

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY July 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Scott Green, and Dave Willcock. Theo Cull, Larry Anderson, and Jo-Anne Cartner.

**Regrets:** Councilor Cannon.

**Staff:** Lise Remillard, CFO.

**Public:** Three in attendance.

**Press:** Jim Patrick CJTT.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

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

**Resolution No.: 13/1198**

**Moved By:** Larry Anderson

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Agenda is adopted as circulated and amended.**

**CARRIED**

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

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 13/1199**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Dave Willcock

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the in camera Regular and in-camera Council meeting of June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 be adopted as circulated and amended.**

**CARRIED**

5. **DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:** Dr Roedde provided Council with an report on the Latchford Medical Clinic (see attached)

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

**Councillor Anderson:** will discuss half ton and grader under new business.

**Councillor Green:** Discuss 2013 Budget in-camera portion of the meeting.

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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Action Items**

**1. First Nations**

**Resolution No.: 13/1200**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that the:** Corporation of the Town Of Latchford approves the Temagami Cobalt Corridor Committee to extend an invitation to Temagami First Nation and Temiskaming First Nation to have a representative sit on TCC Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 13/1201**

**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. Timiskaming Health Unit Financial Statement
2. Temagami –Cobalt- Corridor June 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes
3. MNR Herbicide Spraying on the Timiskaming Forest.
4. TeMAG June 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes
5. Temiskaming Municipal Association May 30<sup>th</sup> minutes.
6. Trans Canada information on line inspections
7. Kemp Pirie MPAC/ Hound Chute Generating Station-Appeal
8. Timiskaming Health Unit May 1st minutes.
9. MPAC regarding resolution to withhold payments.

**\*\*** Mayor Lefebvre received email from Kemp, Pirie regarding MPAC And MPAC will be doing a mock assessment.

**CARRIED**

**08. ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Council discussed concerns about Hwy 11 rehabilitation. Letters from residents will be sent to MTO to arrange a site visit with Staff and Council.

**09. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neo Net Hotspots will no longer be available.
2. Public Works would like to keep the grader for another year could possibly get \$20,000. Wing would cost \$25,000. Council discussed if they only had the plow truck there would be no backup.

Mayor Lefebvre commented that when the Town only had the grader we did fine.

3. Public Works pickup will be discussed during budget.

**10. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution No 13/1202**

**Moved By:** Theo Cull

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1337** being a by-law to change composition of Council from seven members to five members one of whom is the head of Council for the next term for 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.

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No 13/1203**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Theo Cull

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1340.** being a bylaw to establish a fire department for the Town Of Latchford to replace Bylaw No 95/537 .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 13/1204**

**Moved By:** Dave Willcock

**Seconded By:** Larry Anderson

**Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1342** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held July 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No** 13/1205  
**MOVED BY:** Theo Cull  
**SECONDED BY:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:13 p.m. to discuss the following matters as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* Section 239 (2);

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 13/1206**  
**Moved By:** Larry Anderson  
**Seconded By:** Scott Green  
**Be it resolved that** Council now arise from Closed Meeting @ 9:14

**CARRIED**


12. **ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 13/1207**  
**Moved By:** Theo Cull  
**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 9:18pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Dated at Latchford this 18th day  
Of July 2013.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

JUL 18 2013

Mayor's Report, July 18, 2013

**MCTV Interview**

I was requested by Marina Moore to agree to being interviewed regarding a phone call they had received about Latchford being in dire financial straits and on the verge of having to "turn the keys over to the province" and concerns about a dock in a deteriorated state. I assured her there was absolutely no substance to the story about the Town having to turn to the province and although there were some docks needing maintenance, there were other issues involved with them. I did agree to the interview which was conducted on July 05.

After interviewing me during which I outlined how Council had reacted to our inherited debt situation and stating that we had managed to pay down by 63% the \$555,000 education debt we had inherited and stated that I was reluctant to discuss dock issues which had an outstanding lawsuit of \$1M on them and other issues, she told me she had to interview the woman who called her, Flo Bruneau.

After watching the newscast, I emailed her my displeasure at the negative tone and the inaccuracy of the statements that were aired. I have been contacted by numerous residents and non-residents of Latchford expressing their disbelief at the inaccurate comments that MCTV chose to air as I am sure all of you have. I have attached that email exchange to my report so as to outline for you my response to this negative depiction of Latchford.

**Latchford Control Dam Project**

On Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Jeff and I met with Harpreet Gill, Doug Murphy and their new boss, Marilee (?), (I didn't get her last name and she didn't have her business cards with her), at the dam. Doug had conveniently forgot his key so we couldn't get out on the deck of the dam which was the reason Harpreet wished to come here and to have us meet her new boss. During that meeting we did advise Doug that Jeff had discovered a report he had co-authored on the dam in 1999 in which he stated that optimum location for the installation of turbines was along the south end. He attempted to deny it and we advised that we would provide him with a copy of it at our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. For whatever reason, he did not attend this meeting.

On the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup>, we had 3 from PWGSC, 3 from Hydrosys/Dessau, 2 from MNR as well as Jeff, Dan Cleroux, Roger Clark and me in attendance. Plans seem to firmly establish that the new dam will be built immediately upstream of the existing dam. We are making considerable progress in having our needs realized as the most recent design incorporates a full length, 5 metre wide deck to accommodate sport-fishing (1.5metres), ATV's and Snowmobiles (3.5 metres) during their respective seasons. The side rail has been lowered in these plans so that fishing can occur the entire length of the dam on the downstream side. Signs will advise

cyclists to walk their bikes across the deck of the dam. Also, the present proposed design incorporates stop logs for level control as is in the present dam and not the inflatable Obermeyer Weir that had previously been considered. The design also incorporates lighting for the deck on the dam.

Conversely, they are still planning to install the turbines on the North end of the dam while we promote installation on the south end. The re-release of the 1999 report should help to sway the thinking of the design team or extract the real reasons for wanting the Northern location.

I have sent a follow-up letter to Angela Russell, Real Estate Advisor for PWGSC relative to the re-acquisition of the property that was expropriated from Latchford in 1909.

### **Highway 11 issues in Latchford**

Jaime has received some formal letters regarding deficiencies resulting from last year's construction that have to be brought to the attention of the MTO. In addition to these complaints, I am recommending that all properties adjacent to the re-constructed sidewalks have proper sod placed along their property lines in lieu of the very poor soil that was placed their last year and is producing weeds, if anything. Further, the sidewalk on the Northeast corner of Mowat and Main is caving in and needs immediate repair. These, in addition to the depressed manholes all have to be addressed A.S.A.P.

### **Municipal Infrastructure Funding Consultation**

I have registered to attend a free seminar in Callander on July 26<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs as I also have a free ride down.

GLL

## Jaime Allen

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**From:** George Lefebvre [shasonje@ontera.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2013 9:25 AM  
**To:** jaime Allen  
**Subject:** Fw: Your News Story

Hi Jaime:

Can you print this off for me as I wish to attach it to my report.

Thanks, George

----- Original Message -----

**From:** George Lefebvre

**To:** Marina Moore

**Cc:** jaime Allen

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013 10:38 AM

**Subject:** Fw: Your News Story

Good Morning Marina:

Further to my earlier email, we have concluded our key stakeholders meeting of yesterday and I am now in position to give you a positive story on a \$20M Latchford Control Dam project should you be interested. Also, as I stated previously we have a new Doctor in the Latchford Medical Clinic which is another positive story.

I look forward to hearing from you at your first opportunity.

Thanks and have a great day!

George

----- Original Message -----

**From:** George Lefebvre

**To:** Marina Moore

**Cc:** Jaime Allen

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013 11:03 AM

**Subject:** Re: Your News Story

Hi Marina:

Thanks for your prompt response, it is most appreciated. The "citizen's frustration" that was depicted by your interview with the two has very little support from within the community and appears to be shared by no one. Their depiction of Latchford is inaccurate and without basis other than for their own self interests. People from both within Latchford and the surrounding area familiar with our town have expressed their displeasure with the image projected by that story.

I will contact you after our key stakeholders meeting on July 16 regarding the Latchford Control Dam project in the hopes that you can find the time to visit us and leave with a positive impression and story. It would also be an opportunity to do a story on our Latchford Medical Clinic which is both positive and unique for a community of our size.

I know your viewers here in Latchford and area would welcome that.

Do have yourself a great day!

George

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Marina Moore

**To:** 'George Lefebvre'

**Cc:** Jaime Allen

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:06 AM

**Subject:** RE: Your News Story

Good morning mayor Lefebvre,

I'm sorry that you were disappointed with the story.

I did my best to tell both sides, indicating the citizens frustrations and the councils plans to resolve the towns debts.

All of the information that was used was what I was directly told in my interviews.

Looking forward to catching up with you in the future to talk about the Dam project.

Have a great day.

Marina

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**From:** George Lefebvre [<mailto:shasonje@ontera.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:33 AM

**To:** Marina Moore

**Cc:** Jaime Allen

**Subject:** Your News Story

Good Morning Marina:

I don't usually resort to this but would be remiss if I didn't express my disappointment that, despite my reassurance to the contrary, the news item opened with the possibility of Latchford having to turn to the Province for assistance. I tried to make it clear in discussion that was not the truth and that we had paid down the Board of Education's debts by more than 63% in less than three years. Further, there has never been a business or residence sold in Latchford because of high taxes. The last two residences sold in less than a week of being listed but the business that was shown in your feature is for sale due to the failure of a marriage and by profiling it in the manner it was, you have made it's sale more difficult. Miss Bruneau who has lived in Latchford for less than three years was a failed Mayoral candidate in the last election and does not pay municipal taxes here.

I hope when you return to do a feature on the \$20M plus Latchford Control Dam project that we can profile the Town in a more positive manner.

Have a great day!

George Lefebvre



Dr. Gretchen Roedde

JUL 18 2013

Latchford Medical Clinic

66 Main St PO Box 100

Latchford Ontario POJ 1N0

**Briefing Note to Latchford Town Council July 18 2013**

**Agreements**

There are now legal agreements:

1. between Dr. Hardie and myself with respect to the transfer of the responsibility for patient care and medical records and
2. between the host communities of Latchford, Coleman and Cobalt; the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; and myself for me to provide services in the Latchford Medical Clinic.

**Expenses**

There have been unforeseen expenses with the transition.

*Medical equipment - \$950 (autoclave \$500, fetal doppler \$300, \$150 for instruments and a nebulizer for a patient with acute shortness of breath)*

*Electronic Medical Records System - \$8604 - \$3604 to date (usually costs more - installation of software, and 2 months of support @\$302/month), with the need to in addition purchase a transferable licence @\$5000 (usually costs more). This licence would remain with the clinic in the advent of a change of physician.*

*Legal Bills - \$1500 retainer to Doupe Bennett and Mcleod. One item in the agreement with Dr. Hardie and myself is there is to be no further legal disputes so hopefully the final bill will not be higher.*

There will also be higher costs to Christie Saint for the work installing software than her usual monthly amount for start up costs.

I suggest the towns might approach Lison Breton to see if there is unspent money from 2012 that could be used towards the transition costs. The EMR costs are long-term investments as we now have a functioning system again and the licence the towns would get would be transferable, ie not owned by the physician.

### **Exploring Stronger Linkages with Temagami and Cobalt**

I have spoken with Ellen Ibey in Temagami and Lison Breton at the Ministry. Ellen is to follow up with her liaison with respect to whether additional resources could come to Cobalt and Latchford (cost share a nurse etc.) through an affiliation with Temagami. I will follow up.

### **Geographic Focus of Practice**

All existing patients can remain in the practice including those from Quebec. New patients will be prioritized to Latchford Cobalt and Coleman. Patients who wish to switch out of the practice will be given copies of their files at no cost. There are new doctors coming to NL (at least 2) and Haileybury (Dr Nicole Currie in December).

### **Governance**

As the overhead budget is managed by the town of Latchford, I propose frequent meetings to look at budgets and priorities. There is now a board room at the clinic for this purpose or I can attend your meetings as we are doing tonight. I suggest there might be consideration to a patient representative who could attend on an ad hoc basis. I have worked hard to ensure patients rights to continuity of care and access to their files was maintained in the midst of a difficult transition. I did consult with patients in the process.

### **Office Management**

Carla Duquette is back and doing a fine job, with Margot Sawyerr as back-up.

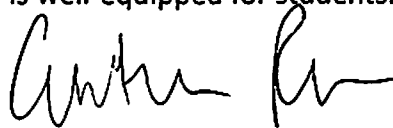
### **Community Support**

Patients and the host communities have been outstanding.

### **Teaching Site**

Dr Roedde will teach students at the clinic 2013/2014. We are discussing with NOSM the teaching room which is currently lacking equipment such as computers. Students usually have their own. The clinic itself is well-equipped for students.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Gretchen Roedde