

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY May 14th 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. Jamie Mountain, Temiskaming Speaker

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 20/046

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the May 14th 2020 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 20/047

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council held April 9th 2020. Be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: nil

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor Livingston: reported on Public Works operations slow month because of the cold weather potholes have been filled, brushing done, maintenance and cleanup in the shop, and street sweeping

Councillor Green: fire ban still in effect, duck race has been cancelled. Purchase of fire truck fell through

Councillor Brooks: All good at the water plant one budgeted item can be removed Hillview water hook up. Odd and even number property water usage (lawn watering car washing) would save between 10 and fifteen thousand dollars. Road side litter pickup is still on hold

Councillor Cartner: Clinic budget has been increased because of COVID 19. Committees need to work and the 2020 budget and report to Laurel Gadoury.

Councillor Gadoury East- signs for the boat launch to practice safe distancing are up, provincial parks open May 11, beach and campground still closed, Canada fireworks postponed. Easter drive by was successful. proposed by a small houseplant for all the seniors.

Councillor Blowe: Land survey is completed should be transferred to the Town by the end of May. Museum to be open by appointment only. No summer student required for the museum. Gas expansion on hold due to COVID 19

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. **Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Resolution No.: 20/048

Moved By: Sharon- Gadoury-East

Seconded By Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$37,624.81 and accounts payable in the amount of \$ 38957.07 including online bills in the amount of \$15,515.72 for the period April 3rd thru May 6th 2020.

CARRIED

John Deere Lease.

Resolution No.: 20/049

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By Perry Livingston

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves a five year lease agreement for a John Deere 310 SL loader in the amount of \$17230.11 per month plus hst as per attached.

CARRIED

8. **Information Items**

Resolution No. 20/050

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike brooks

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

B. Information Items

1. THU. Poverty reduction strategy
2. THU Board Minutes from March 4th 2020.
3. Work reports Bear Island
4. DTSSAB First response Latchford
5. First Cobalt announcement
6. Ministry Of Energy Gas expansion Latchford
7. THU Outdoor recreation and travel guidance
8. Tribunals Ontario assessment review board
9. OPG info on spring freshet
10. DTSSAB Municipal fees,
11. Ministry Of Agriculture, Community Gardens
12. Barry Wellar donation for flower boxes Municipal Office
13. Thank You card Sue, John Smerdon
14. Thank You card Lisa Spencer and Family
15. MNRF Forestry aggregate program
16. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs emergency orders.

CARRIED

09. NEW Business: Council discussion.

Councillor Blowe is now shopping for three seniors needing groceries.
Email reminder to Council when packages are ready for pickup.
Fencing required to keep snow machines from cutting through the cemetery.

10. By-Laws.

Confirming By-Law

Resolution No 20/051

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020-014** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held May 14th 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

11.

In-Camera.

Resolution No 20/052

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town Of Latchford enter into a closed meeting at 7:00pm to discuss the following matters as set out in the Municipal Act,2001 Section 239

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees;
- **Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.**

CARRIED

Out Of in-camera

Resolution No 20/053

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that Council arise from closed meeting @7:20pm

CARRIED

Offer TO Purchase

Resolution No 20/054

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford accepts offer to purchase of lot 380 on Empire Street in the amount of \$5000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) plus hst as per attached.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 20/055

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:33pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

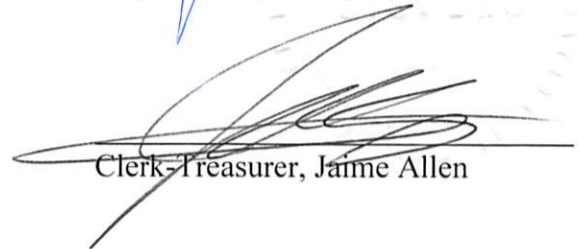
CARRIED

Minutes of Regular Council May 14th 2020.

Dated at Latchford this 14th day
Of May 2020.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, May 14, 2020

Spring Freshet/Dam Operation

As predicted in my last report, we had a very gentle run off to the extent that PSPC are scrambling to get the Lake up to summer level for this Saturday. I have been responding to concerns brought to me by waterfront residents and others regarding low water levels and the impact on certain species of fish. For instance, while their operations focus on maintaining a flow over the pickerel spawning areas, they disregard the impacts of their operations on the Pike spawn in Bay Lake itself. I think that PSPC will get their eyes opened with respect to their responsibilities to those who live by and use Bay Lake with implementation of the Montreal River Water Management Plan later this year. Non compliance with the plan has to be responded to during the Standing Advisory Committee meetings and they will be held accountable.

Natural Gas Update

Included in your package is a letter I received from Associate Minister of Energy Bill Walker in response to the lobbying effort I had made in support of our application to Enbridge Gas. The composition of the letter tells me the Minister or senior staff would have read my letter which buoys me. I followed that up with a phone call to Wendy Landry, Senior Advisor, Indigenous, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations for Enbridge and she remains supportive and encouraging. The response I got back from Fedeli's office advised that the Minister did not intervene in OEB submissions but I countered that the effort was intended to keep him informed.

Upgrades to Water Pollution Control Plant Disinfection System

I participated in an Ontario Good Roads Association webinar regarding post Covid stimulus funding with the intent of identifying funding to assist with this project. Not a lot of solid potential here at this point but any project applied for has to be included in your asset management plan when it opens and Jaime said this fits ours. The term "shovel ready" was emphasized but a few participants stressed "shovel worthy" as being of equal importance and ours sure fits that category as it has been legislated as required. I think "shovel worthy" could become the new "buzz word" in this round. Francine and I participated in a webinar featuring Infrastructure Minister Melanie Joly where we hoped to identify funding for this project. Despite Francine's determined efforts we were unable to get an answer to the question we posed but were advised that we would receive a written response.

GLL