

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday February 18th 2021.
At 6:45 p.m.**

HELD BY Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order and mayoral comments.

PRESENT:

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

Regrets NIL

Staff: Jaime Allen, Clerk-Treasurer, Laurel Gadoury, Dep Tres-Dep-Clerk

Public: nil

Press: Bill Bushburger, CJTT, Jamie Mountain, Temiskaming Speaker.

1. Mayor Lefebvre called meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the agenda as circulated

Resolution No: 21/015

Moved By: Francine Blowe

Seconded By: Sharon Gadoury-East

Be it resolved that the February 18th 2021 Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No.: 21/016

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 21st 2021. Be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/MAYOR/CLERK REPORTS:

Councillor P. Livingston: see attached

Councillor Green: Updated Council on two visits the bylaw officer made to residents.

Councillor Brooks: Operation of WTP running smoothly

Councillor Gadoury: Gave an update on snow sculpture contest to be held in March Recreation Committee has two new members. Also going organize an easter parade if COVID protocols remain in place.

Councillor Blowe see attached

Councillor Cartner: Doctor has two med students for 1 month. The Doctor is being kept updated on her budget. looking to have a Town budget meeting in March

Mayor Lefebvre: Mayors monthly report (see attached)

7.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Items

Accounts Payable and Payroll

Resolution No.: 21/017

Moved By: Perry Livingston

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that the Town of Latchford declares approves attached payroll in the amount of \$31,870.38 for the period January 12th thru February 10th 2021 and accounts payable in the amount of \$68,364.87 and online bills in the amount of \$11,872.25

CARRIED

Ontario Northland Railway Passenger Service.

Resolution No.: 21/018

Moved By: Scott Green

Seconded By: Mike Brooks

“WHEREAS the Northlander Passenger Train operated by the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) between Toronto and Cochrane was discontinued in 2012;

AND WHEREAS reliable and affordable passenger rail transportation in our area and other areas of the north is essential infrastructure for economic development of our resource-based industries, tourism, and access to health care;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford made a campaign pledge during the 2018 Provincial Election to restore the Northlander;

AND WHEREAS the Province released the Northern Ontario Transportation Plan on Thursday December 10th, 2020, which referred to the return of the Northlander, but does not include a timeline for the resumption of service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford ask Premier Ford and the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation to restore passage rail prior to the 2022 Provincial Election.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, MP Anthony Rota and MPP Victor Fedeli for their endorsement and support;

AND FURTHER the Town of Latchford ask the Federal Government to assist in funding the annual expenses of the Northlander and the Polar Bear Express as they provide a valuable connection to the James Bay Coast.

CARRIED

Closure of Fire College in Gravenhurst

Resolution No.: 21/019

Moved By: Sharon Gadoury

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Latchford supports the Township of Evanturel in its concerns regarding the closure of. The Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst (as per attached)

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Resolution No. 21/020

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Scott Green

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

B. Information Items:

- 1) General R Hillier Vaccine Task Force
- 2) ONTC Planning
- 3) Community Safety and Well being plan
- 4) Royal Canadian Legion recognition book
- 5) Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal rate for 2021.
- 6) Closure of Fire College
- 7) TC Energy scheduled work being done on the pipeline.
- 8) FONOM ROMA Conference
- 9) Latchford Annual Sewage Treatment report 2020.
- 10) FONOM (Insurance rates increases for Municipalities)
- 11) Ministry of finance OMPF funding.

CARRIED

09.

New Business.

Community Safety and Well Being

Resolution No.: 21/021

Moved By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Seconded By: Perry Livingston

Whereas the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) has entered into agreement with the District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) to prepare and provide the Community Safety and Well Being Plan for the municipalities of the District of Temiskaming,

And Whereas DTSSAB has advised the TMA that it would be impossible to meet the deadline of July 01, 2021 and have requested the TMA to appeal to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) to extend the deadline until the spring of 2022 for completion so as to provide for the required time to complete and implement the plan,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford supports the actions of the TMA in their appeal to the MCSCS.

And further, that this resolution be shared with the TMA and its member municipalities, DTSSAB, MCSCS and John Vanthof, MPP

CARRIED

Recreation Committee

Resolution No.: 21/022

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Francine Blowe

Be it resolved that the Corporation of The Town of Latchford appoints the following residents Of Latchford as members of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee. Effectively February 18th 2021.

Leslie-Ann-Thomas, and Lisa Nickerson.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

Confirming By-Law

Resolution No: 21/023

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

Be it resolved that By-Law No. **2021-005 being** a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford for its regular meeting held February 18th 2021. 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. 22/024

Moved By: Mike Brooks

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Cartner

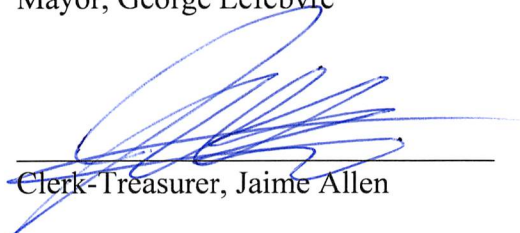
Be it resolved that Council now adjourn at 7:09 pm. Until the next regular meeting or call from the Mayor.

CARRIED

Dated at Latchford this 18th
Of February 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Mayor's Report, February 18, 2021

Manhole Issue on Highway 11

I am still awaiting a response to the letter that was forwarded to the MTO regarding the depressed manholes on Highway 11 here in Latchford. I find that communication with most ministries at both senior levels is very slow if not downright disjointed as many work from home and even if you have a phone number it us always leave a message which is not necessarily responded to. Patience and perseverance are key.

Dam Operation/PSPC Land

I had my scheduled call with Ravi Sundaraj and John Ikonomopoulos on February 11 at which time we again discussed the ongoing transfer of property to Latchford. Jaime had advised that the survey was still continuing which they confirmed. I did bring to their attention that the issue regarding the pottery shard which proved baseless would have been easily resolved by examining the very comprehensive study conducted by Settlement Surveys prior to the construction of the new dam. Again, I was reassured that the property transfer is moving forward.

I am scheduled to participate in an "Upper Ottawa River Committee Pre-Freshet Call" on February 25 in which John Ikonomopoulos participates.

Temagami Forest Management Corporation

I participated in a TFMC virtual meeting on February 11 at which time the interim Board of Directors were introduced and participated. The municipal representatives being John Kenrick and Jeff Barton were confirmed and there is two days of governance training scheduled for today and Friday but I will not be participating.

Natural Gas Expansion to Latchford

I am really hitting a wall with respect to obtaining information on this to the extent that I have emailed a letter to Bill Walker, Associate Minister of Energy on February 12 in the hopes of plugging in at the top. As of this writing I have not gotten a response. I spoke with Danny Whelan during the TMA virtual meeting and he confessed that FONOM is having no more luck than me and shared the concern that the province may have dropped the expansion of services plan at this time. I will continue to attempt to acquire whatever information that I can relative to the status of this program and Latchford's position in it.

TMA meeting

We held a TMA Executive virtual meeting February 11 at 6:00 pm. Kelly Black from DTSSAB, Kerry Schubert-Mackey from THU and Danny Whelan from FONOM participated. We were

provided with an overview of the DTSSAB administering the Community Safety and Well Being plan for Temiskaming as requested by the municipalities. The plan is supposed to be implemented by July 01, 2021 but Kelly advised that this not achievable and requested that TMA request the province for an extension to the timeline until spring of 2022. The executive agreed and are requesting our member municipalities to pass resolutions supporting the TMA's request.

Bell Outreach re High-Speed Internet

I received an email from a Neal Hougham of Bell on Wednesday morning advising that Bell has made application for Latchford to the government of Canada's Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) which is to provide broadband Internet services to eligible underserved areas across Canada. They have requested a letter of endorsement for their effort and they need it by March 05. I was confident enough of your support for this that I got Jaime to work with me on preparing the requested letter of support and even have taken the liberty of emailing it out today. Jaime and I interpret the proposed service to be the long awaited, fibre optics which will certainly meet the needs of all who desire it.

GLL

Economic Development committee met

Jaime will be submitting the necessary paperwork requesting funding from Fednore. I have been told that there is an expression of interest an anonymous individual. George will be meeting with the individual in the next week to discuss next steps. Once we have acquired an anchored tenant Jaime can proceed.

Following lock-down, the Museum will remain open by appointment only. Mike and I have committed to sorting through items of the museum to update the catalogue.

NOHFC launched a new program last week.

The Community Enhancement Program is designed to help build strong and resilient Northern communities through infrastructure investments, to upgrade / repair existing assets to improve community quality of life, economic development infrastructure and strategic economic development initiatives.

Program Streams

Enhance Your Community Program (90% of cost to maximum of \$200,000)

Rural Enhancement Funding Stream

Broadband and Cellular Expansion Projects

What Projects are Eligible?

Incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal assets and community halls, that contribute to a healthy and vibrant community.

The implementation of priority economic development initiatives that respond to an economic opportunity and / or contribute to improved quality of life for a community and/or region, such as:

- Business retention and attraction strategies
- Projects identifying and implementing investment opportunities
- The construction and/or renovation of capital assets that support community economic development
- Implementation of community economic development projects, including non- capital costs, technical expertise, incremental project-related human resources
- Projects aligned with NOHFC's strategic initiatives, as identified by the NOHFC Board of Directors, that address an economic priority in a region or sector

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Community Events Stream

The Community Events Stream supports organizations that host events that increase community profile and promote economic development in Northern Ontario

Film & Television Stream

The Film and Television Stream is designed to increase film and television industry jobs and investment and to increase quality, original film and television productions produced in Northern Ontario, while showcasing its culture, geography, stories and talent

Investment - Launch Stream

The Launch stream is designed to assist with the launch of a new businesses in Northern Ontario.

Innovation – Industrial Research Chair

The Industrial Research Chair (IRC) initiative is designed to establish and enhance research capacity at Northern Ontario universities, colleges, and research institutions.

Innovation Stream

The Innovation Stream supports the research, development and commercialization of new and innovative technologies in Northern Ontario.

Investment – Grow Stream

The Grow stream is designed to assist with the growth and expansion of existing business in Northern Ontario.

As a result, we will be reviewing what projects in our community will be a priority going forward. Once we have determined the priority project, Jaime will submit an application.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Roger Clark** <rogclark313@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 8:16 AM

Subject: February update

To: Perry Livingston <pliv676@gmail.com>, Jaime Allen <jallen@latchford.ca>

Has been business as usual.

Aqua flow parts have arrived and I have repaired the units that were waiting for parts. Equipment is in good working order.

Noticed pick up is getting a lot of surface rust on the rocker panels. I will sand down and paint in the spring.

Winter sand stockpile is in good shape. Unless something drastic happens with the spring weather I don't see any shortage issues.

We have been getting some water in the Rec centre utility room this winter when we have had warm weather. I believe water is from melting snow running in between the post office side door and the kitchen back door. This has happened in previous years but not this bad. I will dig down a little in the summer and seal it up where the wall meets the concrete pad.

Cleared out the wood lot last week. People are starting to have wood brought in to cut for next season. There are about 10 to 12 residents that use the lot and everything ran smoothly last season.

I have some cosmetic repairs I would like to complete at the Fred Keenan centre over the next few weeks. The doctors office has chips and scuffs on the walls. I will putty them up and touch up the paint. I would also like to fix all the nail and hook holes in the hallway and give it a fresh coat of paint. I know that part of the building isn't currently used for anything but maintenance should be kept up if council is ok with that. 3 cans of paint should do the trick. Cost will be under \$200.00. (off the record I'm sure I can get doctors office to pay for it)

The library itself is in good shape Pauline did a nice job of sprucing it up !

If Francine is bored she could find a new tenant for that part of the building or turn it into a council chambers. I believe it still has internet. Just a thought.

Let me know if I can proceed with painting the hall and don't worry a nice boring neutral colour will be chosen.