

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST 2016
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 Perry Livingston, Theo Cull, Jo-Anne Cartner, Scott Green, Mike Brooks & Trudy Lepage,

Regrets: nil

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

Public: nil

Press: Jim Patrick, CJTT,

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.: 16/001

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that the January 21st 2016. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL: NIL

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 16/002

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular Council Meeting December 16th 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Cull: Set Budget meeting dates for 2016.

Councillor Cartner: see attached.

Councillor Lepage: reported on rink opening.

Councillor Brooks: Reported on New Year's Dance run by Fire Dept.

Councillor Livingston: reported on Public Works, new sander purchased and snow removal

Councillor Green: attending compilation meeting on January 26th 2016

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Financial Plan drinking water.

Resolution No.: 16/003

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner.

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Latchford Drinking Water System Financial plan as prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency as per attached.

TABLED

2. DTSSAB wage freeze.

Resolution No.: 16/004

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford supports the Township of Hilliard resolution for DTSSAB to freeze non union position wages for two years so Municipalities have an opportunity for budget relief.

CARRIED

3. Food Bank

Resolution No.: 16/005

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves payment to the Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford and Area food Bank of One Thousand Dollars as per attached request.

CARRIED

TMBA:

Resolution No.: 16/006

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves the inclusion of the City of Temiskaming Shores as a member of the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association as per the TMBA report dated December 21st 2015. On the condition that an independent audit /cost benefit analysis be completed and paid for by the City Of Temiskaming Shores per recommendation of the Townships of Chamberlain and Ewanturel.

CARRIED

Northern Travel Grant.

Resolution No.: 16/007

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

« WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funds the Northern Health Travel Grant which provides financial assistance to patients requiring specialized health care services outside of their local region;

AND WHEREAS many northern patients travel less than the minimum 100 km one-way distance to receive their specialized health care services or lifesaving treatment and may also pay an additional parking fee per visit and do not qualify to receive any financial assistance under the current grant stipulations;

AND WHEREAS it is important that all northern residents have equal opportunity to access specialized health care services in Ontario without incurring any financial hardship and that all residents travelling to receive required health care services should be permitted to apply for the Northern Health Travel Grant regardless of the distance travelled;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Latchford urges the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be

eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, to all Northern Ontario municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requesting their support in this important initiative. »

CARRIED

Highway Maintenance

Resolution No.: 16/008

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Theo Cull

« **WHEREAS** the Auditor General of Ontario released a review of winter highway maintenance in April 2015; wherein the Minister of Transportation was directed to develop and deliver an action plan to address the Auditor General's recommendations;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Highways Management Division of the Ministry of Transportation released the Winter Highway Maintenance Action Plan in June 2015; wherein highway maintenance will be tailored to the individual highways based on their classification;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Highways Management Division is responsible for maintaining and repairing the King's Highways under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act and they are also stewards of Ontario's provincial highway network, managing the engineering, construction, operations and maintenance activities performed for the network's upkeep and expansion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Latchford urges the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travellers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, to Northern Ontario municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requesting their support in this important matter. »

CARRIED

Hydro Rates

Resolution No.: 16/009

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

« **WHEREAS** rural and northern Ontario residents and businesses are experiencing increasing hydro rates resulting in financial hardship;

AND WHEREAS customers having access to natural gas as their primary heating source report significant savings over other heating alternatives;

AND WHEREAS it is important that all residents have equal opportunity to access varied sources for heating;

AND WHEREAS many northern municipalities are unable to access natural gas services due to distribution expansion restraints and regulatory requirements;

AND WHEREAS The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) sent a letter, dated May 21, 2014, to the Ministry of Energy echoing the same statements and also offering to work with the Ministry on the expansion of natural gas services to northern Ontario communities and accessible to all residents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Latchford urges the Minister of Energy to consider expanding the accessibility to natural gas services in northern Ontario communities in order to provide a similar financial saving opportunity to all northern residents and businesses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Energy, to the National Energy Board, to all northern Ontario municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requesting their support in this important initiative. »

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 16/010

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

1. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes November 4th 2015
2. Bryan Searle, Latchford FIR.
3. Energy East update.
4. MTO public electric vehicle charging stations.
5. 2016 FONOM, May 11th -13th.
6. Stewardship Ontario recycling results 3rd quarter.
7. Coleman Township retirement and appointment announcement.
8. Temiskaming Hospital Foundation radio thon.
9. West Nipissing winter highway maintenance
10. West Nipissing Natural services.
11. West Nipissing Northern Travel Grant
12. Chief Building Official Report (2015)

CARRIED

09. ONGOING BUSINESS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution No 16/011

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2016-001** being a by-law to adopt policies with respect to remuneration for Mayor and Councils and mileage expenses effective January 1st 2016. 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 16/012

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2016-002** Being a bylaw to provide for an interim tax levy, and water,sewage,connection and frontage charges for 2016,. 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 16/013

Resolution No 16/013

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2016-003** being a bylaw to appoint Kemp, Elliott, and Blair as auditors for the Town Of Latchford for 2016.. 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 16/014

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2016-004** 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 16/015

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2016-005** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for Council meeting held January 21st 2016. 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.: 16/016

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Theo Cull

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford enter into a Closed Meeting at 8:02 pm to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239

- **Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;**

CARRIED

Closed Session.

Resolution No.: 16/017

Moved By: Theo Cull

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now arise from closed meeting with no report @8:12P.M.

CARRIED

13. **ADJOURN**

Resolution No. 16/018

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 8:13 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

**Dated at Latchford this 21st day
Of January 2016**



Mayor

Clerk