

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY July 16th 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: Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Staff: Laurel Gadoury, Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Public: nil

Press: Bill Buchburger, CJTT.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 20/066

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the July 16th 2020 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 20/067

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular and in camera council meeting held June 18th 2020 Be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: nil

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/ REPORTS:

Councillor Livingston: see attached.

Councillor Green: By-law Officer is making progress. Fire dept resumed training with social distancing.

Councillor Brooks: Met with Pat Tresidder on Tuesday toured the plant all in order. Made adjustments to comply, finding rags in the sewer system/disinfectant wipes. Flyer sent out to resident's .water schedule is working making less water.WTP PCL failure this morning rectified quickly. Councillor Brooks has been picking up garbage during his walks, needs help with Murphy Mill Road. Thanks Canadian for good job during COVID, my email is up and running

Councillor Cartner: see attached

Councillor Gadoury East- see attached

Councillor Blowe: waiting for ONR to finalize land purchase. Video to help acquire Natural Gas has been completed. Would like to create a welcome package for new comers to Latchford to include general information

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

1. Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 20/068

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves attached payroll in the amount of \$33,609.52 and accounts payable in the amount of \$ 197,472.88 including online bills in the amount of \$11,220.21 for the period June 10th thru July 9th 2020.

CARRIED

Summer Student.

Resolution No.: 20/069

Moved By: Sharon- Gadoury-East

Seconded By Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford approves hiring of Liam McKeever for the summer student position at public works.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 20/055

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

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

B. Information Items

1. Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (digital land registration)
2. Bear Island Maintenance Report
3. Ministry of Environment (regarding Environmental Assessment changes)
4. Minister of Municipal Affairs (COVID 19 Economic Recovery Act)

CARRIED

09. NEW Business:

Financial Difficulties Due to COVID 19

Resolution No.: 20/071

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By Scott Green

Whereas the Government of Canada has recognized the financial difficulties that have been imposed on the municipalities of Canada through the COVID19 pandemic,

And Whereas our government has committed to distributing approximately \$14 Billion throughout the provinces and territories of Canada to aid in the economic recovery of our Country,

And Whereas early indications are that Ontario will receive far less than their proportional share of said funding.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council for the Town of Latchford respectfully request that our MP, Anthony Rota, do his utmost to ensure that his constituent communities in this riding receive a proportional share of all federal government funding to aid in restoring our respective economic well being.

And further, that this resolution be shared with the member municipalities of the Temiskaming Municipal Association encouraging them to reach out to their respective MP's for their support.

CARRIED

Council Discussion:

Mayor Lefebvre: Council to resume meeting at Rec. Centre starting in August with physical distancing

Councillor Blowe: Good coverage of Canada Day Celebration by the Speaker reporter Jamie Mountain.

10. By-Laws.

Confirming By-Law

Resolution No 20/072

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2020-022** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held July 16th 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. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 20/073

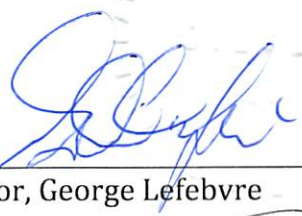
Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:03 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 16th day
Of July 2020.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Deputy Tres Dep Clerk, Laurel Gadoury

Mayor's Report, July 16, 2020

Dam Operation

I prepared a proposal to PSPC with regards to our participation in the dam operation and shared it with Jaime, Mike, Pat, Rico and Roger for review prior to submitting. You all have, or will, receive a copy of the proposal. As recommended by Ravi Sundararaj and John Ikonomopoulos, it has been forwarded to Eric Potvin and copied to Helene Belanger. Unfortunately Eric Potvin is on vacation until mid August.

Natural Gas Update

I now have the draft of the YouTube video from Drew Gauley and shared it with you for discussion. I had spent time with him going through various points that had been made in our submission to Enbridge Gas and Jaime had provided him with a disc of various historical pictures of Latchford that he had requested. I encouraged him to proceed as expeditiously as possible as we want to get the video into the offices of various cabinet ministers and circulated through Enbridge as well prior to the end of July. I need your opinion as to what you have seen in the draft version and suggestions as to how it can be improved if you think it should be.

Upgrades to Water Pollution Control Plant Disinfection System

While we have yet to hear anything further on funding support for this project, the Federal Government have begun announcements relative to their funding program for such projects. Hopefully, our project will be included in future announcements.

Temagami Forest Tenure Modernization

I participated in a conference call relative to the TFTM on June 30. I think I can safely state that after approximately 7 years in discussing and meeting about this, it is nearing a conclusion as industry is finally buying into the proposed model and senior MNRF are showing signs of being receptive. We have another conference call scheduled for July 21 and the MNRF are indicating the news will be positive.

Montreal River Water Management Plan Implementation

There is movement on the long awaited start-up of the MRWMP as Jaime was requested to provide the addresses of all waterfront property owners in Latchford to the MNRF. There will be a mail out of information relative to the MRWMP to all shoreline property owners based on the information that we provided. I asked Jaime to include the addresses for local trappers as they are directly impacted by water level fluctuations in Bay Lake and the Montreal River.

Conference call with Premier Ford and Minister Steve Clark

I participated in a conference call with Premier Ford and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, on July 08. The invitation to participate was extended to all Mayors and Reeves in Ontario and lasted 50 minutes. The letter outlining the points of discussion is included in your meeting package. Of note is the intention to continue with virtual meetings after the COVID crisis has ended and also the intent to allow proxy votes to be acceptable at meetings. The one point that was really stressed by the Premier was that Ontario has to get their proper share of the \$14 Billion of the Federal funding allocation to assist municipalities to recover from the present state. He encouraged that we reach out to our respective Ontario MP's regardless of party affiliation and ask them to ensure that we get our proportional share of those funds. They reason that as Ontario's population represents 38% of Canada's population, that is what we should be receiving of the \$14 Billion and stated that the present apportionment of the funds leaves us \$2 Billion short. I have prepared a resolution for your consideration and hopefully, support, to forward to our MP Anthony Rota in response to the Premier's request.

GLL

July 16th, 2020

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

Dr. Roedde continues to handle many of her appointments by phone but is also increasing the number of patients she sees in the office depending on their specific needs. Both her and Melissa continue to check patients' results, order patients' prescriptions and, book appointments for special tests from their homes when not in attendance at the clinic.

The clinic's computer support person has told them their current systems will need to be replaced shortly so they will be looking to purchase new computers over the next year.

The homemade masks the clinic has been providing are costing more with the increase of patients attending the office. They hope that once each patient has a re-useable cotton mask, there will not be the need to purchase many more

To keep informed, I have been participating in twice-monthly discussion webinars that MFOA has been holding with other similar-sized municipalities. These are information discussion forums whereby participants supply the questions or topics and share information and issues that have been affecting their municipality since the onset of the pandemic whether it be on financial issues to do with their budgets, staffing issues, health and safety issues or the steps being taken before their council deems it safe to re-open their municipal office to the public. These discussions have been held since the end of March and are scheduled to continue indefinitely.



Laurel Gadoury <lgadoury@latchford.ca>

Fwd: July council update

1 message

Roger Clark <rogclark313@gmail.com>
To: Laurel Gadoury <lgadoury@latchford.ca>

Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 8:37 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Public Works
Report.
Perry/Roger

From: Roger Clark <Rogclark313@gmail.com>
Date: July 14, 2020 at 2:16:20 PM EDT
To: pliv676 <pliv676@gmail.com>
Subject: July council update

Firstly thank you for letting me bring Liam back!!
He has fit back in the groove and things are moving along.

In the process of staining and repairing picnic tables at the Veterans park. We are using this as rain day filler work. 3 have been completed with 5 to go.

I have been brushing trees around town to clean things up and increase visibility of corners and stop signs. Spoke to Colin Loach and he will be in the area in a few weeks to cut / brush Murphy mill road and Chaput road. He will also do Anamanip, Bay lee Mac , Stan Wattom , and 3 sisters roads. He uses the side boom rotary mower so it moves fast and cuts brush up to 1 1/2 inches.

Ray and Sons have been in town and flushed all the sewer lines , did maintenance at sewage plant and cleaned out some plugged valves as well as dug a small hole so I could fix Scott's curb stop .

We have been plugging through the todo list:
Windows cleaned around town.
Back room at rec centre cleaned up and black chairs that were damaged have been repaired.
Museum stairs and porch Stained and repaired.
Cold storage door repaired .

Dam flowerbeds cleaned up.
Flowers planted and maintained around town.

North railing around the doctors office is cleaned up and painted and will be installed as soon as Scott has a few hours . (I need his Hilti drill to install wedge bolts)
The gutter man has installed new Eavestroughs on the building with additional support brackets and down spouts. This will stop all the problems we have had in the past. The air conditioner part was installed and it seems to be working fine now.

Regular jobs are being preformed as usual. Pat and I have been taking turns at garbage. Dump wood pile was burnt last Saturday evening , grass and roads are being maintained.

With the heat we have started a few days at 6 am and finished at 2:30pm . I would advise everyone to stay in my good books or you may be woken up at 6 am by a weed wacker or lawnmower outside your house ! Lol

The hydro Pole by the fire hall has to be relocated to accommodate the new addition. We have received an estimate from Hydro but I have been assured it will only be around \$3000.00 to move the pole and services once the labour discounts are applied. Now the bad news is we have to raise the hydro stack on the fire hall by one foot and the Loggers hall by three feet. This will cost between \$2400 and \$ 4000 . Socket electric will stop by soon to give a firm price and a time when he can do the work.

Holiday season has started. Rico is off the next 2 weeks then Pat is off for 2 weeks after that. I will probably take some time later this fall .
Bob is off July 19 th and July 26th as he is heading south to visit his kids. Louie will cover the Sunday's if Sharon says it's ok. If not I will work the dump on the days.

Have a great month.

Roger

Sent from my iPhone

Sharon Gaboury Report for Rec. Parade

Canada Day social Distancing was a huge success. Very good turn out in participation & spectators. Huge shout out to Francine in organizing this event.

Starting Friday our play ground will be able to open to the public again & gathering size will increase also.
(50 indoors 100 outdoors).