

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY March 16th 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, Jo-Anne Cartner, Mike Brooks Trudy Lepage and Sharon Gaudoury-East

Regrets: Councilor Green, Lise Remillard CFO.

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk

Public: nil

Press: Darlene Wroe, Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No.:17/047

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the March 16th 2017. Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL:

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 17/048

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gaudoury-East

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular in camera and special council meetings held Feb 14, Feb16, Feb 22, and March 7th 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Councillor Lepage: reported on rink operations and will be closed by the end of March.

Councillor Brooks: No concerns with the water plant running smoothly

Councillor Livingston: Public works is quite this time of year, sand should last to the end of winter, will be doing brushing at the cemetery on Murphy Mill Road.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice to ensure transparency and accountability.

2. The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling discrepancies. It states that any variance between the recorded amounts and the actual amounts should be investigated immediately and reported to the appropriate authority.

3. The third part of the document describes the process for auditing the records. It notes that audits should be conducted regularly and by an independent party to verify the accuracy of the data and identify any potential areas of concern.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of technology in record-keeping. It suggests that using digital tools can help streamline the process and reduce the risk of human error, but it also stresses the need for robust security measures to protect the data.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points and reiterates the importance of adherence to the established procedures. It concludes by stating that consistent and accurate record-keeping is essential for the long-term success and integrity of the organization.

6. The sixth part of the document includes a list of references and resources that can be used for further information. It also provides contact details for the relevant departments and personnel who can assist with any queries or concerns.

7. The seventh part of the document contains a section for additional notes and observations. It is intended for use by the staff to record any changes, updates, or specific incidents that may occur during the course of their work.

8. The final part of the document is a concluding statement that expresses the organization's commitment to high standards of record-keeping and transparency. It encourages all employees to take ownership of their records and to work together to maintain the highest level of accuracy and integrity.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 17/049

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$36,701.38 and accounts payable in the amount of \$166,307.72. Electronic payments in the amount of \$8253.33 for the period February 9th thru March 9th 2017

CARRIED

2. Community Living Grant

Resolution No.: 17/050

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves payment of Municipal Grant to Community Living in the amount of \$126.00 (One Hundred twenty six dollars)(420.X.30)

CARRIED

3. Council Committees

Resolution No.: 17/051

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approve the following Council Committees and appoint Councillor Perry Livingston as Deputy Mayor

Finance and General Government (Committee of the whole all Council)

Public Works: Chair: Perry Livingston, Vice Chair: Mike Brooks

Environment: Chair Mike Brooks, Vice Chair Perry Livingston

Protection to Person and Property: Chair: Scott Green, Vice Chair: Trudy Lepage

Economic Development: Chair: Jo-Anne Cartner, Vice Chair Scott Green

Parks, Recreation and Culture: Chair: Trudy Lepage, Vice Chair: Sharon Gaudoury-East

Health and seniors: Chair: Jo-Anne Cartner, Vice Chair: Sharon Gaudoury-East

Mayor Lefebvre is ex-officio member of all committees

CARRIED

4. Water Management Plan Montreal River

Resolution No.: 17/052

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Trudy Lepage

Whereas the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Latchford continue to be concerned in regard to the manner in which variations in water levels on the Montreal River and its tributaries are communicated to the municipalities that line its banks, namely Matachewan, Elk Lake, Latchford and Coleman Township,

And Whereas significant improvements have been realized in the communications in this regard that is provided by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) there remains a serious gap in communications between these municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF),

And Whereas there has long been a Water Management Plan (WMP) for the Montreal River in place, it has never been implemented which has denied these municipalities the opportunity to participate in a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for said river thereby denying them the communication and knowledge that participating in a SAC provides,

And Whereas with the extreme fluctuations that we are witnessing in weather makes the potential for emergency response much greater and the need for all means of communication more essential,

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford urge the Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, to ensure that the WMP for the Montreal River be implemented and that the SAC be established in a most expeditious manner.

And further, that this resolution be circulated to the aforementioned three other municipalities for their support. And to the MNRF District Offices in North Bay and Kirkland Lake and to the OPG Timmins Office for their information.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 17/053

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Sharon Gaudoury-East

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

B. Information Items

1. Latchford Drinking Water System Annual Report for 2016
2. Cobalt Coleman Latchford Area Food Bank, Thank You letter.
3. FONOM 2017 winter newsletter
4. Ministry Of Education pupil accommodation.
5. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs new planning fee schedules
6. Canadian Heritage Canada Day Grant
7. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum
8. DTSSAB 2017 Budget
9. FONOM Conference 2017
10. MPAC 2017 Stakeholder research

CARRIED

11. By-Laws

Resolution No 17/054

Moved By: Trudy Lepage

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2017-08** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for regular in camera and special meetings held Feb 16, Feb 22, March 7 and March 16th 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

13. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 17/055

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

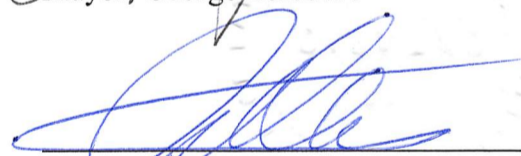
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:35pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

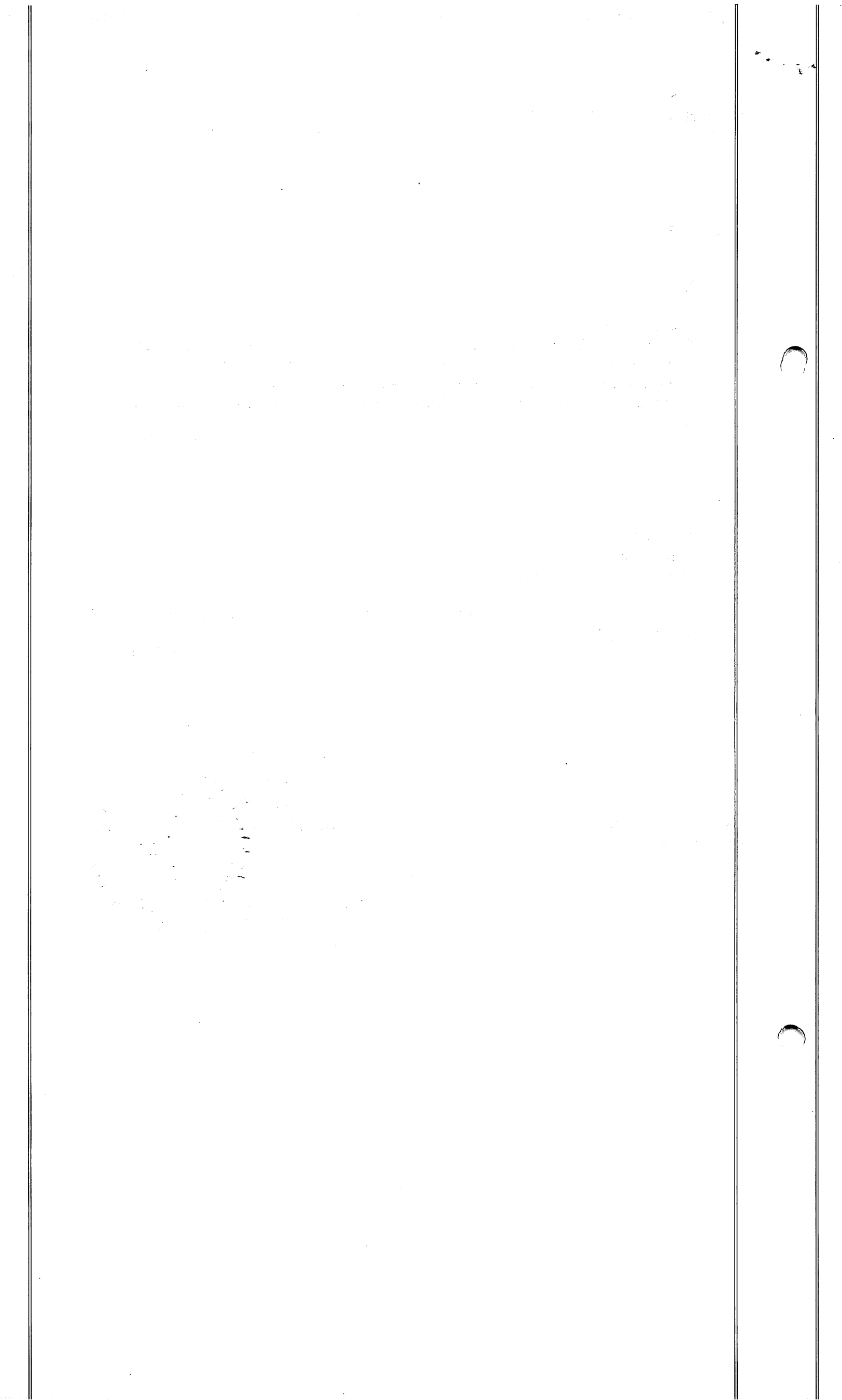
**Dated at Latchford this 16th day
Of March 2017**



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk, Jaime Allen



Mayor's Report, March 16, 2017

Latchford Control Dam Official Opening

Contact has been established with Ralph Collins, Director General – Service Lead: Infrastructure Asset Management, Real Property Branch to formalize the official opening to be held at 1:30 on July 13, 2017. Mr Collins is to call me tomorrow afternoon and we can begin to create a program for the day and a list of proposed invitees. As a point of interest regarding the new dam, Brian Dobbs shared a copy of the contract for the original dam and the dredging of Pork Rapids which was awarded in 1909. The contractor, Thomas E. Riley was paid \$23,067.35 for both projects.

ONTC Land Acquisition

Corina Moore requested a map of the area we proposed to acquire from the ONTC and while the map is readily available, it will require that Council determine the area of interest. It has to be appraised at fair market value and the Town will have to pay for the appraisal. In that regard, I feel we should discuss how much of the area available we should consider acquiring.

Natural Gas Services

There has been no change since my last report but we were advised by Chris Minor and Glen Huard that we should monitor the filings that are being done by Union Gas this month for Prince Township so as to get an appreciation of how the process moves.

Improved Internet Service

I have spoken with Paul Ouimet of NeoNet in regard to the Xplornet proposal and expressed our concern regarding proposed tower location. He in turn communicated with Jennifer McWilliams of that firm and she in turn contacted me and advised they are reviewing the tower location and will work with us to optimize its location. This week I took Pat Miron and Tyler of Quantum Express on a tour of Murphy Mill to ensure suitable location of their towers.

Montreal River Water Management Plan

I have prepared a resolution for tonight requesting that the MNRF expedite the creation of the WMP for this river so as to create the monitoring body referred to as a Standing Advisory Committee.

GLL

March 16th, 2017

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

- Medical Clinic - Dr. Roedde will be on vacation for two weeks beginning Monday returning March 31st. During her absence, Dr. Megan Alexander will be covering during the first week with Dr. Fricker covering the practice the second week. As mentioned in previous reports, the clinic's year end is March 31st so any money left in the budget must be spent by that date as it can't be carried over for the next year. They have been purchasing some new equipment and supplies as well as scheduling some extra hours for cross training between Lorene and Melissa to make sure their total budget is spent by year end.
- Fred Keenan Centre - Delores has been busy setting up her own bookkeeping system for the store. She tells me that business is starting to pick up now that people are getting to know her and new clients are bringing in merchandise for consignment.
- George, Jaime and I attended the CCL meeting in Cobalt on Tuesday morning. Most of the meeting was spent reviewing the two proposals received for the development and printing of a double-sided map outlining the ATV and snowmobile routes in Cobalt, Coleman, and Latchford on one side and maps of the individual municipalities with points of interest on the other side. Another meeting has been arranged for March 28th as we need more clarification as to the costs and quality of the maps before any decision can be made.

Michelle gave us a project update of what she has been working on for the three communities of the CCL as well as a copy of the budget and where it stands to date.

The next regular meeting of the CCL will be on April 11th.