CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL THURSDAY MAY 18TH 2017

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, Mike Brooks, Trudy

Lepage Scott Green, Jo-Anne Cartner and Sharon Gaudoury-East

Regrets:

CFO. Lise Remillard

Staff:

Jaime Allen, Clerk.

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.:17/075
Moved By: Scott Green
Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the May 18th 2017. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 17/076
Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting held April 20th 2017 be

adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Lepage: Fire Dept is ordering new bunkers gear, yard sale is set for June 10th will be selling raffle tickets at Chartrands on May 20th Received a 500.00 dollar donation from Rita McDermid for Canada Day.

Councillor Brooks: No concerns with the water plant, funding is approved for capital upgrades.

Councillor Livingston: New backhoe is here all streets have been swept, camp ground is up and running, playground equipment all inspected. Paving on Murphy Mill Road to start mid June. Dock repairs all done and spring cleanup continuing.

Councillor Cartner: Will be attending CCL meeting on May 24th to go over mapping project.

Councillor Green: as part of the Ad Hoc committee did a tour of the area north of Marcotte that the Town is considering acquiring for future use as an industrial or business, park and managed to leave Mayor Lefebvre behind.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 17/077

Moved By: Perry Livingston Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$26,165.67 and accounts payable in the amount of \$53,182.44. Electronic payments in the amount of \$14,993.76 for the period April 11th thru May 8th 2017.

CARRIED

2. Small Mouth Bass Sponsorship.

Resolution No.: 17/078

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves sponsorship of the Temiskaming Smallmouth Bass Series event being held on Bay Lake June 25th 2017 in the

amount of \$150.00 (One hundred and fifty dollars)

CARRIED

3. Offer to Purchase

Resolution No.: 17/079
Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves offer to purchase

50 King street in the amount of \$19,000.00 plus HST as per attached

CARRIED

4. New Septic system regulations.

Resolution No.: 17/080

Moved By: Perry Livingston Seconded By: Mike Brooks

WHEREAS the MMAH has proposed a change to the Building Code, B-08-09-03, requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner;

AND WHEREAS that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify the administrative costs to Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify any transfer of provincial funding to offset these additional downloaded costs;

AND WHEREAS adequate legislation already exists to correct malfunctioning systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The Corporation Town of Latchford encourage the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to take our concerns very seriously with regards to the proposed change to the Building Code B-08-09-03 and to ask that this proposed change be rescinded;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and circulated to all municipalities in Temiskaming District, TMA, MPP John Vanthof, and FONOM.

TABLED

5. Tax Exemption for members of Municipal Council

Resolution No.: 17/081

Moved By: Mike Brooks
Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Whereas the 2017 Federal Budget has raised personal taxes on all municipal politicians by removing the long standing, since 1947, tax exempt portion of their municipal remuneration for all elected politicians including those of us from very small communities,

And Whereas the purpose of this one-third-tax-free allowance was to provide "an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the person's duties as an elected officer."

And Whereas the removal of the allowance will result in a negative impact on elected officials in smaller communities,

And Whereas elected officials in larger centres receive budgets to support the incidental expenses that are denied to those from smaller communities due to budgets reflective of size,

And Whereas removing this one-third exemption can further decrease the ability of small and rural communities to attract candidates for municipal elections,

Therefore be it resolved that the federal budget be restructured to reinstate this one-third-tax-free exemption for municipal politicians from communities that provide no budget for elected officials to cover the cost of their incidental expenses.

And Further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, Anthony Rota, MP, Nipissing-Temiskaming, Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay, the Temiskaming Municipal Association, their member municipalities and TeMAG for consideration and support.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 17/082

Moved By: Mike Brooks **Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

- 1. Cobalt historical society media release, Temiskaming history.
- 2. Ministry of the Environment: Harmful algal blooms.
- 3. Jays care foundation: Grant opportunity.
- 4. Trans Canada: Dig Program
- 5. James Township: Supporting Latchford resolution, Montreal River
- 6. Ministry Of Citizenship diversity award.
- MP Gallant: Changes to Income Tax act municipal councillors.
- 8. Ministry of the Environment: revisions to water quality standards.
- 9. O.P.P. 2018 Municipal billing statements.
- 10. FONOM Spring newsletter
- 11. FONOM media release.
- 12. Town Of Kirkland Lake: Regarding DTSSAB reserves.
- 13. THU 2016 Annual report.
- 14. TMBA 2016 Financial statements.
- 15. THU 2016 Financial Statements.
- 16. FONOM 2015-2016 Financial Statements.
- 17. THU: Marketing of unhealthy food.
- 18. Ministry of Tourism: re:cycling.
- 19. Thank you card from Ken And Jo-Anne Cartner
- 20. MNDM regarding Feed in Tariff (FIT) program.

09. By-Laws

Appoint CBO

Resolution No 17/083

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2017-15 being a by-law to appoint Francis Rivard as Chief Building Official 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

CARRIED

Confirming by-law Resolution No 17/084

Moved By Perry Livingston Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2017-16** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held May 18th 2017. 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. NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed an email from Mac Hamilton regarding number of Councillors; Council was unanimous in its decision to keep Council at six.

11. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 17/085

Moved By: Trudy Lepage Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:38pm. Until the next regular meeting or call

from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 18th day Of May 2017

Mayor, George Lefebyre

Clerk, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, May 18, 2017

Latchford Control Dam and Official Opening

I am pleased to report that during my last phone conversation with Judith Bennett of PSPC, I was advised that they will be looking after the logistics regarding the official opening of our new dam on July 13 at 1:30 p.m. They will be responsible for extending invitations and we are to provide the names of area politicians and dignitaries that we wish to invite. Judith committed to bi-weekly phone calls to allow us to stay abreast of the plans and provide input. Following up, she sent me an email this morning and indicated that they need a list of who we would like to see invited. She further stated that until she gets an actual commitment as to have a senior elected official attend, the actual protocol for the event can't be determined.

Landscaping and paving, etc, are underway at the dam as evidenced and they had indicated a June 02 completion date but mid-June looks more realistic at this time. I contacted Patrice Deneault in an attempt to get a copy of the biologist's report from observations made during the recent pickerel spawn at the dam but received a rather vague response. I explained I wanted this to determine whether the change in discharging the heavy flow along the north bank versus the long held practice of doing it on the south side impacted spawning activities. He said he would be advising the operators of our concerns???

ONTC Land Acquisition

The Ad Hoc committee did a tour of the area north of Marcotte that we would consider acquiring for future use as an industrial or business, park but managed to leave me behind. The next step is sitting down with a map and defining the area as Perry and I were advised this would be beneficial to acquiring natural gas. We can set a time and date to night.

Natural Gas Services

Perry and I met with Glen Huard and Mark Lawson of Union Gas in North Bay on May 11. They started by saying they had some good news for us and that is that they intend to file their application for extension of natural gas services to Latchford by the end of July. They will be attending our Jul 15 meeting and have discussed this with Jaime as directed by Perry and I. They require a motion of support from us and a commitment from the Town to waive the municipal potion of property taxes on their infrastructure for the first ten years of having the service. This is considered our contribution which the OEB requires. Keep your fingers crossed.

Mining Exploration Activity

We are about to witness considerable mining activity in this area in the very near future. A call has already been received enquiring as to the availability of a landing area for a helicopter that would be used to carry supplies to exploration activities across the lake. You have all received

an email that I forwarded to you from Gino Chitaroni which includes maps for activity on this side by MetalsTech Cobalt. Perry and I were provided with a tour of an area by Gino on Tuesday that is under intensive exploration by Cobalt Power in close proximity to Cobalt. Stay tuned.

Xplornet

We are still waiting to receive more particulars with respect to the individual mail outs that Xplornet advised would be sent to each household. Dan Cleroux advises that Xplornet has been invited to hold an open house in Coleman Township and it would be wise for some of us to attend if for no other reason than to determine that an open house presentation would be worth our consideration.

Temagami Forest Management Plan

I attended an all day workshop in Temagami on May 01 as the alternate municipal representative. The management plan being prepared will cover the period from 2019 until 2029 and affects everything from timber harvesting areas, fuel wood and other forestry activities.

Communities of the Montreal River Activity

As things have been dragging with respect to acquiring a FIT contract on the Latchford Control Dam for the CMR, an opportunity is possible and being pursued to enhance our chance by acquiring a single customer to purchase all the electricity that could be generated. Another keep your fingers crossed.

GLL