will also provide last years total electricity costs when I have them completed.

Dock Relocation:

I received a couple of replies from Jim Sanderson at the MNR. He advises that a work permit may be required depending on the type of docks installed, however pole docks (with a total footprint of all poles less than 15 square meters) or floating docks do not require a work permit. Docks with crib area totalling more than 15 square meters require work permit to install. Mr. Sanderson spoke with one of the area technicians that is heavily involved in fisheries who advised that the area definitely looks like good pike, and possibly Bass habitat, and that floating or pole docks would definitely be the preferred for this location

He suggested that working in "the dry" during winter draw-down may be the best plan, and that proof of ownership of back lot and water lots may be required.

If the docks are on Crown lakebed, authority to put them there may be required - possibly in the form of a Land Use Permit

If commercial in nature & any portion of the docks are to be located on Crown lakebed a Land Use Permit would be required (fees associated) -

Neighbours comments may be required.

I believe that using our existing decks and converting them to pole docks are the best plan. Even if we cannot remove the cribs, they could be marked for safety until we can.

Monitored Hydro Costs (All taxes included)

Dec 31	Town Office	\$666.18 (kwh/day up 3.5%)	1 mth
	Street Lighting	Not received yet	2 mth
Dec 31	Fire Hall	\$121.65 (kwh/day up 33%)	1 mth
Dec 31	Town Garage	\$569.57 (Average kwh/day down 24% down for last 2 months :-)	1 mth
	Water Plant	Not received yet	1 mth
Dec 31	Fred Keenan Centre	\$969.70 (kwh/day down 7% from previous year)	1 mth
Dec 31	Rec Centre	\$578.94 (kwh/day down 5.5% First time a decrease occurred hope it continues)	1 mth

Notes:

- The Town Office had only a small increase in power this month compared to last year.
- It is worth noting that the Rink Shack is receiving a bill for \$40.00/month even when there is no activity at all. Most of you know I would like to see that building destroyed as it seems to be of no benefit to the town.
- Public works has been showing reductions of power use consistently at the town garage.
- For the first time, the power usage at the rec centre went down slightly. The past few months have shown large increases. Did the centre have less use this month? Could the previous increases have been due to revenue generating events?

End of Report

Dave Willcock

Filename: Council Report 13-01