

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY DECEMBER 19TH 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, Theo Cull
Maxine Cannon & Larry Anderson.

Regrets: Councilors Willcock and Cartner.

Staff: Lise Remillard, CFO. Jaime Allen Clerk.

Public: No members of the public.

Press: Jim Patrick CJTT, Darlene Wroe Temiskaming Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 13/1281

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the December 19th .Agenda is adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 13/1282

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular, and in camera Council meeting held November 21st 2013 and Budget Committee meeting held December 2nd 2013. Be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: Rod McGibbon made presentation to Council on their responsibility as the operating authority of the Latchford Water Treatment Plant Owners.(see attached)

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Anderson: see attached

Councillor Green: Will be scheduling Budget Meeting early in January.

Councillor Cull: Will be meeting with Fire Chief in the New Year to go over Budget.

Councillor Cannon: see attached

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Leave of Absence.

Resolution No.: 13/1283

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that the: Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves leave of absence for Councillor Dave Willcock until February 28th 2014.

CARRIED

Storage Building

Resolution No. 13/1284

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the: Council of the Town of Latchford approves rate increase to \$15.00 per foot plus HST for use of storage facility, and to amend Schedule A of Bylaw 821/07 to reflect increase December 19th 2013.

CARRIED

Insurance Renewal:

Resolution No. 13/1285

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves insurance renewal for 2014 from MIS insurance in the amount of \$70,337.00 plus HST

CARRIED

Quality Management System Operational Plan.

Resolution No. 13/1286

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Quality Management System Plan for Latchford drinking water system as presented.

CARRIED

Asset Management Plan.

Resolution No. 13/1287

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Asset Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 13/1288

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

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

B. Information Items

1. TEMAG correspondence and minutes.
2. OPP billing overview
3. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs 2013 Municipal Performance.
4. FONOM December newsletter.
5. THU Board Minutes November 20th 2013.
6. THU Board Minutes October 9th 2013.
7. Trans Canada pipeline update.
8. TMA minutes November 28th 2013.
9. Ministry Of Community Safety, program delivery update.
10. TransCanada pipeline information.
11. Ministry Of Community Safety, rail transportation update.
12. FONOM Northern Leaders Forum.
13. EXP Landfill Study.
14. Tay Valley Township Policing costs
15. Township Of Baldwin's letter to Minister Gravelle
16. Township of Baldwin request for support.

CARRIED

- 08. ONGOING BUSINESS:** Council discussed letter from Latchford Seniors Regarding use of Library.

09. **New Business.**

General Bills and Payroll

Resolution No. 13/1289

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that: the following Payroll in the amount \$25,546.53 and General Bills in the amount of \$95,029.10 for the period November 5th 2013 to December 17th 2013. Be passed and paid on behalf of the Corporation of the Town Of Latchford.

CARRIED

Policing Costs Concerns Tay Township.

Resolution No. 13/1290

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford are very concerned about the potential for excessive increases in policing costs under the proposed revisions, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Council support the letter of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards dated November 25th regarding the Ontario Provincial Police Alternative Billing Consultations as circulated by Tay Valley Township. **AND FURTHER**, that this resolution be forwarded to Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for her consideration and to the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group, Temiskaming Municipal Association and FONOM for their support.

CARRIED

Policing Costs Concerns Township of Baldwin

Resolution No. 13/1291

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford share the concerns of the Township of Baldwin and support the initiatives undertaken by said Township with respect to resolving the inequities facing small municipalities in delivering mandated services, **AND WHEREAS** it is through discussion with small municipalities and their governments that these issues can hopefully be resolved, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council request that Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines extend the courtesy of responding to the letters of request from the Township of Baldwin dated August 27th and November 04th, 2013. **AND FURTHER**, that this resolution be forward to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, Temiskaming Mayors Action Group, and FONOM for their support.

CARRIED

Vehicle purchase Public Works

Resolution No. 13/1292

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that: The Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves quote from Mazzuca (Northway) Chrysler for pickup truck for the Latchford Public Works Dept.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 13/1293

Moved By: The Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1356 being a by-law to enter into a partnership with Solaire Kapuskasing Solar Inc. (Kap Solar) 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 13/1294

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/1357 being a by-law to declare lot 342 PCL 16481SST and Gilles Limit Blk 68 PT MC, WB 85Pcl 13499ST as surplus. 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 13/1295

Moved By: Larry Anderson

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. ~~Be it resolved that~~ bylaw No. 13/1358 being a by-law to authorize execution of a contribution agreement between the Ministry Of Agriculture Food And Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for the Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Capacity Funding Agreement . 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 13/1296

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 13/135 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held November 21st 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. 13/1297

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Larry Anderson

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:17 pm until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor. **CARRIED**

**Dated at Latchford this 19th day
Of December 2014.**



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, December 19, 2013

Latchford Control Dam Project

Jeff Barton has provided a quite extensive interim project report that is in Jaime's office. Because of the inclusion of the information contained in the Hatch Peer Review that was conducted, it has a "Non-disclosure agreement" attached. It can only be read by staff and elected members of Council and cannot leave the office. Much of the content you have already been copied on but it is still worth the read.

Tenders for the construction of the new dam have still not been called so one has to presume that will not occur until the New Year. Jeff is presently arranging a key stakeholders meeting with the objective to hold it early in January. Water Power Group representatives wish to have PWGSC members in attendance but PWGSC have only agreed to participate by teleconference, at this point. The lead contact at WPG has switched from Mark Powell to Colin Digout whom you have met when he attended Council along with Mark.

We are in contact with Canadian Hydro Components (CHC) in Almonte as we have been advised that they have a turbine design similar to the MJ2-VLH that WPG proposes using. CHC had previously designed a 4 turbine proposal for the Latchford Dam which never appears to have been considered by WPG.

Highway 11 issues in Latchford

I am still awaiting response to my email of November 14 regarding highway issues.

OPG Hound Chute Assessment

A joint letter from Coleman Township and the Town of Latchford has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance regarding the inequity of payment that both communities receive for this site. We are still awaiting a response.

Forest Tenure Modernization Advisory Team

The initial call for RFP's has had to be reissued and closes tomorrow. The date for completion has also been extended to June 30 from March 31.

Northern Leaders Forum

I attended the Northern Leaders Forum in Timmins on December 06. Premier Wynne and 8 Cabinet Ministers were in attendance. This invitation only forum didn't appear to be overly well attended either through lack of invitation or interest. In my humble opinion, the format itself did not provide for the type of interaction in questions and answers that benefit attendees that have to come great distances to participate. I did get a quick opportunity to speak directly to Minister Gravelle about our concerns with the number of trucks hauling concentrates up Highway 11 to Rouyn-Noranda.

I had been provided with some briefing notes by the Clerk in Baldwin Township which I am attaching. They provide a good overview of how easy the tax load is in unincorporated areas and it does provide us with an insight into why the tax payers in the annexed portion of the Town are so upset. Baldwin Township and neighbouring Nairn & Hyman are hosting a working meeting in Sudbury on January 20 (a Monday) and have invited the Clerk or CFO and myself to attend. That invitation is circulated tonight as well and I would encourage you to authorize our participation.

Emergency Preparedness Response Plan

I participated in a webex conference with OPG and other parties regarding the APRP plan on December 13. Previously, they had a face to face meeting in Dymond for the Montreal and Matabitchuan EPRP's but this year they used this format and included the updates for the Mattagami and Abitibi River systems. I was the only municipal participant of the five none OPG type and I think they will probably return to the previous format as I think the free lunch increased the participation.

GLL

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Proposed OPP Billing Model

December 17, 2013

Mayor George Lefebvre
Town of Latchford
BY FAX: 705-676-2121

Dear George,

Like our Councils, yours will be receiving copies of resolutions passed by other communities regarding the proposed Ontario Provincial Police billing model. Most of the ones that we have been receiving are petitioning the Premier to step in and abolish the proposed model.

Our municipalities are two (2) of the sixteen (16) who would stand to benefit on the surface of the proposed model. We would see our per household costs reduced from well in excess of \$600 down to \$360 and yet we cannot in good conscience support this model. There are too many unknowns, and from our perspective, too little analysis has gone into the preparation of this model. Additionally we feel that this is a knee jerk reaction to the comments made by the Auditor General and the requirement that each Provincial Ministry reduce costs.

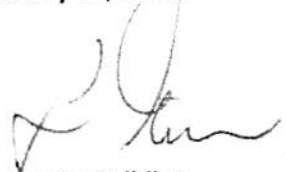
We strongly believe that lasting, healthy and sustainable change will never come from a top down approach. We feel that by coming together our small municipalities can develop our own billing model for presentation to the OPP and the Province. So we extend an invitation to you and your Clerk, Treasurer or CAO to join us at a working meeting in Sudbury Monday January 20th, 2014 we are planning on starting at 1 P.M. in order to accommodate those who will have a distance to drive. The venue has not yet been determined and will depend on how many municipalities agree to participate.

We sincerely hope you join us. In our opinion it is not enough to say that we disagree with what has been proposed: **WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE SOLUTION THAT WORKS BEST FOR US** – it is our communities that are impacted! We know it is a short turn around but we are asking that you let us know if you are able to join us by contacting Peggy Young-Lovelace, Clerk-Treasurer at Baldwin Township at 705-869-0225 or by email at peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca by Monday January 6th, 2014.

Respectfully,



Archie Bovin
Reeve
Township of Baldwin



Laurier Falldien
Mayor
Township of Nairn & Hyman

Comments/notes for Gravelle Meeting

1. How can small municipalities worry about the northern economy and addressing economic development when the province fails to recognize that we have unique needs and circumstances? How can we be equal beneficiaries in funding opportunities that are geared toward “regional development activities” or specifically related to the Growth Plan when we have a hard time maintaining service levels? How can the Province reasonably expect our taxpayers to pay more than those who live in unincorporated areas?
 - a. There are 144 municipalities in Northern Ontario. Of those 87% of them have a population of less than 5,000; 49% of the 144 have a population less than 1,000. Yet small communities are after thoughts and unless there is a huge crisis that garners media attention we are ignored.
 - b. There are 1580 unincorporated municipalities in Northern Ontario. Some have local roads and services boards. Levies paid to the Roads Board are do not cover the actual cost of providing the services and are subsidized by the Province – how else would the road and bridge repair work in these areas get done? Yet municipalities have to meet a provincial infrastructure priority and compete with each other for funding or the local taxpayers have to foot 100% of the bill. The amount received from the Gas Tax is
 - i. Based on the 2013 Provincial Land Tax (PLT) rates a house assessed at \$100,000 would be paying \$161.73 (not including the education tax) as “their fair share” of what it costs to provide services like those from MPAC, DSSABs, Policing, Health Units etc. Yet the new policing model alone has a base cost of \$260 per household that our municipalities have to pay? Is this fair and equitable treatment of taxpayers?
 - ii. Using the commercial value of PLT which is substantially less than the residential, a property valued at \$300,000 which could be a tourist lodge would pay \$163.31 – this would be equivalent to a one night stay in most hotel rooms! Yet our commercial sector must pay much more.
 - iii. I have heard the argument about no tax without fair representation yet the unincorporated are represented on all the same boards as municipalities and at the end of the day we all have the same number of representatives in parliament! So why are the vast majority of people in Ontario subsidizing those that live in these areas? The use municipal roads and other services without actually contributing to the cost.
 - iv. Municipal Affairs say that they do not allow new development in unorganized territory, this pertains to lot creation not construction. Building permits are not required in an unincorporated area. So there is no control over what can be developed. In fact there are instances where there are \$400,000 homes being constructed on prime waterfront!
 - v. Amalgamations are not the best solution to resolve the issue as municipalities have to take over considerable road networks and other infrastructure that now needs to be subsidized by the existing tax base. Where some of these

amalgamations have happened municipalities are challenged with constant complaints from those who previously were in the unincorporated areas.

2. How can small municipalities ready themselves to compete in such a highly competitive development market when they have small staff complements and very little flexibility in their budget? Administrative Offices in small municipalities have 1 or 2 fulltime equivalent positions to carry out the same work as larger ones. We are all responsible for the same legislation. While work volumes in some circumstances are less, the complexity of the type of required work (like energy demand management planning; asset management etc.) overload staff or staff don't have the expertise to be able to carry out the task. Hiring professionals to complete this work for us is both time consuming and costly.
 - a. Development charges, community improvement plans and other "Tools" espoused by the Province to be useful for communities to employ again require qualified personnel or time that existing staff does not have.
 - b. The decrease in the OMPF payments along with the increase in operational costs such as policing, social services, rising hydro/fuel costs etc. have made it impossible for us to compete for those development dollars because our tax rates are increasing uncontrollably.
 - c. Shared services, while conceptually a great idea, are often logistically hard to implement in the vast geography of the north. Video conferencing and other technologies may be a vehicle to share more however without the core IT infrastructure municipalities will not be able to make this a priority when faced with so many other challenges.
3. The discretionary amounts of our budgets are declining annually and our taxpayers can't continually be expected to carry all of the costs when others living close by pay so much less.
 - a. The Province needs to seriously look at how it does business with small communities and the unincorporated. We are expected to cost recover for the services that we provide but the unincorporated has access to services without fairly contributing to the cost.

Thursday December 19, 2013

Good Evening

The total bill for the Recreation Centre is 637.73 Dated Nov 29th. So winter begins.

The Community Association made use of the Centre last Saturday making up Christmas bags for the Seniors of Latchford. Carolyn MacArthur and her granddaughter Nora came out to help Perry - Livingston, JoAnne & I filling the bags. I would like to thank Carolyn & Nora for the Community Association we are so thankful for any volunteers. Jo and I delivered the bags the same day. The seniors were very happy and had big smiles.

Last Thursday we had a Library meeting. We discussed the needs of other libraries that we could help out with donating some of the furniture and other things they may need. Anything left behind will be up for sale in the New Year. We are grateful that Cobalt will welcome us at their library. Any finances will be decided in the New Year. There are a lot of steps to follow in closing the library.

I had a call from a citizen concerning our street lights. I will be contacting Terry to see what can be done.

I would like to discuss an issue concerning future meetings in new business if I can? :)

Take Care

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all 😊

Maxine