

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY April 9th 2020.
Held by tele-conference
At 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor George Lefebvre, Councilors, Mike Brooks, Scott Green, Jo-Anne Cartner, Sharon Gadoury East, Perry Livingston, Francine Blowe.

Regrets: nil

Staff: Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Public: nil

Press: Bill Buchburger, CJTT. Darlene Wroe, by phone

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 20/035

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the April 9th Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST (NIL)

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 20/036

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting and budget meeting held February 20th and March 10th 2020. Be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: nil

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Livingston: reported on Public Works operations. Public Works are taking steps to ensure their vehicles and work spaces are being disinfected Spring Cleanup will be May 19th to May 27th John Deere loader warranty may have to be extended .shack at the landfill is leaking and needs to be repaired. New pavement that was done will be inspected to see how it held up over the winter.

Councillor Brooks: All good at the water plant discussing agreement staff are working spilt shifts due to COVID 19. Litter pickup day will now be rescheduled.

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Councillor Gadoury East- all recreation activities are on hold due to COVID 19

Councillor Blowe: waiting for survey to be completed for land purchase, gas expansion has been applied for.

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached=

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable And Payroll

Resolution No.: 20/038

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves contractual agreement with Minister of Public Works and Govt. Services for Latchford Dam maintenance in the amount of \$6957.00 for summer maintenance and \$4556.79 for a total of \$11,513.79 plus hst yearly (as per attached)

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 20/038

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

1. Chamber of Commerce
2. DTSSAB Budget 2020.
3. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs 2020 annual repayment limit
4. DTSSAB Media release Budget 2020
5. Canadian Heritage. Canada Day Grant.
6. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum
7. MNRF Flood Strategy
8. Minister of Energy, Northern development and Mines(Natural Gas Expansion)
9. Provincial Day of Action on Litter.
10. Teleconference Notes regarding COVID-19.
11. Timiskaming Health Unit media release COVID-19
12. MNRF fire ban
13. MNRF annual work schedule Sudbury Forest
14. FONOM news release
15. Ministry Of Finance COVID 19 information
16. Natural Gas Application to Enbridge and copied to Minister Walker
Minister Rickford, Minister Fedeli, Minister, MPP John Vanthof

CARRIED

09. New Business: NIL

Mayor Lefebvre brought up for discussion, That the province of Ontario and Federal Government is declaring that we are all in this together. Council will be looking to the OPP Billining, DTSSAB and School Boards for assistance to Municipalities

10. BY-LAWS:

Asset management Policy.

Resolution No 20/039

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020/007** being a by-law to adopt a strategic asset management policy. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford

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Confirming By-Law

Resolution No 20/040

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon-Gadoury -East

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020-008** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held April 9th 2020. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Service Agreement with DTSSAB.

Resolution No 20/041

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020/009** being a by-law to authorize a service agreement with District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board Emergency Services Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

Amend procedure By-Law.

Resolution No 20/042

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020/010** being a by-law to amend bylaw number 1051/11to govern the proceedings of council Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

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Amend interim Tax Levy and Water and Sewage charges

Resolution No 20/043

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020/011**being a by-law to amend interim tax le Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

CARRIED

COVID -19 Pandemic work policy

Resolution No. 20/044

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020/044**being a by-law to adopt a COVID 19 pandemic work policy. 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. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 18/

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

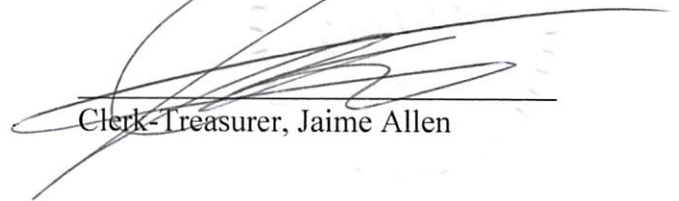
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:55pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 9th day
Of April 2020.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

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April 9th, 2020

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

Medical Clinic

I've been emailing back and forth with Dr. Roedde and Laurel regarding the clinic's budget over the last month to ensure all invoices were submitted before the clinic's budget deadline of March 31st. The overhead fee paid to the town for the administration of the clinic's budget has been increased.

Dr. Roedde is now out of isolation and is seeing patients in her office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. but only if it's deemed essential with only one person allowed to enter the office at a time. The distancing rules are being adhered to at all times. She is still consulting with patients by phone, reviewing lab and medical results and arranging for any patient prescription needs. Lab work is being done on Mondays, and if it's a holiday, it will be done on a Thursday but only by appointment. If the patient is ill and can't attend the clinic, the nurse will visit their home once proper precautions are taken.

Dr. Roedde has obtained some N95 masks to be used for patients she feels are compromised when attending the clinic and arrangements are in the works to obtain protective gowns for use by her and the locums that cover the clinic. She wanted me to inform you that there is now going to be increased testing for the Covid-19 virus in the Temiskaming area.

She placed an ad for a locum to cover her practice in her absence and she has had a reply from a doctor from Montreal who is interested in relocating to the area. Details will have to be worked out on how this can be accomplished with everything that is going on at this time.

There was a good article in the April 1st edition of the Temiskaming Speaker on Dr. Roedde's visit to Bhutan in early March before the announcement of the Covid-19 pandemic. She spoke about their efforts to stop the spread of the virus and the progress and advances to their health care policies since her previous trips to assist in the development of their health care policies.

Finances

I would like to cancel the budget meeting scheduled for April 14th until a later date. Covid-19 is going to have an impact on the operating budget we have been working on, both revenues and expenditures. This budget will have to be revised to fit the situation we are now facing.

Mayor's Report, April 09, 2020

OPP Roundtable Discussion

On February 25, I attended an OPP roundtable session in Timmins. The express purpose for attending this was to determine how to respond to/who to contact with regard to any forthcoming invoice we might receive with respect to the Swat Team visit we had here last August. I was fortunate to find myself at a table that included three of the presenters, Marc Bedard, an Assistant Deputy Minister being one of them. He introduced me to three other staff at the table that were all connected to billing communities such as Latchford. One of them, Simon Looker, Municipal Policing Specialist, provided me with his contact information and that of Sgt Kelly Withrow, Municipal Policing Contract Analyst. Needless to say, I think the trip was very worthwhile.

Spring Freshet Calls

The usual run of spring freshet calls has started with Jaime and I participating. There is an additional round of calls this year which regarding the Upper Ottawa River Committee which includes all tributaries that feed into the Ottawa. It would appear that the disaster that befell the Mattawa area last spring has changed the thinking of some and for the better. Unless we get bombarded by a lot of rain, indications are we will have a very easy freshet. We received our first email relative to freshet from OPG this morning.

Natural Gas

Included in your meeting package is the completed application to Enbridge Gas Inc for inclusion of Latchford in this round of expansion of natural gas services. With regard to the production of a You Tube video for use in lobbying support, due to the Coronavirus issues we are dealing with it is not feasible to proceed with at this time. Jaime has included in your package the lobbying effort I have made with respect to circulating with various Cabinet Ministers and John Vanthof and this is an effort that must be continued. Suggestions or assistance as to how to best realize the effort lobbying is always appreciated.

Cancellations

For the foreseeable future all of us can expect a number of cancelled meetings but we should ensure that anything we can do with respect to our committee responsibilities should continue.

GLL

Councillor Roll Call

Francine Blowe ✓

Mike Brooks ✓

Jo-Anne Cartner ✓

Sharon Gadoury-East ✓

Scott Green ✓

Perry Livingston ✓