

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
THURSDAY June 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Laurel Gadoury, Deputy Tres. /Deputy Clerk

**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: 20/50**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** the June 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution No.: 20/051**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** the minutes of the regular and in camera council meeting held May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020. Be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: nil**

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:**

**Councillor Livingston:** reported on Public Works operations Pat is helping Roger out more this summer as we have no summer students this year. Hydrants have been flushed. New window in the doctor's office installed, air conditioner is being works on.

**Councillor Green:** By-law Officer did his first tour of the Town. The Fire Dept wills not being holding any dances this summer due to COVID 1. No Jack Hunt Tournament either. Pad for Fire Hall addition has been poured

**Councillor Brooks:** All good at the water plant six months without any problems preventative maintenance program is working. Would like to do a cleanup around Town sooner rather than later June 27<sup>th</sup> or July 4<sup>th</sup> and another one in the fall.

**Councillor Cartner:** Clinic budget has been increased because of COVID 19. Budget has been completed zero tax increase (see attached report from the Clinic)

**Councillor Gadoury East-** Campground is now open beach is open Canada fireworks postponed have until February 2021 to use grant money hoping for an event on the long

weekend in August. Would like to do a drive by parade on Canada Day same as was done for Easter.

**Councillor Blowe:** Land survey is completed waiting for ONR to finalize Museum to be open by appointment only .Working with Mayor Lefebvre on a grant for the museum. Going to start gathering photos for the website to make a photo gallery to promote Latchford.

**Mayor Lefebvre:** Mayors monthly report (see attached)

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## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Action Items**

#### **1. Accounts Payable and Payroll**

**Resolution No.: 20/052**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By** Francine Blowe

**Be it resolved that the** Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$51,634.70 and accounts payable in the amount of \$ 43,349.79 including online bills in the amount of \$22,302.25 for the period May 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **Copier Lease.**

**Resolution No.: 20/053**

**Moved By:** Sharon- Gadoury-East

**Seconded By** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that the** Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves copier lease in the amount of \$201.70 per month plus hst as per attached.

**CARRIED**

#### **Municipal Tax Relief.**

**Resolution No.: 20/054**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that the** Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves Municipal tax relief of interest and penalties for accounts that are current until August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

**CARRIED**

#### **8. Information Items**

**Resolution No. 20/055**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Mike Brooks

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

### **B. Information Items**

1. Ont Energy Board resource center tools
2. City Of Temiskaming Shores POA Agreement
3. Timiskaming Health Unit COVID 19 memos
4. Ministry Of Municipal Affairs (Broadband Access)
5. Ministry Of Health ( outdoor recreational amenities)
6. Timiskaming Health Unit basic income security
7. Timiskaming Health Unit 2019 financial statements
8. Timiskaming Health Unit minutes from April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
9. OPP change in revenue distribution

**CARRIED**

**09. NEW Business: Council discussion.**

Councillor Gadoury-East question why there was a first response call to the Fire Dept  
It was a dispatch error and has been corrected.

Councillor Blowe shopping for seniors has slowed down

**10. By-Laws.**

**Land Sale By-Law**

**Resolution No 20/056**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-013** being a by-law to authorize the sale of lands to Bruce Lovegrove. Coleman concession 2 Pt Lot 19. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**Land Sale by-Law**

**Resolution No 20/057**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-016** being a by-law to authorize the sale of lands to Nathan Lowe and Leslie-Ann Thompson. Coleman concession Pt 2. Lot 19 Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**

**Latchford 2020 Budget.**

**Resolution No 20/058**

**Moved By:** Francine Blowe

**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-017** being a by-law to provide the 2020 Budget and Capital Budget 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.

**Tax Ratios 2020.**

**Resolution No 20/059**

**Moved By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-018** being a by-law to establish tax ratios for 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**

**Water and Sewer Rates 2020.**

**Resolution No 20/060**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-019** being a by-law with respects to water and sewage rates. Be taken as read a first, second, and third time and finally passed by Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford.

**CARRIED**



**Tax Rates for 2020.**

**Resolution No 20/061**

**Moved By:** Perry Livingston

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-020** **being** a by-law to establish tax rates for 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**

**Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution No 20/062**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Scott Green

**Be it resolved that** By-Law No. **2020-021** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held June 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20/063**

**Moved By:** Mike Brooks

**Seconded By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

**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;

**Out of In-Camera**

**Resolution No 20/064**

**Moved By:** Scott Green

**Seconded By:** Sharon Gadoury-East

**Be it resolved that** Council arise from closed meeting @7:18pm

**CARRIED**

12. **ADJOURN**

**Resolution No. 20/065**

**Moved By:** Jo-Anne Cartner

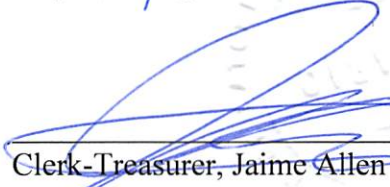
**Seconded By:** Perry Livingston

**Be it resolved that** Council now adjourn at 7:319 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Minutes of Regular Council June 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Dated at Latchford this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
Of June 2020.

  
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Mayor, George Lefebvre  
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Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, June 18, 2020

### **Dam Operation**

I had my bi-monthly phone call with Ravi Sundararaj and John Ikononopoulos on June 10. If we think we have to operate differently in these times you have to feel for people like that who are only allowed into their offices to pick up information and for a very short period of time. Our conference call had both John and Ravi in separate vehicles somewhere in the Ottawa area! After dealing with the incidentals I pursued the utilization by PSPC of our Environmental/Public Works staff as back operators for the Latchford Dam. They agreed there was merit in such an arrangement and suggested that we submit a proposal that would include the resumes of Rico, Pat and Roger. It was suggested that we send it to both John and to Helene Belanger. I would appreciate your thoughts on this before forging ahead.

### **Natural Gas Update**

I have been in communication with an area producer of short, You Tube type videos and explained what we had been recommended to do with respect to our natural gas application. I outlined how I envisioned such a video unfolding and promoting with respect to natural gas for Latchford. He agreed that the approach I outlined was feasible and that he could put together such a video. I asked for a quote of a range of prices to realize such a project and while he was reluctant he offered from \$1,500 to 3,000 as being realistic. He did state that if we could provide him with a budget for it he could work within that. Before going any further I need the consensus of Council as to how much we are prepared to spend and ask you for that.

### **Upgrades to Water Pollution Control Plant Disinfection System**

Jaime has been able to identify a potential funding source that could assist greatly in paying for this project. He is not at liberty to publicly discuss any of this in great detail at this time but if successful it will very much aid us in realizing this project in a timely manner and at a reduced cost to the users of that system.

GLL

From: **gretchen roedde** <  
Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 9:32 PM  
Subject: Re: Council Update

- We continue to buy and hand out masks to patients for free, as are all the doctors in the Temiskaming Hospital Catchment Area. We use several local seamstresses.
- We have a few palliative patients in hospital and at home
- We had a recent sudden death, who had been seen in clinic and in hospital, the death was not COVID related nor were there any delays in diagnosis because of COVID. It was an unexpected unavoidable and unfortunate death.
- More illnesses have been difficult to diagnose and treat with limitations on the use of the hospital
- Hospital services are starting to open up: xrays, ultrasounds and CT scans (New Liskeard), MRI (North Bay) and more specialists are starting to see patients in person rather than video-telephone, and we have started to see more well-babies in clinic, well women exams, general yearly check ups, etc., but we are still trying as much as possible doing appointments by phone
- The Ministry of Health has now accepted the billing for telephone consults, Melissa will be busy doing billing retroactive since March for that
- The Clinic is paying for patients to get lab home visits (we are charged \$30 per visit); Helen from Lifelabs sees 4-5 patient at home a week, more than usual due to COVID; as well as coming in one morning a week as usual to see patients in the clinic. These are now by appointment so we can manage the flow of patients to support physical distancing. We were actually able to diagnose a cancer that the specialist had said...they could not get a PSA done (prostate) so they were going to check in 3 months - we got the lab test done right away and were able to diagnose the cancer spread earlier than waiting 3 more months so this is an important contribution to patient care in COVID times.
- We are also paying lab costs not covered on a selected basis to help our patients who cannot afford it and made an important diagnosis recently because of that result.
- We have tested many patients for COVID and have not had any positive cases. Dr. Roedde has been tested negative twice to ensure she is not a possible source of infection.
- Dr. Roedde and Helen from the lab who have direct patient contact wear full PPE (gowns hats masks gloves). Melissa wears a mask and is physically distant.
- We have had a bilingual locum who may be interested in spending more time with us. She came for 3 days one week and 4 days another and was comfortable doing house calls. We will see when she wants to come next. If she is interested in a longer term role we will introduce her to the towns at some point.
- If we can't find locum coverage, we might close the office for a week for holidays this summer, but labs/faxes and telephone messages will still be looked after. Melissa has surgery mid July and Josee should be able to cover a few days, Melissa's daughter Isabelle is another option, she already knows OSCAR and might come a few days as well, both will be getting some more training by Melissa next week.
- The new OSCAR program has made it possible to work remotely. Both Melissa and Dr. Roedde are set up to work from home and both can access the patient charts at home. All the lab work and other reports can be seen as soon as they would be available in the office. Both Melissa and Dr. Roedde are working by phone as much as possible re; COVID so the revised budget will reflect this.
- Dr. Roedde continues to do house calls as well as seeing people in the office. This is also helpful re: COVID.
- We are exploring use of the propane for heat rather than just electricity, also we are working to fix the air conditioner but it may need to be replaced. We are happy with the new flooring, window, and door locking systems!

Melissa Anderson/Dr. Gretchen Roedde